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Implementation of National Building Code of Canada 2005 Changes Targeted for September 2006

CITW met with Canadian Wood Council representatives on November 2nd to discuss the new NBCC requirements for pressure treated wood.

There was general agreement that while some product with the required markings may reach the market in the Spring of 2006, it would be generally accepted if the industry target September 2006 as the target date for launching this initiative.

CWC agreed to pursue an immediate change to the NBCC incorporating the CSA O80.36 standard. CITW will continue to work with CWC to further develop an acceptable end tag to identify code conforming material making it readily identifiable for code officials and building inspectors. In addition, an information program will be developed to inform producers, users and officials of the changes and implementation.

Final Audits

The final audit process for the TRD Implementation Program has begun in anticipation of the December 31, 2005

deadline. Several plants have already indicated a willingness to complete the audits prior to the deadline. To date, there have been 6 final audits conducted including the two pilot audits that occurred earlier in the year. At least two more audits are scheduled for this year with the balance to be completed in 2006

CITW Fall Committee Meetings

CITW's 2005 Fall Committee meetings held at the Radisson Admiral Harbour front Hotel in Toronto, Ontario on October 24th were a success with a great turnout and discussion for all the committees.

Mr. Herbert Estreicher from Keller & Heckman LLP gave two separate presentations beginning with a report to the Environmental Committee on the Import/Export of Hazardous Waste Regulations now completed by Environment Canada. His second presentation to the Commercial/Industrial Committee was an update on the activities of the Penta Task Force. Mr. Curtis Englot from Environment Canada joined us during the Environmental Committee and gave an update on the current status of the Strategic Options Process with a focus on the TRD implementation program and the final audits.

Canadian Wood Preservation Association 2005 AGM

The CWPA held their AGM in conjunction with CITW again this year; there was a good turnout with many informative presentations.

The Keynote address by Mr. Ian Stalker was a well received presentation on “Life Benefits of Treated Wood”.

Other interesting presentations included: Henry Walthert, CITW gave an update on the activities of the North American Wood Pole Council. Dr. Paul Morris, Forintek Canada spoke on “Field Tests against Termites”, Shane McFarling, Forintek Canada gave a presentation on the niche market “High Performance Decking”, Dr. Paul Cooper, University of Toronto spoke about “Philosophies of Wood Preservation in Europe” and Hugo Lemieux, Canadian Wood Council presented a “Building Code Update – Impact on Treated Wood”.

Wood Solutions Fair

CITW participated in the November 2nd Canadian Wood Council Wood Solutions Fair in Ottawa, Ontario. The show attracted approximately five hundred architects, engineers and students and was a great opportunity for CITW to disseminate information on pressure treated wood. As expected a large number of questions centered on fasteners and corrosion issues. CITW distributed information brochures about fire retardant treated wood, industrial applications for treated wood along with a publication written and published earlier this

year for Construction Canada entitled “Pressure-treated Wood and Metal Corrosion”.

Final notice issued by Environment Canada NOPP requiring pollution prevention plans for wood preservatives

Part of the TRD implementation plan for the wood preservation industry (coming out of the Environment Canada SOP) that was initiated with Assessment 2000 was a requirement for all treating plants to show progress on an annual basis in accordance with their implementation plan towards meeting the TRD by December 31, 2005.

Environment Canada did not consider the activities of five plants to be sufficient therefore a Gazette notice was posted thereby placing these plants into a Pollution Prevention Program under CEPA regulation. On October 22nd, 2005 Environment Canada’s National Office of Pollution Prevention (NOPP) posted a final notice. A copy of the notice was sent to all treaters across Canada for information purposes.



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