

**REPORT FROM  
TREATED WOOD COUNCIL  
TO THE  
QUALITY WOOD  
PRESERVERS SOCIETY  
2010 MEETING**

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# MISSION

- The Mission of the Treated Wood Council is to Serve All Segments of the Treated Wood Industry in the Field of Government Affairs

# ISSUES

- Federal Legislative
- Federal Regulatory
- State
- International
- Local

# **WHAT DO WE WATCH FOR!!**

- Bans or restrictions on use
- Increases in environmental regulations
- “Scares” on the consumer
- Litigation risks

# **CONGRESSIONAL** **EDUCATION EFFORT**

- HR 2454 – Federal Renewable Energy Standards & Climate Change Provisions
- S 1462 – Federal Renewable Energy Standards
- S 1733 – Climate Change Provisions
- Congressional Site Visitation Program (11/27)
- TWC Annual Meeting Hill Visits 11/12/09

# **FEDERAL REGULATORY**

- EPA petition to drop hazardous waste exclusion for arsenically-treated wood
- TRI Reporting from Finished Goods
- EPA to issue new Boiler/Incinerator standards for fuels
- EPA to issue new Plywood MACT standards covering Kiln operations
- OSHA combustible dust standards

# **FEDERAL REGULATORY**

- NOAA Aquatic Use Guide
- EPA Possible Regulations on Financial Responsibility at Wood Treating Sites
- Enviros challenge EPA Definition of Solid Waste for Recycling
- EPA reporting requirements & endangerment finding for Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- EPA reporting on inert pesticide ingredients

# STATE ACTIVITIES

- NYS procurement policy against treated wood
- NC lowering of As (50 to .02 ppb) and Cr (50 to 10 ppb) groundwater standards
- Florida ACQ/CA Testing program
- Texas legislation on wood poles
- Texas water quality standards of copper, arsenic, chromium, pentachlorophenol
- NYS legislation on no pesticide application by state agencies

# STATE ACTIVITIES

- VA, MN, MO Storm Water Permits for Wood Treaters
- MA preferential legislation for recycled plastic lumber on state purchasing
- VA, NYS, MT, WA, IL, OK, AZ - Renewable Energy definitions on treated wood biomass
- MN Study on Penta pole impact
- GA Legislation against Pentachlorophenol