To:  ICC-ES Report Holders  
From:  Michael Beaton, PE, Senior Vice President  
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Subject: Changes on the Horizon for Southern Pine Design Values  

MEMO

As stated on the American Wood Council website, the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) Board of Review has approved changes to design values for 2"- 4" thick, 2"- 4" wide, Southern Pine #2 Dense and 2x4 Mixed Southern Pine #2 and all lower grades (i.e. #3, Stud, Construction, Standard, and Utility) with a recommended effective date of June 1, 2012, to allow for their orderly implementation. For more information, visit www.spib.org and www.southernpine.com.

In advance of the implementation date, AWC has developed addenda to some of their publications, including the NDS Supplement, Wood Frame Construction Manual for One- and Two-Family Dwellings (WFCM), and Span Tables for Joists and Rafters. For more information on these addenda, visit www.awc.org.

The ICC-ES Evaluation Committee, at their June 2012 hearing, will be discussing possible changes to affected ICC-ES Evaluation Reports.

For information on how these changes might affect a specific ICC-ES Evaluation Report, please contact us at 1-800-423-6587 or es@icc-es.org.