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Energy Star® Update

With the addition of 5 Fleetwood plants certified by PFS during August and September, our October 2003 count totals 21 manufacturing facilities that produce Energy Star® homes:

- Advantage Homes, Guin, Alabama
- Champion Homes, Flemingsburg, Kentucky
- Champion Homes, Lillington, North Carolina
- Fleetwood Homes Glendale, Arizona
- Fleetwood Homes, Riverside, California
- Fleetwood Homes, Auburndale, Florida
- Fleetwood Homes, Alma, Georgia
- Fleetwood Homes, Douglas, Georgia
- Fleetwood Homes, Pearson, Georgia
- Fleetwood Homes, Willacoochee, Georgia
- Fleetwood Homes, Benton, Kentucky
- Fleetwood Homes, Pembroke, North Carolina
- Fleetwood Homes, Gallatin, Tennessee
- Fleetwood Homes, Lafayette, Tennessee
- Fleetwood Homes, Belton, Texas
- Fleetwood, Waco, Texas (2 plants)
- Fleetwood Homes, Rocky Mount, Virginia
- Oak Creek Homes, Fort Worth, Texas
- Redman Homes, Sanford, North Carolina
- Redman Homes, Richland, Georgia



Photos by Jim Howell

The second edition of the **Energy Star® Labeled Manufactured Homes: Design, Manufacturing, Installation and Certification Procedures Guidebook** (effective September 1, 2003) has been published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(top) Tim Smiley, Fleetwood QC department, conducts a blower door test to measure whole home air leakage. (bottom) Fleetwood worker builds a duct to the Energy Star® standard to assure air tightness in the air distribution system.

“All Energy Star® homes previously certified by PFS are still in compliance with the new update,” Dick Reinhard, who participated in the MHI Technical Committee Meeting on September 29th, assured us. “Many of the revisions just spell out details that were vague or not addressed in the original document. PFS’ interpretation of the first edition that was followed during Energy Star® certifications included those details that have now been written into the second edition. The revision also includes several options — addresses homes on basements, allows labeling in the field, and added an additional 71 pre-determined thermal design packages that meet Energy Star® requirements.”

PFS President Participates in NFPA Committee Week

Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco was the site of the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) meetings the week of September 15, 2003.

Michael J. Slifka, PE, fire protection engineer, participated as the NFPA Technical Committee on Fire Safety for Manufactured Housing reviewed public proposals for:

- a. NFPA 501, Standard on Manufactured Housing
- b. NFPA 225, Manufactured Home Installation
- c. NFPA 501A, Fire Safety Criteria for Manufactured Home Installations, Sites and Communities.

The report on Technical Committee action from these meetings will be available soon in NFPA's Report on Proposals (ROP). For more information visit NFPA at www.nfpa.org/Codes/ProposalsAndComments.asp. Click on **View our online Proposals and Comments** then choose the range of document numbers from the **List of NFPA's Codes and Standards** page where you can select the specific standard number to view the ROP.

PFS at Inaugural Conference of ICC

PFS vice presidents, Bob Nelson (Western Region) and Larry Beineke (Southeast Region) attended the first meeting of the ICC as a single organization on September 6-7, 2003, in Nashville, TN.

Two code changes stood out among others proposed at the conference, that were related to 9/11 and the Rhode Island nightclub fire:

- a. ICC members approved a revision to the International Building Code that will require the structural system to be three-hour fire-resistance rated instead of the current two-hour requirement;
- b. Another code change requires nightclubs, restaurants, and similar facilities to have sprinklers if occupancy is more than 100 people. Previously sprinklers were required for an occupancy of 300 people.

The ICC is dedicated to building safety, and develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings. For more information visit ICC at www.iccsafe.org.

PFS exhibited at ICC Expo 2003 in the Opryland Convention Center. More than 1,000 building officials attended this inaugural event. The union of ICBO, BOCA and SBCCI codes into one universal code answered the demand for a single set of codes for the United States of America.

Author's Note: On October 6th, I celebrated my 23rd anniversary at PFS Corporation. As I begin my 24th year, I can truly say my favorite job at PFS has been and continues to be writing and publishing PFS newsletters—the former *Insight* and the present *Encore*®. *Kathleen Blair, VP Administration*