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CCA Guidance Document

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Background

- US/Canada -Joint Re-evaluation/Reregistration of the 3 Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives- Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA), Creosote, and Pentachlorophenol (PCP)
- Elevated levels of arsenic in soil where detected in residential areas. Potential health concerns regarding exposure to CCA treated wood products, particularly to children.
- Agency risk assessment was in progress, focus on children exposure to CCA.

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- In early February 2002, CCA Manufacturers- Osmose, CSI, Arch: requested voluntary Cancellation of CCA treated wood in residential settings (i.e., playgrounds, decks, walkways, boardwalks)
- Requested voluntary cancellation announced in Federal Register (February 22, 2002)
- Phase Out Period (as of December 31, 2003)

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- Comments/Questions received (6700 comments; >8500 pages)
- Cancellation Order signed- March, 2003
- Clarification needed regarding remaining uses of CCA treated wood in industrial settings (i.e., Construction of docks/piers, permanent wood foundations, agricultural fence posts)

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- Draft Guidance Document Issued to Stakeholders for comment: April 2004, comment period 30 days and May 2004, comment period 15 days.
- Issued to Treated Wood Council (TWC), American Wood Preservers Association (AWPA), Cooling and Industrial Tower (CIT) Industry, National Frame Builders Association (NFBA), EPA regional offices, States, Environmental Working Group, Healthy Building Network

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- Guidance provides clarification of Agency Approved Uses/AWPA standards which are approved by the Agency.
- Major Agency concerns- Diversion of CCA treated wood from industrial uses to residential uses, particularly treated wood of the same dimensions.
- Enforceability: Guidance needed to be clear as to which use site could be treated with CCA (IN) and which could not (OUT).

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- Recently Received/reviewed comments
- Modifications to guidance
- Final publication and Distribution of Guidance Document (via FR and website)– June, 2004