

**REPORT from
TREATED WOOD COUNCIL
to the
SLMA & SFPA
SPRING MEETING**

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TWC Today

- TWC created in 2003
- Objective: expand and protect uses of treated wood products through government actions on laws, regulations, codes, specifications, general permits
- 2024: 560+ members, including 130+ sawmill members: thank you
- Open invitation to any non-member companies to join TWC.

FEDERAL REGULATORY

- EPA Environmental Justice - dedicated Offices in all 10 EPA Regions
- EPA - Plywood MACT standards covering Kiln emissions - pushed for management standards & no engineering requirements - was due Nov. 23, extended to 2Q 2026

FEDERAL REGULATORY

- GSA - Plastic packaging regulations
 - July 2022: ANPR plastic packaging under gov't construction contracts
 - Sept. 2022: TWC, SLMA, AWC, others submit comments; request exemption for bulk stabilization & weatherproofing
 - Dec. 2023: proposed acquisition rule change to identify single-use plastic packaging availability: no bans, restrictions

FEDERAL REGULATORY

- EPA NESHAP standard for wood preservation facilities - issued March 2023 - no change
- Corps of Engineers - reversed bans on use of treated wood in AR, CA, FL, GA, IA, MO, SC, WA. Active on permits in FL, GA, MS, NY, SC, WA

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS

- Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act of 2023 (S 269, HR 5085) – ban on neonicotinoid pesticides; empower local governments to further restrict pesticides; cancel pesticide registrations due to EPA errors: TWC in communications with sponsors

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS

- Saving America's Pollinators Act of 2023 (HR 4277) - immediate ban on all neonicotinoid pesticides
- Farewell to Foam Act of 2023 (HR 6654 & S 3440) - ban on expanded polystyrene; does not affect lumber banding or wrap; anti-plastic initiative: talk with suppliers
- TWC Congressional Visitation Program

State Actions

- Anti-Neonicotinoid legislation: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, HI, IA, IL, MA, ME, MI, MN, MO, MT, NJ, NM, NY, NV, NC, RI, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI
- Local Authority on Pesticide legislation: empowers local governments to regulate pesticides

State Specifications Actions

- TWC input with state officials on treated wood specifications – Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Local Government Codes

- International Code Council: new cycle for revisions to residential and building codes: Western fire code initiatives for Wildland Urban Interface (WUI): restrictions on exterior combustible materials adjacent or attached to residential structures.
- <https://www.iccsafe.org/products-and-services/wildland-urban-interface-code/>

Product Category Rule/ **LCA/EPD**

- New PCR for North American Treated Wood Products - Nov. 2023
- New LCA's for CCA poles and MCA dimensional lumber
- \$1,000,000 Grant Application to EPA for Environmental Product Declarations for Treated Wood Products (Jan. 2024)

April 29, 2024

**TWC GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING**

(as part of AWWPA Annual Meeting, Portland)

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NOVEMBER 21-22, 2024

**TWC ANNUAL MEETING & GOVERNMENT
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT