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News Release

New AWPAs Treating Standards for Lumber

El Dorado, Arkansas, March 7, 2016: The American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) will be published in June 2016 an update to its U1 Standard for preservative treated sawn lumber and timbers. These revisions only affect lumber and timbers that are water-borne preservative pressure treated.

POWER PRESERVED GLULAM® RETENTIONS NOT AFFECTED

These changes affect only sawn lumber and timbers and no changes were made to the commodity system classification, "Glued Laminated Beams". I have attached a copy of the AWPAs 2015 draft proposal Table 3-1, "Guide to commodity specifications for treated wood end uses, arranged by use." You can see on page two under Glue Laminated Beams, the above ground retention levels of UC3B did not change.

As you may have heard through press releases and trade magazines, changes to the 2015 treated wood standards to be published in June may require many structural lumber items (Joist and beams) that are critical to the structure to be treated to the ground contact retention levels. These new revisions, although subjective, may lead to code officials taking the conservative approach and require ground contact (UC4A) retentions on all structural lumber, beams and maybe even our Power Preserved Glulam® beams. Remember, you have the AWPAs standards attached so use them as required. Attached is the AWPAs U1-14 Table 3-1 standard which is referenced in the IRC and IBC and enforced now. Anthony Forest will continue to offer Power Preserved Glulam® Beams treated to above ground contact retentions with Cop-Guard® and Clear-Guard® wood preservatives.

Anthony Forest Products Company, LLC stands behind the AWPAs standards and will always warrant our Power Preserved Glulam® Beams and Columns both above ground and ground contact retentions as referenced in the codes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Anthony Engineered Wood Products Sales and Marketing team at 800-221-2326.

Attachments:

AWPA 2015 Draft Table 3-1

AWPA U1-14 Table 3-1