

Proposed Revisions to RUS Wood Product Bulletins Now Available for Public Comment

RUS recently completed its long-awaited review of their three major wood product specifications, Bulletin 1728H-702, “Quality Control & Inspection of Timber Products”, Bulletin 1728H-701, “Wood Crossarms (Solid & Laminated), Transmission Timbers, and Bulletin 1728F-700, “Wood Poles, Stubs & Anchor Logs”. The proposed revisions to the first two of these bulletins were published in the Federal Register for public comment on 9/29/08. The public has sixty days to provide comments to RUS on their proposed changes. With regard to the proposed revisions to the third bulletin, the pole specification, they do not appear in the Federal Register, but are incorporated by reference.

The proposed revisions to the pole specification, as well as the Federal Register notices pertaining to the quality control and crossarm specifications, can be accessed by going to the USDA website. The address is as follows:

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric/regs/fedreg.htm>

Once at this address, simply look at the 2008 calendar, where the RUS wood product specifications are the first item listed. Clicking the pdf file will open up the Federal Register notices for crossarms and quality control. Note that in the description box there is a statement that reads “Copy of the proposed Bulletin 1728F-700 is available here.” To access the proposed changes to the RUS pole specification, click on the underlined word “here”.