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NCFI Polyurethanes Earns ICC-ES, EPA Seal and Insulate with ENERGY STAR® Certification

As a recognized <u>Certification Body</u> for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Seal and Insulate with ENERGY STAR[®]" program, ICC Evaluation Service (<u>ICC-ES</u>) is pleased to announce <u>NCFI Polyurethanes</u> has earned EPA recognition for two of its products (ESR-1154 and ESR-1615). This program applies to insulation intended for use in whole wall, ceiling, roof deck and floor systems sold in the United States for use in residential construction. The <u>EPA Seal and Insulate Program</u> includes requirements for independent third-party testing and certification, reporting of thermal resistance and surface-burning characteristics that establish compliance with the requirements of the <u>International Residential Code[®]</u> (IRC) and <u>International Energy Conservation Code[®]</u> (IECC), and installation instructions and diagrams.

ICC-ES re-issued <u>ESR-1615</u> for InsulStar[®] Spray-applied Polyurethane Insulation and NCFI Polyurethanes' Florida Building Code Supplement for ESR-1615. ICC-ES evaluated the products to the 2012 and 2009 <u>International Building Code</u>[®] (IBC), 2012 and 2009 IRC and 2012 and 2009 IECC.

"Evaluation to the requirements of the IBC, IRC, IECC and the requirements of the EPA Seal and Insulate with ENERGY STAR® Program gives code officials the confidence to approve the product's use," said Steven R. Thorsell, AIA, CSI, Manager of ICC-ES Environmental Programs. "We are pleased to assist NCFI Polyurethanes with both their ESRs for code compliance and Energy Star certifications."

NCFI Polyurethanes' second product evaluated, Sealite insulation, is for use in wall cavities, floor and ceiling assemblies, and when installed as required in ESR-1154 in attic and crawl spaces. Both Sealite and InsulStar insulations are classified as Product Type 1 – Insulation Products under the EPA Seal and Insulate program.

"NCFI Polyurethanes has a long history with ICC-ES so using them as our Certification Body for Energy Star® was an easy decision and a great way to add additional strength to our current ICC-ES reports," says Jason Hoerter, P.E., Sr. Product Manager with NCFI. "This recognition by ICC-ES and certification by Energy Star proves that the products we've been making here in the U.S. since 1964, our carefully designed processes, and the great people who work with us get it right. We are proud to add this EPA program to our current ESRs."

All existing ICC-ES report holders with recognition under the 2009 or 2012 IRC and IECC, and future applicants for reports under those codes, are eligible to apply for product evaluation in the Seal and Insulate with ENERGY STAR® Program. ICC-ES also offers the option of obtaining a Seal and Insulate certification separately. Those who are interested in obtaining certification should contact ICC-ES for more information.

About ICC-ES

A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-ES <u>Evaluation Reports</u> (ESRs), <u>Building Product Listings</u> and <u>PMG Listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. The ICC-ES Environmental Programs issue VAR environmental reports that verify a product meets specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES <u>environmental criteria</u>. The Environmental Programs now offer Environmental Product Declarations (<u>EPDs</u>) to meet global market demand for science-based, transparent, quality-assured information about a product's environmental performance. ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the <u>International Code Council</u>. For more information, please visit <u>www.icc-es.org</u>.

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