



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.

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Deadlines

July 2015

- July 24, 2015 -- Nominations are open for five seats on the 2016 NFRC Board of Directors. Details and the nomination form are available on the [Nomination Page](#). Only current members will be able to nominate colleagues for the Board. Questions may be directed to [Jessica Finn](#) at 240-821-9512.
- 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 26, 2015 -- [Discounted early-bird registration](#) for the Fall Membership Meeting ends. *This is also the deadline to reserve the NFRC room rate at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis*. [Click HERE to reserve your room](#), or call 888-421-1442 and request the NFRC group rate.
- 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.)

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 needed is explained in [this letter from the members of the task group](#).

Independent Verification Program (IVP) Reminders

- **Reimbursement Reminder**

Our current [IVP Manufacturer Guidelines](#) show the reimbursement schedule for the 2015 testing cycle (see Section 1.4). For regular participants we can only reimburse up to **\$500 per product**, but NFRC will still pay the laboratory directly for your tests. For small business participants, you will need to provide your product at your cost and pay the lab fees as well.

- **Produce Line Identification Tool**

Please be sure that you update your ENERGY STAR product lines using the ENERGY STAR Product Line Identification Tool any time you recertify, delist, or otherwise change your product line listings. This online tool is the way that ENERGY STAR® Partners provide NFRC details about which product lines include ENERGY STAR qualified product options that are available for sale. If you do not have any product lines designated you may be considered inactive in the IVP.

NFRC Billing Notice

Invoices for products, components and glazing listings are invoiced semiannually in April and September. The first billing was emailed by April 3, 2015. Questions regarding billing should be sent to accounting@nfr.org.

NFRC Now Accepting Online Payments

NFRC now offers you the ability to pay invoices online.

An email has been sent to your billing contact with login instructions for access to our [payment portal](#). Once you log in you will find all your open invoices. You can select one or more to pay by credit card.

This is a secure site, and it is PCI Compliant. It will not, however, process payments automatically.

NFRC is constantly striving to improve our customer experience. We hope you find our new Customer Services Portal beneficial and easy to use. If you have any questions, issues or feedback with this new portal, please feel free to contact us at accounting@nfr.org.

NFRC Meeting Information

- **Registration Now Open for Fall Membership Meeting**

Registration is available on the NFRC's website and can be directly [accessed here](#). Early bird registration closes on August 26, 2015. The deadline for NFRC meeting registration is Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Registration prepayment is required.

- **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 21-23, 2015 (changed from October)

2016

April 4-6, 2016

October 3-6, 2016

2017

March 27-29, 2017

September 25-28, 2017

- **Meeting Questions?**

[Jessica Finn](#) is now the NFRC Meetings and Membership Manager and is available to answer all meeting or membership questions. Jessica may be contacted at 240-821-9512.

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](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

- [Member Engagement Work Group](#) is looking for new and old members to help welcome and orient new members and future NFRC leaders. If you are interested in volunteering for this group please email [Jessica Finn](#).
- [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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