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DUNN LORING, VA The [National Pest Management Association](#), along with several other pest management supply companies and associations, will make a case next week for the [International Code Council \(ICC\)](#) to accept all EPA-registered and otherwise approved termite treatment options for newly construction buildings.

The ICC, a nonprofit association, spearheads the International Residential Code, which provides standards for building construction. May 17-20, the ICC will hold final action code hearings for all code changes submitted for this year.

On the table are two actions concerning termite pretreatment for new construction. Both have passed preliminary committee decisions, but are mutually exclusive, according to Greg Baumann, NPMA's technical director.

RB-108, proposed by the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), would allow only pressure treated lumber or termite-resistant lumber to be used as termite prevention in new construction.

RB-110, proposed by Nisus Corp., accepts "chemical termiticide treatment, other Federal Environmental Protection Agency registered products or methods that have been evaluated by a recognized code evaluation service, pressure preservatively treated wood ..., naturally termite-resistant wood or physical barriers (such as metal or plastic termite shields), or any combination of these methods."

Baumann says NPMA, along with representatives from RISE, Nisus Corp., BASF and ASPCRO will be in Overland Park, KS, next week to actively support RB-110. He says the industry group will make a motion to reverse the committee decision to pass RB-108. A two-thirds majority is required to overturn RB-108, and Baumann says the industry groups will be prepared to make short comments if permitted.

The industry group will support RB-110, which is also supported by the National Association of Home Builders.

Should both actions pass the ICC, Baumann says the language would be combined to include the provisions of both RB-108 and RB-110.

"If RB-110 fails, we would have to look at other options, as that will essentially prohibit the use of anything but lumber for pretreats," Baumann says. He adds that the scenario is unlikely, since no comments are registered that oppose RB-110.

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