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TERMITE WORKGROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS
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Recommendations Regarding Termite Provisions of the Florida Building Code to the Florida Building Commission
The members voted to make the following recommendations regarding the Termite provisions of the Florida Building Code to the Florida Building Commission:

Recommendations to Approve:

1. The Workgroup voted unanimously, 7 – 0 in favor, to the following proposal in concept, with details to be worked out with the Structural TAC:
   
   If wood treatment (pesticides applied to wood) is used for subterranean termite protection in new construction, wood areas disturbed or added after initial treatment shall be retreated with a wood treatment (pesticides applied to wood).

2. The Workgroup agreed in concept that pipe sleeves should not be used for CPVC, and the issue should be reviewed by the Plumbing TAC. Pipe sleeving in general should also be reviewed for issues of corrosion, insulation, and termite damage, and the Code amended as needed.
   
   Pipe sleeves shall not be used with CPVC, and require non-cellulose-containing material for pipe sleeves.

3. The Workgroup agreed that the Structural TAC should review all noncellulosic materials used in construction (i.e., rigid foam insulation, insulated concrete forms (ICF), for use above and below grade), and develop recommendations to ensure termite protection is provided in the Code.

Recommendations Against Approval:

4. The Workgroup voted 1 – 6 in favor of recommending that the Commission approve the proposed modification to Section 1816.1 and R320.1 of the Code and related definitions, requiring that: “In areas where Formosan termites have been identified, all structural members shall be composed of termite resistant material”, and the corresponding definition of “Termite Resistant Material: Pressure preservatively treated wood, heartwood of redwood, eastern red cedar, concrete, masonry, steel, or other approved material.”
   
   By a vote of 6 – 1, the Workgroup recommends that the Commission not approve this proposed amendment.

5. The Workgroup voted 1 – 6 in favor of AF&PA’s proposal to adopt the IBC termite provisions, with Florida specific amendments.
   
   By a vote of 6 – 1, The Workgroup recommends that the Commission not approve this proposed amendment, in favor of the existing FBC termite provisions.