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The United States Department of Agriculture, through its Rural Development programs, has financed the purchases and repairs of thousands of homes in rural Connecticut. For more than four decades, we've helped rural residents obtain decent, safe and affordable housing. USDA provided more than \$115 million in assistance for these purposes in Connecticut in 2018.

Through our partnership with the State of Connecticut, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Economic Development Agency and the Small Business Administration, it has come to the attention of USDA that many homes built in Connecticut with poured concrete foundations may be adversely impacted by the presence of pyrrhotite in the aggregate used at the time of construction. The presence of this mineral may lead to cracks, holes and other damage to a home's foundation that can have a structural impact on the dwelling.

According to research conducted by the Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection, many of the homes currently displaying problems were built in the 1980's and 1990's, though homes with poured concrete foundations built more recently may eventually display deterioration associated with high pyrrhotite content.

If you believe your home is impacted by this issue, USDA encourages you to visit the Connecticut State Department of Consumer Protection website at <https://portal.ct.gov?DCP/Trade-Practices-Division/Deteriorating-Concrete-Foundations>, for information on foundation testing and qualified professionals for remediation. Also, USDA encourages you to contact our Customer Service Center to discuss possible servicing options relevant to your situation. Our state office can be reached by calling 1-413-253-4300. A customer service representative will be able to talk to you about whether a servicing option may be appropriate. Additionally, loans for repairs to your home may be available through our programs.

Sincerely,

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