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ICC-ES SAVE Program Announces First Verification of Sustainability Claim

A renewable-based foam insulation and air barrier material using castor oil is the first product to successfully complete the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) Sustainable Attributes Verification and Evaluation (SAVE) program.

A Verification of Attributes Report (VAR-1002) was issued to Icynene Inc. for its LD-R-50 spray-applied cellular polyurethane foam plastic insulation. The report verifies the minimum amount of biobased material content as determined in accordance with an ICC-ES SAVE Evaluation Guideline and provides independent confirmation of the manufacturer's claim related to the amount of biobased content.

"SAVE provides a trusted confirmation to code officials, specifiers, architects, engineers, building owners and consumers that a product has been independently verified as having the sustainable attributes claimed by the manufacturer," said John Nosse, president of ICC-ES.

"We're increasingly asked to prove the 'greenness' of our products. Through the SAVE program, we have the opportunity to show beyond a shadow of a doubt that our product performs as expected. Much like we rely heavily on ICC-ES Evaluation Reports to demonstrate our product's code compliance, we now rely on the ICC-ES SAVE program to verify our claims of sustainability," said John Evans, Codes and Standards Manager, Icynene Inc.

A SAVE evaluation involves both inspection of the manufacturer's production process and reviews of independent product testing, where required. Manufacturers that successfully complete the evaluation process receive a Verification of Attributes Report in one or more of nine key categories: recycled content (pre- and post-consumer), regional materials, bio-based materials, certified wood products, solar reflectance index and thermal emittance of roofing materials, volatile organic compound content and emissions (adhesives and sealants), volatile organic compound content and emissions (paints and coatings), urea formaldehyde resin content in composite wood products and volatile organic compound content and emissions of floor coverings.

The guidelines address the production stage of the item under review beginning with raw material acquisition and progressing through final manufacturing and packaging. SAVE program reports can be useful when seeking points under major green building rating systems—U.S. Green Building Council's LEED, Green Building Initiative's Green Globes, or the ICC-700 *National Green Building Standard*.

For more information about the ICC-ES SAVE Program and to view the Icynene Verification of Attributes Report, visit www.icc-es.org/save.

ICC-ES, a nonprofit organization, is the United States' leading evaluation service for

innovative construction materials and systems. ICC-ES launched the SAVE Program as part of the International Code Council's (ICC) commitment to developing reliable verification for product information and fostering sustainable design and construction. ICC-ES is a subsidiary of the International Code Council.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

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