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### **WPC Standards Review Committee to Propose CSA Changes**

In recent months WPC members have reported difficulties with various components of the CSA O80 standard in their attempts to meet the requirements of the new CLSAB treated wood program. The concerns focused primarily on the requirement for heat treatment/kiln drying and the exclusion of species.

The WPC Board of Directors recognized the need to address several crucial issues and requested a meeting of the WPC Standards Review Committee chaired by T. Moryto.

A conference call was conducted on Thursday July 23 to discuss issues related to the CSA O80 standard and to consider a request from the Board of Directors to develop an industry process standard for residential treated wood products.

Agreement was reached on proposed changes for the CSA standard as it currently exists to make changes to the kd/ht requirements and the heart/sapwood measurements. The committee also agreed that a process standard would better address the needs of treating plants and a small task force was formed to review current industry practice with the aim of introducing a new standard at the Fall Committee Meetings.

The task force composed of treaters and preservative suppliers will begin their work by reviewing current retail industry standards. A meeting is scheduled for early September with a draft expected for circulation to the WPC membership shortly afterwards.

### **WPC Board Members Meet with CLSAB**

Several members of WPC's Board of Directors met with key personnel representing CLSAB in Toronto on August 13, 2009.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the lack of participation in the CLSAB treated wood program. WPC Board members provided CLSAB with an explanation of the difficulties encountered by treaters in attempting to meet the current CSA standard.

WPC presented a path forward which would include the development of an industry process standard for residential products that could than be monitored under the CLSAB program. Agreement in principle was reached by the participants.

The use of an identifiable "quality mark" was also discussed. There was general agreement that a "stylized Q" would assist

WPC in recognition and promotion of the CLSAB treated wood program.

WPC was asked to attend the CLSAB Operations Committee in mid-September to present the proposed industry standard and plan for implementation. All agreed that the launch would be this fall.

### **CWC Completes Review**

The Canadian Wood Council recently conducted a roadmap exercise entitled “The Way Ahead”. The purpose of the review was to determine the future direction of the council as it deals with the current economic recession and the impact on the solid wood products industry. Consultants Ian de la Roche and Doug Ketcheson conducted a wide variety of interviews with industry/association/government personnel to determine the opportunities and challenges facing the CWC. WPC representative Mary-Anne Dalkowski and Executive Director Henry Walthert were included. A CWC committee has now been formed to implement the recommendations.

### **Robert Lloyd Leaves to Explore the World**

Many members have called or written to express their best wishes as Robert Lloyd leaves WPC effective Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Robert’s outgoing personality and positive outlook was a welcome addition to the WPC staff for the last 5 ½ years.

While he leaves with some regret, he is also looking forward to exploring the world to look for new opportunities and experiences.

Happy travels and best of luck Robert!!

### **WPC 2009 Quality Control Workshops**

Wood Preservation Canada held three quality control workshops across Canada this summer. The purpose of the workshops was to educate plant personnel on the procedures needed to fulfill the CSA requirements under the supervision of the CLSAB. The first workshop took place in Vancouver, British Columbia, the second one in Peterborough, Ontario and the third in Maskinonge, Quebec. The workshops included some classroom style instruction covering wood inspection and a clinic in boring / sampling.

### **Special Thanks to Members**

WPC would like to recognize the following member plants for assisting us in the CLSAB training programs conducted in June 2009. The opportunity to use the facilities at each plant was of great assistance in the successful completion of the treated wood inspection instruction programs. The hospitality displayed by each member is greatly appreciated.

Envirofor Preservers (BC) Ltd., Langley,  
BC - Grant Sali  
Trent Timber Treating Ltd., Peterborough,  
ON - Tom Moryto  
Le Bois Traites du Quebec, Maskinonge,  
QC - Jacques Cote

### **WPC Fall Committee Meetings**

The WPC Fall Committee Meetings program is shaping up to be a full day of discussion and information exchange.

The meetings will take place from October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Centre-Ville on University. The meetings will again be in

conjunction with the CWPA's AGM and the CSA A366 Committee Meetings. A welcome reception is planned for Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and a full day of committee meetings are scheduled for Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>. The CWPCA AGM is being held from the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> and the CSA will follow on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The main topic of discussion will focus on the proposed industry process standard and its implementation through the CLSAB treated wood program. Members will have an opportunity to express their opinion of the new direction being suggested by the WPC Board of Directors.

The Promotion and Education committee will continue their development of the industry toolbox. Terry Caunter, Pest Management Regulatory Agency will be attending the Technical Committee meeting to update members on the activities of PMRA.

Room rates are \$179.00 based on single or double occupancy for a guestroom and \$229 for a club signature guestroom. Please mention "Wood Preservation Canada" to get the preferred rate. The telephone number is (888) 890-3222 or (514) 879-1370.

## **Auditor Training Session**

WPC in conjunction with WESA held the 2009 CWPCA Auditor Training sessions in Vancouver, British Columbia on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The workshop discusses the requirements to adhere to the program and the essential characteristics to be an objective auditor. As the program matures and all facilities have trained auditors the frequency of sessions has been lowered to once per year instead of the two sessions that were held previously. The session received limited attendance as most plants have already met this requirement. Facilities that may require training for next year are asked to contact WPC as this will assist in selecting a location.



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