

Petition # 214

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Comment Having owned a Modular Home in a Panhandle County that had been placed several years before my purchase, I was suspicious that its foundation and anchorage might not be adequate to sustain it based upon its being in the potential pathway of hurricanes spawned coming out of the Gulf of Mexico. My suspicion grew when a corner of the roof was peeled off even though it had withstood any other damages at the time. It had sufficient crawl space for me to go under and found that hollow concrete block were variously pier position at considerable distance apart. I engaged a Mobile Home Installer to provide additional piers that he stationed on the ADS Pads mentioned in this Petition. He also added heavy cork screw anchors that were strapped to its frame substructure. Initially, it was rental property but became my home for several years before being sold. It had withstood the surrounding woods destroying impacts of 2 hurricanes and the near full impact of hurricane Michael without damages. Shortly, thereafter, my "X" sold it with no negatives arising with the subsequent lender. It appears from the Petition that the main issue, as also experienced by me, lies between DOT, HUD, and FBC as objectionably supplanted by IBC. Hence, there are reputable anchorage techniques/methods that are known and certified which may be used when correctly determined for such use by Professionals, not necessarily an engineer, who are capable and competent to design the proper use of such methods.