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Florida Building Commission Staff
Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Equivalence of Published Versions of AWC SDPWS for FL10441-R5

To Whom It May Concern:

The intent of this letter is to address the latest two editions of American Wood Council (AWC)'s *Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS)* and their applicability to Florida Product Approval FL10441-R5 for recognition under the *Florida Building Code – Building, 6th Edition (2017)*.

The underlying evaluation report within FL10441-R5, ICC-ES ESR-2330, contains references to both the 2008 and 2015 editions of the *SDPWS* standard. This is because ICC-ES ESR-2330 is applicable to both the 2012 and 2015 editions of the IBC, which reference the 2008 and 2015 editions of the *SDPWS* standard, respectively. Note that the 2008 edition was published under the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA).

I have reviewed the two editions of this standard and it is my professional opinion that they are equivalent for the uses in which the covered products have been evaluated.

Sincerely,
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