



Building Code Committee Report to the Board 2018 Mid-Year Meeting

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Chair, Grant Bishop, WV Department of Agriculture

Members: Brian Forschler, University of Georgia; Carl Falco; Cissie Spragins, Rockwell Labs; Derrick Lastinger, Georgia Department of Agriculture; John Barcay, Ecolab; Lee Tanner, U.S. EPA, Environmental Stewardship Branch; Roger Gold, Professor Emeritus Texas A&M University; Staci Johnston, Ecolab; Clinton Shettle, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Ryan Okey, Clemson University Department of Pesticide Regulation; Suzanne Graham, Massey Services, Inc.

August 28, 2017: Building Code Committee met at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Topic of interest included state registrations of non-chemical/exclusionary methods to build out pests in both pre-/post-construction situations. While some states call these approaches “devices” and exclude them, others term them as “pesticides” and require registration including full data sets. It was suggested that EPA consider efficacy testing of these non-chemical methods of control.

Shortly after convening at the Annual Meeting, the committee was made aware of a proposed North Carolina Residential Code revision that could have a negative impact on the ability to ensure structures are protected from the threat of termite damage. The revisions could possibly eliminate the inspection and treatment gaps that are required for Insulated Concrete Foundations.

Up for discussion at Mid-Year meeting: A recent topic of interest is spray foam insulation applied to the entire foundation wall, sill plate, header, joists and subfloor. Companies are cancelling warranties due to the inability to inspect and its putting clients at risk to undiscoverable termite infestation.

Committee will work with SLA and Building Code Commissions to make them aware of structural protection risks posed by questionable code language, building practices and products.

August 24, 2017 US Green Building Council membership renewed.

Submitted by Grant Bishop
Committee Chair