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POLICY MEMORANDUM

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TO: REGIONAL ENGINEERS AND HIGHWAY BUREAU CHIEFS

SUBJECT: APPROVED INSPECTION AGENCIES FOR TIMBER AND PRESERVATIVE-TREATED TIMBER PRODUCTS AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES

Inspection of treated and untreated timber and lumber products, except untreated native timber piling, shall be performed by agencies accredited by the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) and the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research approved list. All preservatives and treatment processes shall be according to Article 1007.12. The inspection shall be provided by the contractor directly or through his suppliers, and the cost of this inspection shall be incidental to the unit bid price.

Acceptance for incorporation into a project requires the use of an accredited agency. Any material may be subject to random inspections at the supplier's yard or any project site. Deficiencies in specification compliance as determined by random checks may be sufficient cause to remove the inspection agency from the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research list. Plant records of the inspection, as to either grade or treatment, shall be available for check by a Bureau of Materials and Physical Research representative. Untreated native timber piling will be inspected at the source or destination by the engineer.

All rough or surfaced sawn lumber, whether treated or untreated, shall be individually stamped with an approved grade mark, or a written certification or grade shall be furnished. All untreated pilings, poles, and round posts shall bear a stamp, hammer mark, or tag of an approved inspection agency. All treated pilings, poles, and posts shall bear a hammer mark or tag indicating inspection for compliance with appropriate treatment standards. All treatment stamps, tags, or written certification shall include inspection agency, standards, plant identification, and type of chemical and minimum retention.

A current list of accredited inspection agencies and programs can be obtained from the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research. Other inspection agencies or programs will be considered upon application to the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research.



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