



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 51

[Docket No. FR-6581-C-02]

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Revising HUD's Noise Abatement and Control Regulations; Correcting Amendment

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Correcting amendment.

SUMMARY: On June 12, 2026, HUD published a final rule revising its noise abatement and control regulations. Due to an amendatory instruction drafting error, codified text of was not revised as HUD intended and continues to reference the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. This document corrects that text to conform to HUD's intent as described in the preamble to the final rule.

DATES: Effective [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 2026, HUD published a final rule (91 FR 35624) revising its noise abatement and control regulations at 24 CFR part 51. As explained in the preamble, HUD intended to amend § 51.104(a)(2) and (b)(2) “to allow for noise attenuation measures in unacceptable noise zones, projects in unacceptable noise zones, and EIS waivers for projects in unacceptable noise zones to be approved by the Assistant Secretary for the relevant program office overseeing a HUD-assisted project” (91 FR 35625).

Due to an amendatory instruction drafting error, the instruction for § 51.104(b)(2) did not effectuate this intent. Instead of removing the reference to the “Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development” from § 51.104(a)(2) and (b)(2), the instructions removed that reference only from § 51.104(a)(2) (91 FR 35626). As a result, the codified text of § 51.104(b)(2) continues to require that projects in or partially in an unacceptable noise zone be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (or the Certifying Officer for projects subject to part 58) for approval and that only the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (or the Certifying Officer) may waive the requirement for an environmental impact statement for such projects. This correcting amendment revises § 51.104(b)(2) to replace the reference to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development with “Program Assistant Secretary or their designee,” consistent with the revision made to § 51.104(a)(2).

List of Subjects in 24 CFR Part 51

Airports, Hazardous substances, Housing standards, Noise control.

Accordingly, 24 CFR part 51 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 51—ENVIRONMENTAL CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), unless otherwise noted.

§ 51.104 [Amended]

2. In § 51.104(b)(2), remove the words “Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development” and add, in their place, the words “Program Assistant Secretary or their designee”.

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