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WOOD TREATING INDUSTRY ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF REVISED BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the use of treated wood in aquatic and other sensitive environments have been updated and are available for immediate use by specifiers.

The treating industry is committed to producing products that are manufactured and installed in a manner which minimizes any potential for adverse impact to important aquatic and other sensitive environments. To achieve this objective, the BMPs were developed as a firm commitment to the protection of the quality of the water and diversity of the various life forms found in North American lakes, streams, estuaries, bays and wetlands. BMP treating standards should always be specified when treated wood is used in the construction of piers, docks, and walkways or decking over waterways. Wood treated in conformance with the BMPs should always be inspected by an accredited, third party agency and stamped with the BMP Quality Mark or accompanied by a letter of certification from the producer.

The BMPs have been used by the western U.S. and Canadian treating industry for over a dozen years and are required by numerous federal, state and provincial agencies. Wood treated to BMP standards is now available throughout North America. The revised BMP standards are jointly published by the Western Wood Preservers Institute, Southern Pressure Treaters Association, Wood Preservation Canada, and the Timber Piling Council.

For a copy of the BMPs, go to the following websites: WWPinstitute.org, woodpreservation.ca, spta.org, timberpilingcouncil.org, or contact Western Wood Preservers Institute at info@WWPinstitute.org.

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