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Canadian Wood Preservation Certification Authority

Environment Canada's final TRD audit program is nearing completion with the last plants expected to be completed in late October 2006. The completion of the last audit will signal the beginning of the industry self-audit program to be conducted by WPC under the title "Canadian Wood Preservation Certification Authority".

Information packages were emailed and sent by surface mail to all treating plants across Canada in early August.

Plants qualifying for the program by passing their final TRD audits and agreeing to enter the program will be listed on the WPC website for reference. It is also anticipated that plants in the program will be authorized to display the CWPCA logo on their stationary and packaging.

WPC will be stepping up the promotional program for the CWPCA to the retail and industrial/commercial sectors as we approach the launch. Canada's major retailers were initially told of the program two years ago at a meeting held by Environment Canada to inform them of progress through the SOP process. Another meeting was conducted in March 2006 and additional detail about the CWPCA was

provided. Environment Canada has also agreed to promote the CWPCA among regulatory procurement authorities.

WPC Fall Committee Meetings – November 5 - 6, 2006

Wood Preservation Canada's Fall Committee Meetings will be held at the Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel in Vancouver, BC on Monday, November 5 - 6, 2006.

The program will begin with a Welcome Reception on Sunday evening. Committee meetings will be held through the day on Monday. *The meeting will be capped on Monday evening with a trip to General Motors Place where WPC members will be able to watch the Vancouver Canucks vs. Dallas Stars hockey game from a private box.*

Registration forms and additional details will be forwarded to all members in early September.

Please note that the meetings will be held in conjunction with the 27th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Wood Preservation Association on November 7-8 and the CSA A366 Technical Committee Meeting on November 9.

WPC Board Votes to Endorse CLSAB as Quality Assurance Agency

The WPC Board of Directors conducted a letter ballot in August 2006 to determine the association's recommended direction for the future of quality assurance in the pressure treated wood industry in Canada.

Recent code changes requiring the marking of pressure treated wood in compliance with applicable CSA standards prompted the Board to examine whether WPC would continue to promote a quality assurance program under the Canadian Wood Preservers' Bureau (CWPB) or look to another source.

The result of the vote concluded:

“Wood Preservation Canada endorses the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board as the primary supplier of an industry wide quality assurance program for pressure treated wood products in Canada.

And

Wood Preservation Canada withdraws its active promotion of the Canadian Wood Preservers' Bureau.”

Diana Blenkhorn of the Maritime Lumber Bureau introduced WPC members to the Canadian Lumber Standards Accreditation Board (CLSAB) through a presentation at the 2006 Annual General Meeting in Halifax, NS.

According to their website CLSAB “is the official body that monitors the quality of Canada's lumber grading and identification system.

It has four main roles:

- Control the identification and certification of lumber
- Accredite and supervise lumber grading agencies
- Review and approve grading rules and product standards related to grading agencies
- Promote acceptance of the Canadian lumber grading system in foreign markets

The CLSAB is overseen by a Board of Directors carefully chosen to provide a balance of lumber producers, lumber users, standards bodies, research organizations, financial institutions, and government agencies.

Its work is recognized and relied upon by government and standards agencies in this country and overseas, and referenced in the National and Provincial Building Codes across Canada.”

Proposed Standard for Residential Ground Contact

At the WPC 2006 AGM, the WPC Standards Review Committee requested the assistance of the membership to provide treatment data that could be used to support a new CSA residential ground contact standard.

WPC staff has been working with the preservative suppliers throughout the summer to gather data from as many treaters as possible for a wide range of species.

Evaluation of the data and further review of the proposed standard will continue through the coming months and at the WPC Fall Committee Meetings.

Implementation of National Building Code Requirements for Pressure Treated Wood

Implementation of the National Building Code of Canada 2005 changes affecting pressure treated wood products have been or are close to adoption by various provincial codes. The Canadian Wood Council has provided WPC with the summary below.

Ontario- will adopt the new OBC, effective Dec. 31, 2006. The OBC is based on the National Building Code (NBCC) but with additional changes.

Quebec- will adopt new Quebec Code in fall of 2006 at the soonest.

Manitoba- has already adopted NBCC effective April 1, 2006.

BC- will adopt new BC Code, effective late 2006. The BCBC is based on the national code but with significant differences.

Alberta- will adopt new ABC, effective end of 2006.

NS- adoption is expected September 1, 2006.

NB- adoption is expected in December 2006.

Saskatchewan- will likely adopt in the Fall 2006.

PEI / NF – No adoption of Code expected in the near future.

A summary of the changes to the NBCC follow:

Structural Wood Elements Section 9.3.2.9

- Termite localities – less than 450mm must be treated
- Contact with ground
- Vertical clearance is less than 150mm
- Retaining walls and cribbing
 - where it supports ground critical to stability of building foundations
 - is greater than 1.2 m in height
- Wood elements are not protected from exposure to precipitation or where the configuration is conducive to moisture accumulation (moisture index is greater than 1.00)
- Section 9.3.2.9

4) Wood that is required by this article to be treated to resist termites or decay shall be identified by a mark to indicate its conformance to the relevant required standard.

Wood Preservation Canada is continuing to work with Canadian Wood Council to gather data on current practices regarding the requirements for treated wood and the need for building permits, etc. in different municipalities.

Best Management Practices

WPC in conjunction with the Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI), Southern Pressure Treaters Association (SPTA) and the Timber Piling Council (TPC) have released the second addition of Best Management Practices for the use of treated wood in aquatic and other sensitive environments. Copies will be distributed to all members.

Wood Solutions Fair in Toronto

WPC will be participating in another Canadian Wood Council Wood Solutions Fair this October in Toronto. The event is scheduled for October 17th 2006 and is going to be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Center (South Building). These shows are a great opportunity to disseminate information to architects, engineers and specifiers. As always we are looking for members to help man our booth. If you would be interested in helping tend the booth please contact us so we can secure badges for you.

Upcoming Events

- **CWC Wood Solutions Fair
October 17th 2006
Metro Convention Center
Toronto, ON**
- **WPC Fall Committee Meeting
November 5-6, 2006
Renaissance Harbourside Hotel
Vancouver, BC**
- **Canadian Wood Preservation
Association
November 7-8, 2006
Renaissance Harbourside Hotel
Vancouver, BC**
- **CSA A366 Technical Committee
November 9, 2006
Renaissance Harbourside Hotel
Vancouver, BC**
- **WPC Annual General Meeting
April 15-17, 2007
The Grand Okanagan
Kelowna, BC**



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