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Donna Viverette, MPH
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Dear Ms. Viverette:

This is in response to an email from Erin Carrell, Secondhand Smoke Specialist, dated August 17, 2007, requesting clarification of HUD's requirements on smoking in Section 8 project-based subsidized properties.

Currently, there are no statutory or regulatory provisions governing smoking in Section 8 project-based subsidized properties. Owners of such properties are required to comply with applicable state and local laws, which would include any laws governing cigarette smoking in residential units and in common areas. However, owners may adopt reasonable house rules that are related to the safety and habitability of the building and comfort of the residents. It is at the owner's discretion to determine if a smoke-free policy would be applicable to their property, as long as they adhere to state and local laws.

Please contact me at (303) 672-5445 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcie D. LaPorte".

Marcie D. LaPorte
Director
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