



TO: TP subscribers and other interested parties

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SUBJECT: Southern Yellow Pine Design Values

In order to keep our subscribers abreast of important industry changes, TP is notifying you that the SYP design values may decrease in the near future. The American Lumber Standard Committee Board of Review will be voting on this matter on October 20, 2011. Ramifications of this vote have recently been discussed at SLMA and SFPA events and include:

- Design values (excluding Horizontal Shear & Compression Perpendicular to Grain) for all NGR grades (SS, 1, 2, 3, Const, Stand, Util, Stud) and sizes (2"- 4" thicknesses) of SYP would drop by 25-30% on October 21, 2011.
- Dense classifications would be removed from the design values but would remain in the grade rules.
- Mixed Southern Pine would have the same design values as SYP.
- SYP Timbers, Scaffold Plank, and MSR/MEL grades would not be affected.

Additionally, a complete test is currently being performed in order to serve as the basis to reevaluate the SYP design values in accordance with ASTM standards and should be complete in 2012. The results of this test may allow for an additional change in design values.

If you have any questions about this information and what it means to you and your operations, please contact me at your convenience.

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