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SPRI Announces Several Technical Initiatives for 2011

Waltham, MA, February 2011 — SPRI, the association representing sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry, has announced several technical and educational initiatives for 2011:

- Publish and distribute a SPRI document based on membership information that supports the successful use of waterborne bonding adhesives with TPO, PVC and EPDM membrane systems - with associated limitations in application - for use as a general guideline, as well as a response to concerns expressed by the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA).
- Revise and re-canvass ANSI/SPRI FX-1 2006 “Standard Field Test Procedure for Determining the Withdrawal Resistance of Roofing Fasteners” in order to comply with ANSI requirements that such documents be re-canvassed every five years.
- Revise and re-canvass ANSI/SPRI WD-1 2008 “Wind Design Standard Practice for Roofing Assemblies” so it will comply with the current ASCE 7 document.
- Develop a consensus standard for nuclear based moisture testing of roofs. This would then allow nuclear based moisture testing to be considered for reference by applicable code bodies based upon the document developed by RCI, “Detection and Location of Latent Moisture in Building Roofing Systems by Nuclear Radioisotopic Thermalization.”
- Create an education program to provide information on SPRI Standards to the industry.

In addition, a SPRI paper will be presented at the NRCA’s International Roofing Symposium planned for Sept. 7-9, 2011 in Washington, D.C., regarding the impact of roof membrane color on moisture accumulation.

“It is through these types of technical, educational and standards writing efforts where we, at SPRI, feel we can make the best contributions,” says SPRI President Dave Bailie. “In this way, we not only contribute to our own members’ knowledge of issues impacting commercial roofing assemblies, but we also address these topics for all industry stakeholders that have an interest in the results.”

For more information about SPRI and its 2011 initiatives and other activities, visit SPRI’s Web site at www.spri.org or contact the association at info@spri.org.

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