



# News from Out West

**WESTERN WOOD PRESERVERS INSTITUTE**

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# Western Wood Preservers Institute (WWPI)

- ▶ Represents preserved wood producers, preservative & wood suppliers and others serving the industry throughout western North America
- ▶ Mission  
Increase awareness of the proper use and disposal of preserved wood products by providing information to:
  - Consumers
  - Specifiers
  - Builders
  - Ports and Marinas
  - Utilities
  - Railways
  - Regulators
  - Legislators
  - Code Officials





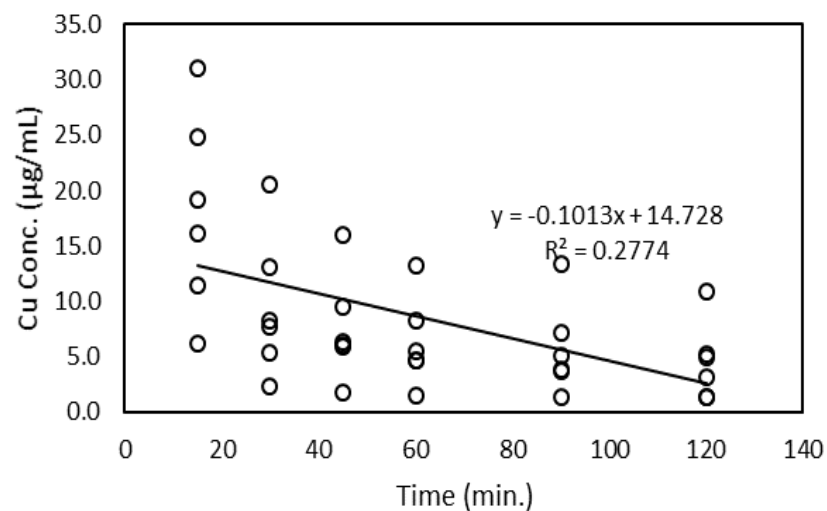
*College of Forestry*

## Environmental Performance of Treated Wood Cooperative

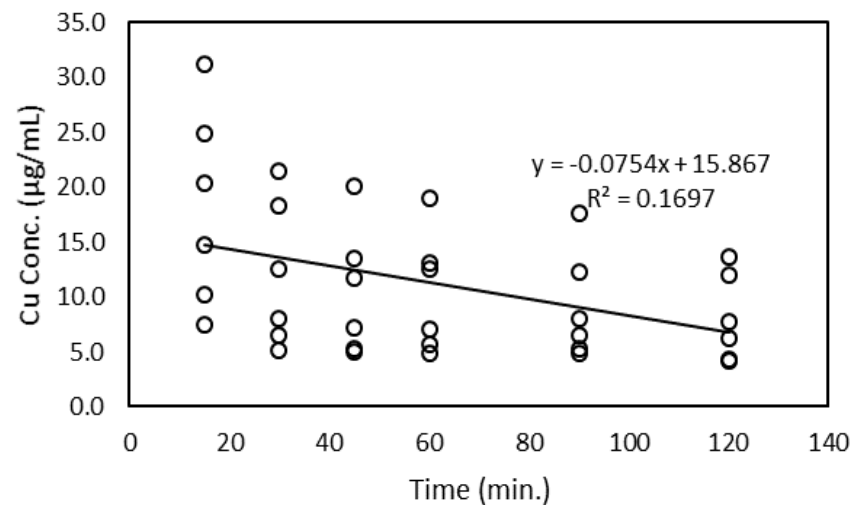
### BMP Testing on Southern Yellow Pine



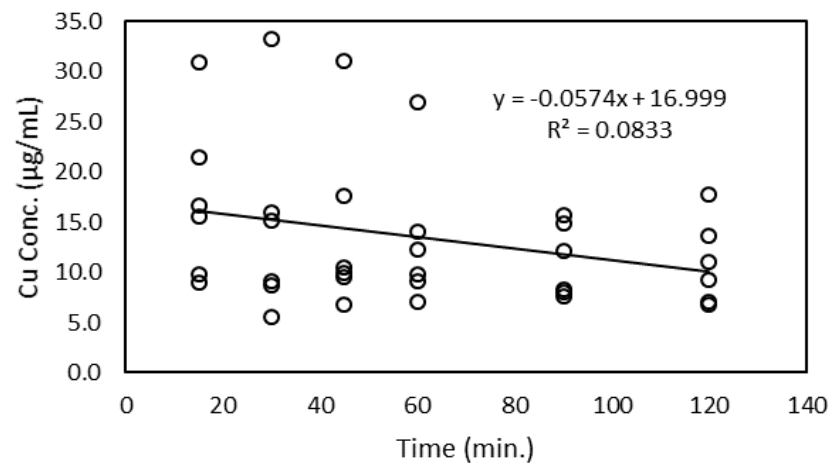
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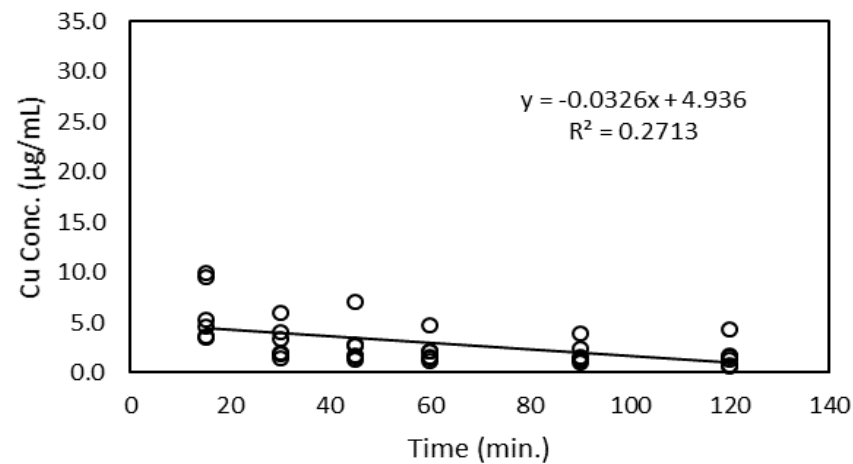
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SYP CA Cu BMP: Kiln Drying

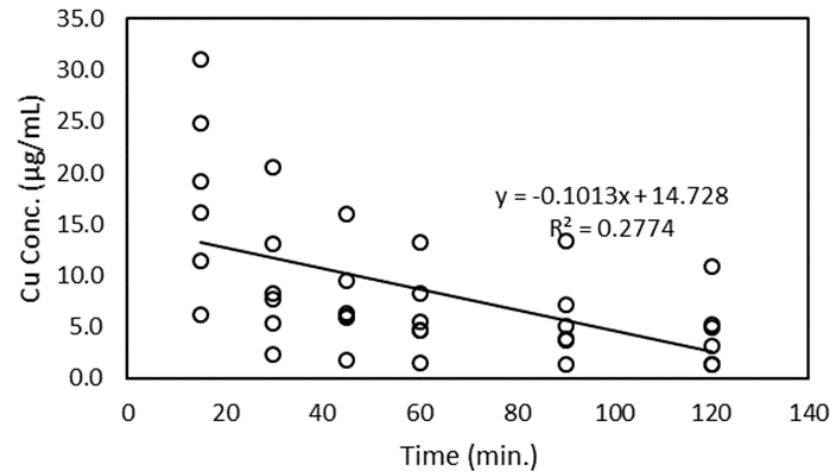


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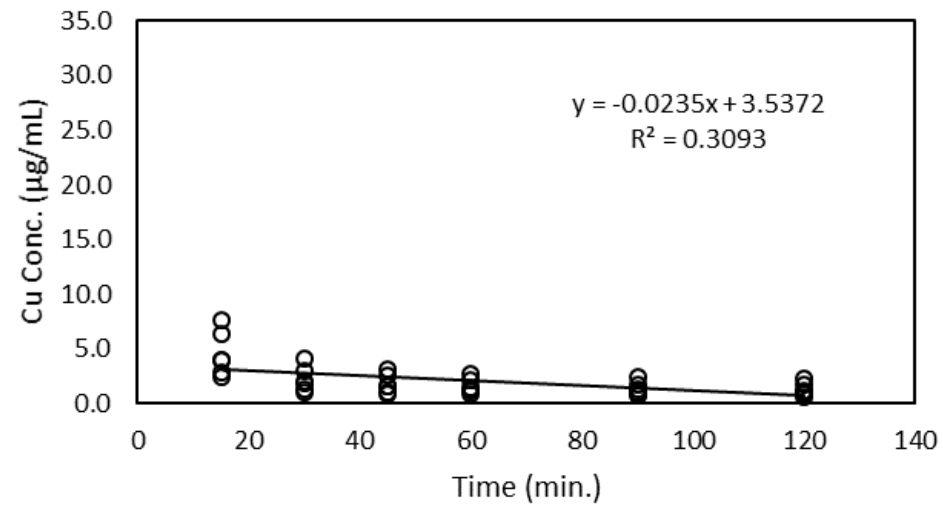




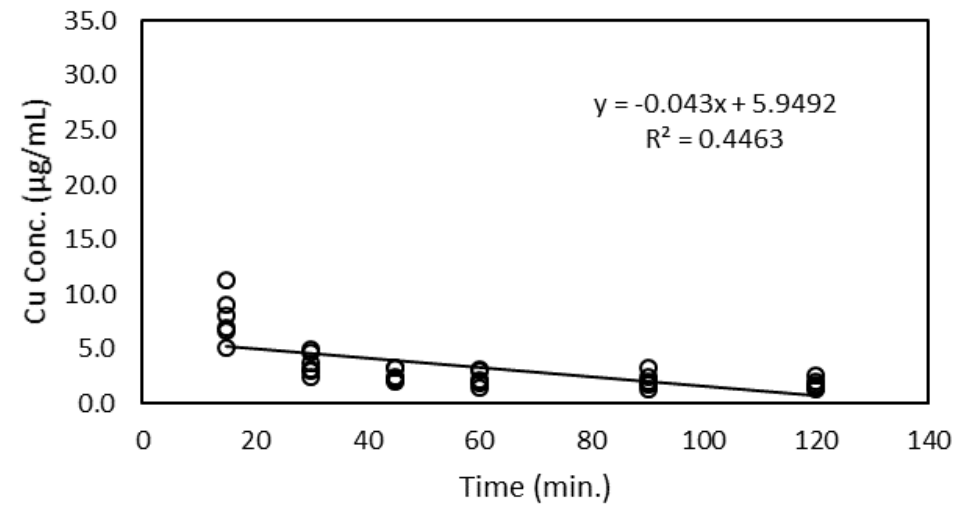
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SYP CA Cu BMP: Hot Water Bath (3hr)



SYP CA Cu BMP: Steaming (1hr)



# Copper Azole BMP Conclusions

- ▶ SYP losses higher (retention a factor)
- ▶ Almost any heat treatment reduced losses
- ▶ Ammonia had a marked effect on losses



## 48-MONTH REPORT

### Performance of Selected Wood-Protection-Coated Lumber Products in Hilo, Hawaii

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**Figure 7.** Example of an Eco Red Shield I sandwich with extensive decay on the outer sample after 30 months of exposure. Interestingly, this sample remains in service and has not continued to decay beyond this stage.

**Table 6.** Condition of various wood samples exposed for 18 to 48 months as sandwiches in an above ground test in Hilo, HI

Treatment	Average Condition					
	18 months	24 months	30 months	37 months	42 months	48 months
Control	9.90 (0.23)	9.75 (0.42)	9.40 (1.30)	9.60 (0.90)	8.65 (2.04)	8.50 (1.74)
Eco Red Shield I	9.47 (0.27)	9.02 (0.72)	8.90 (0.98)	8.60 (1.03)	7.57 (1.64)	7.07 (2.04)
BluWood	9.90 (0.18)	9.89 (0.27)	9.90 (0.18)	9.80 (0.20)	9.43 (0.65)	9.40 (0.40)
Timbersil	9.90 (0.18)	9.83 (0.33)	9.40 (0.57)	9.50 (0.40)	7.57 (1.50)	7.67 (0.93)
Copper Azole	10.00 (0.0)	10.00 (0.0)	10.00 (0.0)	10.0 (0.0)	9.93 (0.21)	10.00 (0.00)

<sup>a</sup>Samples were visually assessed on a scale from 10 (no damage) to 0 (complete failure). Values represent means of 10 samples, while figures in parentheses represent one standard deviation.



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# New Web Platform for Model

- Easy access and simple user interface
- Ability to save sessions and auto-generate results report

Environmental Assessment Modelling Tool

MODELING TOOL HELP LOGIN

### Preservative

Preservative

Select...

### Piling

1. Piling Retention

50 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

2. Number of pilings in a row paralleling the currents

2

3. Number of piling bents

2

4. Average piling radius

15 cm

5. Distance between piling in a row paralleling the currents

200 cm

### Table 7. Dissolved contaminant concentrations leaving the box (µg/L)

	Background	From Immersed	From Rain	Total	Acute Benchmark	Chronic Benchmark
Copper		0	0	0	8.856	6.278
Arsenic		0	0	0	360	190
Chromium		0	0	0	311.044	100.899
Zinc		0	0	0	63.613	58.088
Creosote (PAH)	0	0	0	0	3	3
PENTA		0	0	0	24.779	15.643
PROP	0	0	0	0	51	9.3
TEB	0	0	0	0	32	18.5
IMID	0	0	0	0	27.3 < 10 cm/sec	12
DDAC	0	0	0	0	N/A	49

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# Project Inputs: Select Preservative

- Dynamic results show estimated downstream water and sediment concentrations for relevant contaminants

Environmental Assessment Modelling Tool

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Preservative

Preservative

ACZA Freshwater

Piling

1. Piling Retention

0.25

lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

2. Number of pilings in a row paralleling the currents

0

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0

4. Average piling radius

5.9

in

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80

in

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Table 10. Maximum contaminant sediment concentrations (mg/kg)

	Background	From Immersed	From Rain	Total (mg/kg)	Sediment Quality Criterion (mg/kg)
Copper	0	0	0	0	80
Arsenic	0	0	0	0	20
Zinc	0	0	0	0	140

Chart 7. Dissolved contaminant concentrations leaving the box

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# Project Inputs: Material and Amount

- Number of pilings in a row, and piling bents
- Hover-over help and more detailed definitions available

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### Piling

1. Piling Retention: 0.25 lb/ft³

2. Number of pilings in a row paralleling the currents: 3

3. Number of piling bents: 9

4. Average piling radius: 5.9 in

5. Distance between piling in a row paralleling the currents: 80 in

6. Receiving water channel width: 41.3 ft

### Immersed Lumber

#### Table 7. Dissolved contaminant concentrations leaving the box (µg/L)

	Background	From Immersed	From Rain	Total	Acute Benchmark	Chronic Benchmark
Copper	0.2	0.031	0	0.231	4.8	3.1
Arsenic	2	0.001	0	2.001	69	36
Zinc	0	0.022	0	0.022	90	81

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	Background	From Immersed	From Rain	Total (mg/kg)	Sediment Quality Criterion (mg/kg)
Copper	5	2.7438	0	7.7438	390
Arsenic	1	0.023	0	1.023	57
Zinc	0	3.4843	0	3.4843	410

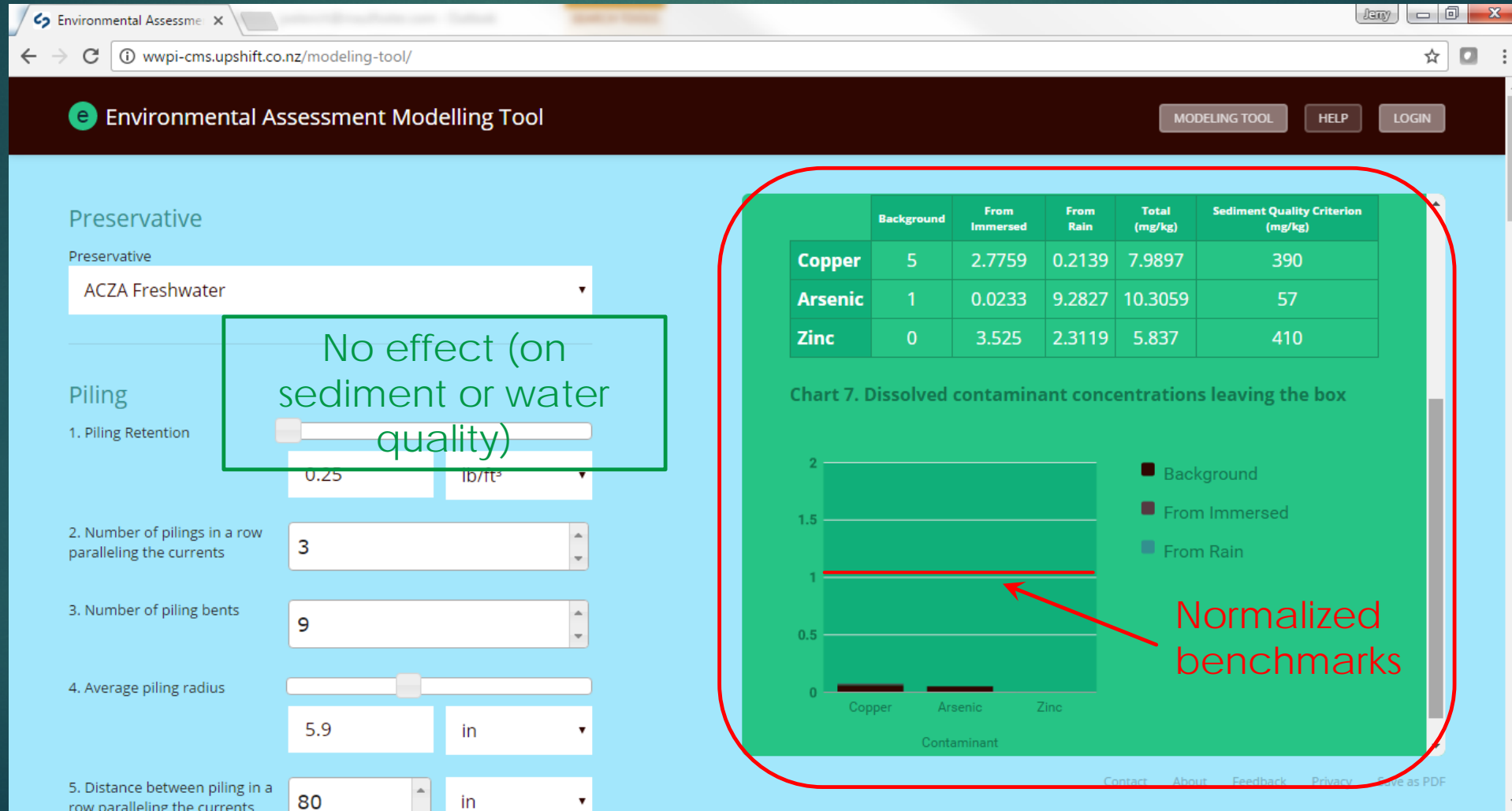
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# Review, Save, and Print Results

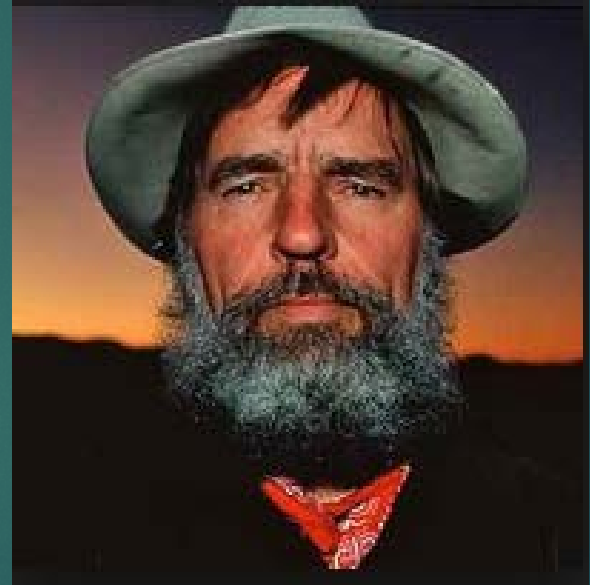
- The model shows a “no effect” determination
- *You can use treated wood on your project!*



# Legislative/Regulatory Updates

“There is science, logic,  
reason; there is thought  
verified by experience.  
And then there is California.”

Edward Abbey  
Environmentalist





# Prop 65

## Clear and Reasonable Warning Regs

- ▶ Ballot measure passed by California voters in 1986
- ▶ Prop 65 is the most comprehensive consumer right-to-know law in the country.
- ▶ Major goal of rulemaking was to reduce blanket Prop 65 statements to "cover everything."
- ▶ Governor Brown wanted to make warnings more meaningful and help consumers make informed buying decisions.
- ▶ New safe harbor warning requirements enforceable on August 30, 2018 but companies may comply with updated warning requirements now
- ▶ Products *manufactured* on August 30 or after *must* comply with new regulations



# Raw Wood Warning Label or Signage

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**WARNING:** Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood).

\*Wood dust has its own dedicated “Methods of Transmission” and “Content” – must be used for safe harbor protection



# Treated Wood Waste Disposal

- ▶ Bill originally passed in 2004 to address unique issues surrounding disposal of treated wood waste.
- ▶ Classifies treated wood waste as non-hazardous waste if it is reported and disposed in a Class II or III composite-lined landfill.
- ▶ Most recent statute required a study on compliance and required inspections of 25% of TWW generators.
- ▶ Worked with Cal Department of Toxic Substances Control to help inspectors identify TWW.
- ▶ Compliance report due to legislature on July 1, 2018.
- ▶ Current statute expires in 2020—will begin working on reauthorization at the end of this year.



# Projects Using Preserved Wood: Corps of Engineers and National Marine Fisheries Service

- ▶ Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species (SLOPES) provides programmatic biological opinion coverage where ESA-listed species are present in aquatic environments.
- ▶ Since 2012 in the Corps Portland District, any in-water or over-water project using preserved wood was, for all intents and purposes, prohibited.
- ▶ Two years ago, began working with NMFS on updates to SLOPES to get coverage for preserved wood.
- ▶ As a result of our work, there was a narrow inclusion of treated wood in their recent FEMA biological opinion.



# NMFS/FEMA Biological Opinion

## Materials Included

- ▶ New CCA- and ACZA-treated piles wrapped or covered with American Wood Protection Association approved barrier systems.
- ▶ No unwrapped treated piles are approved by the biological opinion.
- ▶ No oil-borne preservatives are allowed.
- ▶ No treated decking or understructure is allowed.
- ▶ Maintenance inspection program must be implemented to determine when repairs are necessary.
- ▶ Incremental progress is the name of the game in the West.

## versatile

preserved wood offers superb design choices for home, commercial or industrial projects

# Preserved Wood

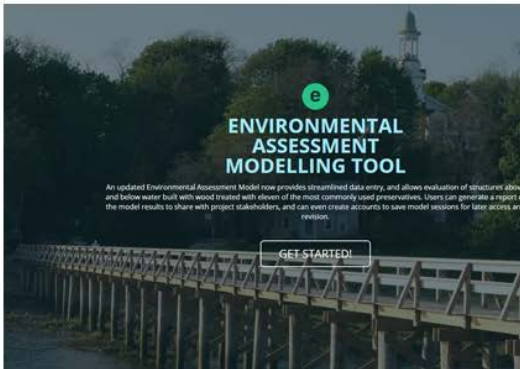
### What's New

#### Online model guides preserved wood selection for aquatic uses

Determining any potential impacts from using preserved wood in aquatic or sensitive environments is now easier with a new, user-friendly Environmental Assessment Model.

The online model streamlines the process of modeling the conditions for a project to estimate the potential migration of preservatives from preserved wood immersed or over water. It is based on pioneering research by Dr. Kenneth Brooks and has been peer reviewed, repeatedly field proven to protect the environment.

The model, which is also available as an Excel spreadsheet, has been used by the National Oceanic



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### Specifying Preserved Wood



#### UPDATED! Treated Wood Guide smartphone app

App for smartphones and tablets that puts information to select the right preserved wood products right in your hand. Available for Apple iOS and Google Android smartphones and tablets and can be downloaded from the respective app stores.

*Free app*

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#### Preserved Wood: Wood That Lasts

Full-color overview of Western preserved wood uses, standards, quality assurance, preservatives and environmental benefits.

*8 pages, 12/16*



#### NEW! PreserveSpec - Specifying with AWPAs Use Categories

Detailed information on how to specify Western preserved wood for residential construction with the AWPAs Use Categories. Includes current Use Category definitions, service conditions, preservatives, required treatments for specific applications and an infographic for typical residential uses.

*4 pages, 09/17*



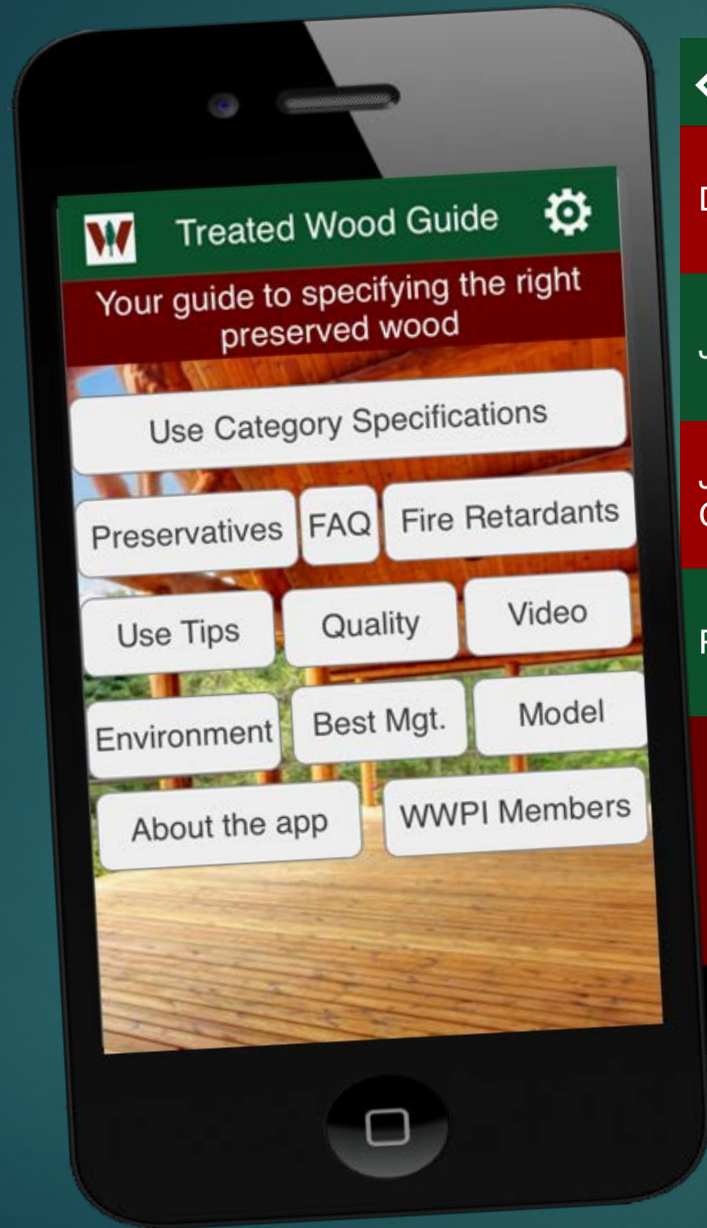
#### NEW! Preserved Wood Infographic

See the typical uses of preserved wood in a residential setting in this infographic. Developed through the AWPAs Education Task Group, the infographic provides guidance in selecting the right preserved wood for common uses around the home.

*2 pages, 05/17*







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### Online Assessment Model

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