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SPRI Announces Plans to revise and recanvass VR-1 Standard

Waltham, MA, May 2016 — SPRI, the association representing sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry, announced that it is revising ANSI/SPRI VR-1 **Procedure for Investigating Resistance to Root Penetration on Vegetative Roofs** and plans to canvass the document for re-approval as an American National Standard in the coming months.

This test standard was first published as an American National Standard in 2011. It was developed to examine the ability of a root protection barrier to prevent root penetration through the waterproofing layer on low-slope (roof slope < 2:12) single-ply membrane and coated roofs. This procedure includes testing of penetration barriers including all seams edges and methods of attachment. This test standard excludes any lamination, i.e., a separate layer installed over the penetration barrier.

This standard is now being reviewed and updated in accordance with the ANSI requirement that all standards be reviewed and re-canvassed every five years. Those wishing to participate in the canvass process should contact SPRI at info@spri.org.

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