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Mr. Ethan Bogren, Chair ([Neb2@westchestergov.com](mailto:Neb2@westchestergov.com))  
National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM)  
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Dear Mr. Bogren:

I am writing you in support of the proposed Softwood Lumber Test Procedure and Worksheet, for NCWM consideration and adoption into HB133 as section 4.10 Softwood Lumber.

The ALSC in accordance with the Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards of the U.S. Department of Commerce and through a consensus process establishes sizes, green/dry relationships, inspection provisions, grade marking requirements, and the policies and enforcement regulations for ALSC's program of accrediting lumber inspection agencies. As part of its enforcement regulations in carrying out its accreditation review activities, ALSC conducts random inspections of lumber at production facilities and destination checks which have been stamped by ALSC accredited agency's mills.

We have had our Field Representatives trial run the proposed procedure as part of our normal inspections. The process did add a bit of time to their normal grading inspection process. The feedback from our field representatives, however, indicated that the instructions were clear and easy to apply. Our review found that this sampling method appeared to provide adequate allowances for size changes that occur after the production of the material.

As long as moisture content measurements are taken, and MC adjustments applied, we believe that this proposed procedure will allow NIST inspectors to obtain a reasonable estimate of the lumber size.

Sincerely,



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