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Mr. Don Onwiler
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Dear Mr. Onwiler:

I am writing you in support of the proposed Softwood Lumber Test Procedure and Worksheet, for NCWM consideration and adoption into HB133 as section 4.10 Softwood Lumber. This current proposal has undergone further review and revision at regional meetings since last year and I believe is ready for adoption at the National Conference on Weights and Measures annual meeting.

The ALSC in accordance with the Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards of the U.S. Department of Commerce and through a consensus process establishes sizes, green/dry relationships, inspection provisions, grade marking requirements, and the policies and enforcement regulations for ALSC's program of accrediting lumber inspection agencies. As part of its enforcement regulations in carrying out its accreditation review activities, ALSC conducts random inspections of lumber at production facilities and destination checks which have been stamped by ALSC accredited agencies mills.

As long as moisture content measurements are taken, and MC adjustments applied, we believe that this proposed procedure will allow NIST inspectors to obtain a reasonable estimate of the lumber size.

Sincerely,



David E. Kretschmann
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