

NRC Staff Comments on NFPA 805 Frequently Asked Questions (May 26, 2015)

FAQ 14-0070 – Use of Non-Fire Treated Wood – March 11, 2015 Revision 0e

1. The staff suggests simplifying the FAQ to state that, NFPA 805 - Section 3.3.1.2(1) does not apply to, that is does not prohibit, the use of non-fire treated wood when an approved program exists for the control of the wood. For example, Section 3.3.1.2(3) would apply to non-fire treated waste, debris, scrap, and packing materials.

The aforementioned approach would result in addressing the examples in the second paragraph of the recommended modification of Appendix K, “Examples include equipment or supplies shipped in untreated combustible packing containers, wood pallets, cable spools, truck/trailer bed floors, etc.” Also the last paragraph beginning with, “In addition, storage or staging . . .” would not be needed.

2. If the above approach is used, what non-fire treated wood could reasonably be expected to be needed that would not be available as fire treated?

3. A basis should be provided for the discussion of allowing commercially available products that contain non-fire treated wood.