

**BOARD OF REVIEW  
MEETING AGENDA**

**JULY 28, 2016**

**I. ANTITRUST STATEMENT**

**II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**III. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE  
NORTHEASTERN LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (NeLMA)  
SAMPLING AND TESTING PLAN RESULTS FOR NORWAY SPRUCE  
GROWN IN THE UNITED STATES**

The Board, at its April 27, 2016 meeting, had been informed by the Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) the NeLMA submission of results obtained from its Sampling and Testing Plan for Establishment of Design Properties for Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*) grown in the United States had not been fully reviewed. The FPL report has been provided and raised some policy questions. The Board of Review requested staff to distribute the submission and all correspondence to date to the full ALSC for comments on the questions raised. The Board will further consider this submission and all received comments, which have also been distributed to the full ALSC.

**IV. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL LUMBER GRADES  
AUTHORITY (NLGA) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A SAMPLING AND  
TESTING PLAN FOR NORWAY SPRUCE GROWN IN CANADA**

The Board, at its February 4, 2016 meeting, approved the NLGA Sampling and Testing Plan for Norway Spruce grown in Canada provided NLGA conduct a full matrix in-grade test. NLGA had also submitted an abbreviated verification study which would constitute obtaining a sample appropriate for a full matrix study, testing only a portion of that sample, and utilizing Norway spruce test data obtained through previous studies for verification. In review of this proposed abbreviated study the Board noted concerns that the earlier data had not been supplied for review. The Board informed NLGA that to further consider this approach NLGA would need to furnish data from the earlier studies. NLGA has indicated its desire to have this approach considered and supplied the data requested.

Due to the limited time involved following receipt of the data, the Forest Products Laboratory indicated it had not fully reviewed the information in time

for the April 27, 2016 Board meeting. The FPL report has been provided and the Board will further consider this proposal.

**V. DISCUSSION OF LUMBER PROGRAM SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

The Board of Review will discuss current survey methodology used in the lumber program.

**VI. REVIEW OF LUMBER AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

**VII. REVIEW OF TREATED AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

**VIII. REVIEW OF WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL AGENCY PERFORMANCE**

**IX. REVIEW OF PELLET AGENCY/LABORATORY PERFORMANCE**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

If anyone would like to attend the meeting, has any comments on an agenda item, or needs further information, please notify the ALSC office.