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TO: PARTIES INTERESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS ON WOOD STRUCTURAL PANELS WITH FACTORY-APPLIED FIRE-RETARDANT COATINGS.

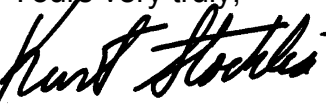
SUBJECT: Proposed Acceptance Criteria for Wood Structural Panels with Factory-applied Fire-retardant Coatings, Subject AC405-0209-R3 (MO/SF)

Dear Madam or Sir:

On February 4, 2009, the proposed new acceptance criteria, Subject AC405-0209-R3, was held for further study by the ICC-ES Evaluation Committee. Detailed testimony given during the public hearing included two PowerPoint presentations, one by the consultant for the proponent and the other by an interested party opposed to the criteria as presented to the committee. There were two issues concerning the proposed criteria that were discussed at length: first, the need for humidity testing to document degradation of the fire-retardant coated (FRC) panels due to wetting; and second, the condition of acceptance limitation of 10% delaminating after degradation testing in accordance with ASTM D 5516. Staff recommended further study due to the lengthy and detailed testimony. Staff provided the committee with recommended revisions to the criteria based on the public testimony and stated that staff intends to present the revised criteria to the committee at the June 2009 hearing.

The committee held the criteria for further study.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael O'Reardon, Regional Manager, at (800) 423-6587, extension 5685. You may also reach us by e-mail at es@icc-es.org.

Yours very truly,


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cc: Evaluation Committee