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SPRI Nuclear Moisture Testing Protocol Reaffirmed as ANSI Standard

Waltham, MA, November 2017 – A nuclear moisture testing protocol developed by SPRI – with the extensive input of RCI Inc. – has been reaffirmed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a national standard. SPRI represents sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry.

Originally approved as an ANSI Standard in 2012, SPRI and RCI Inc. based the standard on a RCI protocol, “Detection and location of latent moisture of building roofing systems by nuclear radio isotropic thermalization,” which can be found in Appendix E of RCI Inc.’s *Manual of Practice*. The document contains information on proper handling of nuclear based moisture survey equipment in the field, as well as calculating and analyzing survey results.

The 2012 standard was reviewed and canvassed in accordance with the SPRI’s ANSI approved standards development Guidelines. The review and reaffirmation canvass was led by David Hawn, FRCI, RRC, CEM, president of Dedicated Roof and Hydro-Solutions LLC, Marietta GA/Alexandria VA, and an RCI Inc. past president.

“Over the last five years, ANSI/SPRI/RCI NT-1 2012 has proven to be a benefit to RCI Inc. members, as well as those that specialize in testing roof assemblies for moisture and the industry as a whole,” says Hawn. “The suitability and condition of roof substrate materials are judged utilizing nuclear based testing on a daily basis,” continues Hawn. “The reaffirmation of this test standard allows this useful tool to add consistency in the use of this equipment on roofs for the good of the entire industry.”

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