



# NFRC UPDATE

NFRC Staff

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The National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) provides this twice-monthly newsletter to keep you informed of pending deadlines, volunteer opportunities, and NFRC news.

## May 2015

- **NFRC Certified Simulator Training Workshop - May 19-22, 2015**, near the Mall of America in Bloomington, MN.

This workshop is intended for those seeking certification for computer modeling in accordance with NFRC procedures for determining fenestration product U-factors, Solar Heat Gain Coefficients (SHGC), Visible Transmittance (VT), and Condensation Resistance, utilizing WINDOW and THERM computer programs.

- *The workshop requires knowledge of WINDOW and THERM.* The training is an in-depth review of these programs by solving interactive problems, as well as a review of the NFRC-accredited laboratory and certified simulator requirements. Training materials will be provided on a USB Drive on the workshop date.

If you are interested and want to know more, contact [Dennis Anderson](#). If you know you have the qualifications to attend, register [HERE](#).

## July 2015

- July 29, 2015 -- *Ballots for the Fall Membership Meeting are due* to NFRC Staff liaisons.

## August 2015

- August 7, 2015 -- *Deadline for entries to the NFRC Second Annual Student Film Contest.* This year the requested topic for the short films is explanation of the ratings on the NFRC label. Winning films will be used for consumer education and outreach. [Entry details can be found HERE](#).
- August 7, 2015 -- *Fall 2015 ballot cycle begins* (links to ballots will be emailed to all current members on this date; one vote per member company).
- August 27, 2015 -- *Fall 2015 ballot cycle closes at 10:00 p.m. (EDT).* Comments received will be resolved at the Fall Membership Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on September 21-23, 2015.

## September 2015

- September 21-23, 2015 -- *Fall Membership Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

(Registration and additional details will be available beginning in July.)

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## **Assistance Sought by NFRC 101 Thermophysical Properties of Materials Task Group**

To more accurately reflect the materials and technologies used in building current and future windows, doors, and skylights, the NFRC 101 Thermophysical Properties of Materials Task Group is interested in revising and adding materials and thermophysical property data to the generic materials listings in NFRC 101.

NFRC is seeking assistance in identifying additional specific generic materials for potential inclusion in the NFRC 101 generic materials lists. These new material suggestions can represent generic materials that are notably absent or new applications of existing materials used in current or future fenestration designs.

More information on what is need is explained in [this letter from the members of the task group](#).

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## **NFRC Billing Notice**

Invoices for products, components and glazing listings are invoiced semi-annually in April and September. The first billing was emailed by April 3, 2015. Questions regarding billing should be sent to [accounting@nfr.org](mailto:accounting@nfr.org).

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## **NFRC Meeting Information**

- Presentations and other post-meeting information from the Spring 2015 Committee Week, held March 23-25 in Annapolis, Maryland, are now available on the [NFRC Meeting Archive](#) page.
- Attendees at the meeting are invited to participate in the [2015 Spring Committee Week Meeting Evaluation](#). Help us make NFRC meetings worthy of your time and money.

### **• Dates through 2017**

The following dates have been set for the NFRC's Spring and Fall meetings through 2017. The dates have been vetted thoroughly, are published early, and were reported to affiliated industry contacts to avoid potential conflict. Please mark your calendars with the following meeting dates through the fall of 2017:

#### **2015**

September 21-24, 2015 (changed from October)

#### **2016**

April 4-6, 2016

October 3-6, 2016

#### **2017**

March 27-29, 2017  
September 25-28, 2017

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## PCP Participant Information

### 1. CA is the New Form of Authorization

- o Starting November 2014 you may have noticed your Inspection Agency sending you a new format of authorization for certification of your new, revised, addenda product lines. This is the new official form called a "Certificate of Authorization." This provides pertinent information about your product line, the range of options authorized for labeling, and ratings approved for labeling. Participants can export detailed product line data using the Product Line Export feature, download the instructions in the CPD Participant manual [HERE](#).

### 2. New Submittal Form and Link

- o The NFRC Test Submittal form was modified in the November 2014 release of the [NFRC 700-2015 E0A0](#) to clarify the requirement to complete and forward a submittal form for test samples to the NFRC accredited laboratory. Participants and Laboratories can [download the Manufacturer Submittal Form here](#).
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## CEO Video Message

NFRC's CEO, Jim Benney, [discusses](#) the benefits of windows, doors, and skylights beyond energy efficiency. From earliest history to modern science, windows matter.

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## Member Tips

Did you know that the [NFRC Community website](#) has group pages that allow NFRC committees, subcommittees, task groups, and work groups to collaborate more efficiently with group calendars, file sharing, and forums available to each. Are your groups using these tools to maximum benefit?

Interested in joining a group? NFRC members may join any subcommittee, task group, or work group by clicking "Join Group" on the specific group's page. (Joining a committee requires attendance at an NFRC meeting.)

Our membership team is here to help in any way we can. If you have any questions about your membership or the NFRC member website, please contact [Jessica Finn](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- [Air Leakage Labeling Work Group](#), formed at the Spring Committee Week meeting, is seeking a chair and volunteers. The new group will discuss the labeling requirements of air leakage pursuant to member requests and will report to the NFRC 700 PCP Review Task Group. [Sherri Wendt](#), the NFRC staff liaison, may be contacted for more information. If minimal response, a chair and participants will be

selected out of the NFRC 700 PCP Review Task Group during their next conference call in mid-June (not scheduled yet).

- [The Ventilation Rating TG](#) was given reporting responsibilities to the NFRC 700 SC as well as the Ventilation SC. [Michelle Scism](#) is the staff liaison for this group and may be contacted at 240-821-9511.
- Volunteer opportunities are always listed on the [NFRC community](#).

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