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I have been asked to clarify there is no formal FEMA Formaldehyde Test; I have changed to Formaldehyde Issue.

MHOPS Field Staff,

This is the guidelines to handle applicant request for "Formaldehyde Issue".

First visit the applicant at the unit. Document your findings. Explain the procedure to ventilate the unit by opening the windows and letting the air flow. This appears to have the most positive effect.

"An analysis of the results of the formaldehyde testing on the travel trailers being used as temporary housing, in general, supported that the actions that FEMA recommended would maintain the level of formaldehyde emissions at a level where they would not cause physical discomfort to most people. The analysis also provided some information that was new to FEMA. The tests revealed that running the HVAC or air conditioner alone would not bring the average formaldehyde emissions below a level that ATSDR indicates is a level of concern for sensitive individuals. Ventilating through the external windows, even without the use of the air conditioner will maintain the average formaldehyde emissions below this level of concern. While there are no industry standards for formaldehyde levels, FEMA will use the ATSDR level of concern as a guide in our housing program."

Have the applicant ventilate for 48 hours. Schedule another site visit to check with the applicant. If the applicant feels the problem has been solved document on an IU, send to the TRO. If the applicant is still experiencing formaldehyde related problems inform the applicant we will swap the unit for a previously occupied unit that did not have any formaldehyde problems. Do swap paperwork and send to the TRO. If they decline, document on IU. Send to TRO.

Please, contact me for any questions or comments.

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