



Treated Wood Products Announcement

Hughes Brothers has been using pentachlorophenol (penta) to treat our wood products for years. The sole supplier of penta is closing, and their production will cease December of 2021. No other chemical manufacturers have stepped forward to fill the void, so Hughes Brothers (as well as all other wood framing or pole suppliers that use penta) has been looking for another method for preserving wood items.

There are a couple of options on the market, and Hughes Brothers has settled on using DCOI. DCOI is an organic oil-borne wood preservative that has 28-year stake test data from a study commissioned by EPRI. The appearance is the same as our current product. One big advantage of DCOI is that it is not a restricted use pesticide. The producer of the product is offering a 50-year limited warranty on wood treated with DCOI. Also, the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) has DCOI listed in their standards; standard P39.

We have contracted to purchase and use penta until December of 2021 and will continue to produce the same reliable treated wood products as always until then.

Hughes Brothers is confident that we will be able to provide our same excellent level of service to the utility industry in the future with DCOI as our treating method.

Sincerely,

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