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### **SPRI Announces Updated Fire Design Standard**

SPRI Inc., the trade association representing manufacturers of commercial roofing systems and component suppliers, is pleased to announce that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has reapproved the updated VF-1, "Fire Design Standard for Vegetative Roofs" as an American National Standard. This document was created to provide a design and installation reference for roofing professionals to help eliminate the risk of fire on vegetative roofs. The standard was first approved by ANSI in 2010.

This design standard provides a method for designing external fire resistance for vegetative roofing systems. It is intended to provide a minimum design and installation reference for those individuals who design, specify, and install vegetative roofing systems. It is designed to be used in conjunction with the installation specifications and requirements of the manufacturer of the specific products used in the vegetative roofing system. The standard was developed by SPRI in 2007 and first approved as an American National Standard in 2010.

"Updates to the VF-1 Standard were a collaboration between all industries and segments involved with vegetative roofing" says Brian Davis, chair of the SPRI's VF-1 Review task force. "This in turn helped to create the best, most comprehensive document possible for the industry to reference and design with."

The new standard is available for download free of charge at <https://www.spri.org>

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