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Meeting Dates

- Oct 27** *Wood Destroying Insects* - Joe Giaimo
- Nov 17** *Chimneys* - Kyle Gathy, Safeside Chimney
- Dec 11** *CAHI Holiday Party*

Holiday Inn
201 Washington Ave
North Haven

Vermiculite Insulation

Bernie Caliendo

The EPA has been gathering information about vermiculite insulation and other products containing vermiculite over the last few years. A large number of citizens have been contacting EPA offices with concerns about vermiculite insulation in their homes and its possible contamination with asbestos. As inspectors, we may choose to leave the asbestos identification out of our report as it is an environmental concern and not part of our general inspection. However, Section 20-491-11 Insulation & Ventilation, Part a & b of our state Standards of Practice states "The inspector shall inspect the insulation... ..in unfinished spaces.", and "The inspector shall describe the insulation...". Vermiculite is a type of insulation and, if seen, must be reported in our reports. Vermiculite is a naturally occurring mineral that has the unusual property of expanding into worm-like accordion shaped pieces when heated. The expanded vermiculite is a light-weight, fire-resistant, absorbent and odorless material. These properties allow vermiculite to be used in many products including attic insulation.

Vermiculite is produced in many sizes from coarse to very fine. Vermiculite attic insulation is normally pebble-like in size and is usually light-brown or gold in color.

Prior to its close in 1990, much of the world's supply of vermiculite came from a mine in Libby, Montana. This mine had a natural deposit of asbestos which resulted in the vermiculite being contaminated with asbestos. Attic insulation produced using vermiculite ore, particularly ore that originated from the Libby mine, may contain asbestos fibers. Today, vermiculite is mined at three U.S. facilities and in other countries which have low levels of contamination in the finished materials.

If you are inspecting a home in which you identify vermiculite insulation, do not disturb it. You should bring it to the attention of your client of the potential health concern, and recommend that a qualified, licensed asbestos inspector sample it and have it analyzed at an approved lab.

Parts of this article have excerpts taken from the following EPA web site and should be downloaded and used in your report to document you observations and conclusions along with documented precautions:
[www.EPA/OPPT/Asbestos-Vermiculite Insulation](http://www.EPA/OPPT/Asbestos-Vermiculite%20Insulation).

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President's Corner

Dwight Uffer

At the recent September Board of Directors meeting a new slate of Officers was elected to serve the term 2004-2005. The officers elected were Dwight Uffer, President; Bob Dattilo, Vice President; Ken Mita, Secretary; and Pete Petrino, Treasurer. These are the same officers as 2003-2004 and are serving the second year of their terms. Woody Dawson has also been elected by the CAHI Board of Directors to become a director. Woody comes to the board with a great background and many years of experience as a home inspector. We welcome Woody as a new director.

I have also received correspondence from a company known as the "National Asbestos and Environmental Training Institute, Inc." who are advertising for a Mold Inspector's course. In their literature they state that they are approved for 16 continuing education credits from CAHI (Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors). This is a false statement as we (CAHI) has to submit every seminar to the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection for approval before we can issue any course credits. We have never heard of these people and would not authorize them for course approval. I have sent a letter to the company requesting that they remove "CAHI (The Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors)" from their literature and any further correspondence

This month Joe Giaimo will be our speaker at our monthly meeting. For those of you who have been to Joe's seminars, you know what a great presentation that he brings to our meetings. For those who have never met Joe or attended one of his seminars, you will have a great experience and leave with a great deal of knowledge concerning wood destroying insects.

I hope to see a full house on October 27th at the Holiday Inn, North Haven, CT.

October Keynote Speaker

This month's meeting topic is Wood Destroying Insect (WDI) Inspections and will feature Joseph S. Giaimo as the speaker. His background includes -

- 30 years experience in termite control/ pest control
- Certified teacher
- President - Crest Termite Control, Inc.
- Former President for 15 years - Connecticut Pest Control Association
- Served on Connecticut State Oral Board of Examiners for Pest Control
- Member of the 1995 Committee that drafted the WDI Inspection Form now used for FHA/HUD/VA mortgage inspections
- Present Chairman of the Committee to revise the National WDI Inspection Form
- Published in national trade magazines

The evening's training will cover the following: Conducting a proper WDI inspection, examination of WDI damaged wood samples; slide presentation of actual inspections showing normal and unusual findings, explanation of newly adopted NPMA-33 inspection form which replaces the present NPMA-1 form.

You will receive 2 hours of continuing education credits. Any S-licensed inspector will receive 2 hours credit toward their Pest Control License.

To All CAHI Members:

A special all day heating seminar has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the ICPA Training Center, 10 Alcap Ridge, Cromwell, CT. This is a continuing seminar that CAHI offered in May & June and will continue to offer as long as we have members interested in attending. We restrict the amount of attendees to no more than 20 members at a time so you may have the benefit of no crowding on top of each other in the workshop. As we fill the list, we will schedule another date if needed. This is a first come, first on the list, basis.

This seminar involves classroom and workshop presentations. The cost for attending is \$150.00 per attendee. However, as part of your membership, CAHI will pick up \$50.00 of the cost to attend. A continental breakfast is served during the morning break and lunch is included. Those of you who have not yet signed up, contact our Treasurer, Pete Petrino at (203) 734-6009 and all who have signed up, send payment of \$100.00 to CAHI at 18 Garden Place, Derby, CT 06418.

This seminar meets the minimum requirements as set by the licensing board for 7.5 continuing education credits.

YOU MUST BE ON TIME!!! Start - 8:00 a.m.

Directions: I-91 North or South, take exit 21. Take a right off the exit from either direction onto Rte 372. Take your first right onto Sebethe Drive. Take the first left onto Alcap Ridge. The training center is up the hill on the right. Look for the ICPA sign. Park in the back parking lot and enter on the left side of the building.



NPMA-33 REPLACES NPCA-1 Form

Did you know that a new WDI form (NPMA-33) has been designed and the old NPCA-1 form will no longer be accepted after December 31, 2004.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently accepted and approved the NPMA-33 for use after more than two years of work by the National Pest Management Association.

The new NPMA-33 form is now available from the National Pest Management Association. To order the new forms, call them at (703) 573-8330. Joe Giaimo will be covering the new form at this month's meeting.

CAHI Holiday Party

Saturday, December 11, 2004

7:00 p.m. - ??

YANKEE SILVERSMITH

Route 5, Wallingford, CT

2-hour Open Bar
Imported & Domestic Cheese
Fresh Fruit Platter
Antipasto
Relish Trays
Chef's Tossed or Caesar Salads
Fried Calamari
Ziti

BUFFET ENTREES:
Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole w/ Seafood Stuffing
Tenderloin Beef Tips
Baked, Stuffed Chicken Breasts

DESSERTS:
Deep Dish Apple Crisp a la mode
Warm Bread Pudding w/ Ice Cream

**** Special door prizes for ALL significant others. ****

The cost for attending will be \$30.00 per person and \$50.00 per couple. We would like to have a great turnout as in the past. To all new members and those of you who have not attended in the past, just ask a member who has. It's good food, good drink and great conversation.

Don't wait, make your reservation now! Space is limited. Send payment to CAHI, 18 Garden Place, Derby, CT 06418.

CAHI Library

Any members who have books or tapes to donate contact Bob Datillo at ctinspect@yahoo.com



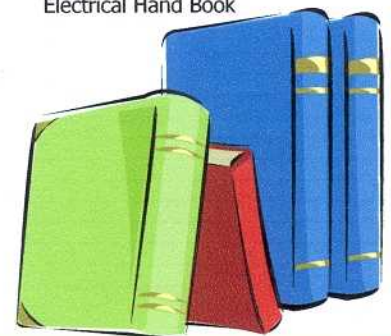
Tapes

- Classic Hydronics Part 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Kids & Hazards
- Moisture Meters
- The Inspector "Heat Exchange Camera"
- Home Inspection
- Inspecting a House Before You Buy
- Avoiding Roofing Disasters
- Code Check
- Home Inspection Industry Problems
- The Home Inspection Story
- Little Giant Ladder System
- Air Screen
- The Inspector Infrared Camera
- Electrical Transformer Harmonic Currents
- Hot Water Heater Scalding Video
- Steam Heat & Hot Water Boilers
- Masonite Hardboard Siding Application
- Masonite Hardboard Siding Maintenance Tips
- GEO Exchange Systems
- Nu-Wal Systems
- Report Writing Seminar
- Heating Seminar
- Plumbing Seminar
- Wet Basements
- Basement Inspections
- A/C & Heat Pumps

Books

- Timber Frames Post & Beam Construction
- 100 Ways to Offer Your Service
- Computer Users Dictionary
- Is Self Employment for You?
- The Business of Home Inspection
- Inspectors Resource Guide ITA
- EPA - Healthy Buildings, Healthy People
- HUD - Lead Paint Safety
- Mold, Moisture and Your Home
- IAQ Tools for Schools
- Home Come—Hydronic Heating Questions
- Means of Egress
- Mold Remediation Commercial Buildings
- EPA - Asbestos & Vermiculite
- Mold In the Home Fact Sheet
- EAA Guide to Indoor Air Quality
- The Termite Report
- CT Contractors' Reference Manual
- Legal Issues for Home Inspectors
- Expert Witness
- Home Inspection & Maintenance Articles
- Keep It's Worth, Common Building Problems
- What It's Worth, Home Inspections
- Home Inspection Bible

- How to Successfully Operate a Home Inspection Business
- SPREI Newsletters
- Structural Exterior Wood Walls
- Structural Masonry Arches
- Cooling
- Structural Exterior Framing
- Wood Boring Beetles
- Basement Framing
- Inspecting Roof Structures
- Chimneys
- Chimney Connectors
- Electrical Hand Book



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The Licensing Board meetings are held at 9:30 a.m., Department of Consumer Protection, Room 117, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford.

The public is always welcome.

E-mail Bernie Caliando for the latest meeting schedule at bsurehomeinspect@juno.com

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

HOME INSPECTION LICENSING BOARD

Tel. No. (860) 713-6145

September 29, 2004

TO: Home Inspection Licensing Board Members

FROM: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Occupational & Professional Licensing Division

RE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND REGULATIONS

Please be advised that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for October 20, 2004 at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m.

For The Department of Consumer Protection

Robert M. Kuzmich, R.A.
License and Applications Specialist

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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Regulations and notices published herein, pursuant to General Statutes Sections 4-168 and 4-173, are printed exactly as submitted by the forwarding agencies. These, being official documents submitted by the responsible agencies, are consequently not subject to editing by the Commission on Official Legal Publications.

A cumulative list of effective amendments to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies may be found in the Connecticut Law Journal dated September 7, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168 and 20-491 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by amending Sections 20-491-27 to 20-491-28, concerning Home Inspector Interns.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 117, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on October 20, 2004.

All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. An original and ten (10) copies of any such written materials should be directed to Edwin R. Rodriguez, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

The proposed changes are set forth as follows:

Home Inspector Interns

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding sections 20-491-27 to 20-491-28, inclusive, as follows:

(New) Sec. 20-491-27. Home inspector intern requirements

- (a) No more than two home inspector interns may be under the direct or indirect supervision of a licensed home inspector at any one site.
- (b) All home inspector interns shall maintain a record in the form of a home inspection log prior to beginning and until completion of their employment by each supervising home inspector.
- (c) A copy of the home inspection log maintained by the intern shall also be kept by the supervising home inspector and shall, at a minimum, include the following information for each inspection: (1) client name; (2) address of the property inspected; (3) description of the areas inspected; (4) indication of whether the supervision was either direct or indirect in nature; (5) date of the inspection; and (6) supervisor's initials and license number.

(New) Sec. 20-491-28. Supervision of home inspector interns

(a) While performing inspection work, all home inspector interns shall be subject to supervision by a home inspector licensed pursuant to section 20-492 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(b) The supervising licensed home inspector shall be responsible for the direct supervision of at least ten of the intern's home inspections.

(c) Direct supervision means the supervising licensed home inspector must be physically present and witness the home inspector intern conducting the home inspection in accordance with section 20-493b (c) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(d) No more than one home inspector intern may be present during the direct supervision requirement period at any one site.

(e) Only one (1) intern may receive credit towards the one hundred (100) inspections requirement for any home inspection conducted at any one site;

(f) The supervising licensed home inspector shall:

(1) Accept legal responsibility for all home inspection work performed by such intern, including all resulting written inspection reports, inspection review reports, consulting reports and work product by signing and certifying that each report has been reviewed and is in compliance with the Home Inspection Standards of Practice;

(2) Review all aspects of the home inspector intern's inspection reports, inspection review reports, consulting reports, or work product;

(3) Inspect each residential property with the home inspector intern until completion of the ten home inspections required to be directly supervised have been completed in accordance with the competency provision of the Home Inspection Standards of Practice.

(4) Sign the home inspection log at the completion of each inspection performed by the home inspection intern;

(5) Maintain a separate copy of each home inspection log completed by each home inspector intern;

(6) Provide, upon request, the home inspector intern with copies of the inspection reports that the home inspector intern prepared. The supervising home inspector shall not, however, be required to maintain copies beyond the record keeping requirements of the Home Inspection Standards of Practice;

(7) Sign a notification to the Board of the supervision of the home inspector intern. By signing the notification of supervision, the licensed home inspector agrees to assume the responsibilities and duties of a supervising home inspector as provided in chapter 400f of the Connecticut General Statutes, [Sections] sections 20-491-1 [through] to 20-491-26, inclusive, of [these regulations] the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and the Home Inspection Standards of Practice[.]; and

(8) Shall cooperate with the department regarding matters related to all regulated activities.

Statement of purpose: To establish guidelines for home inspector interns and to clarify the requirements regarding the supervision of home inspector interns.