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SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM INSULATION PERFORMANCE BENEFITS AND PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP FOCUS OF SPECIAL SESSION AT POLYURETHANES 2009 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE

National Harbor, MD (October 7, 2009) – “Spray polyurethane foam insulation (SPFI) plays an important role in helping our nation to reach our long term energy goals. It is an excellent insulation and air sealant and we are interested in offering decision makers as many choices as possible to create healthier, green homes,” said Bill Hanson, U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA), Office of Policy Economics and Innovation during a special issue session here yesterday. “Working with CPI, the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA) and industry, our focus is to ensure that SPFI application in buildings follows consistent safe work practices and that comprehensive hazard information is communicated throughout the supply chain, down to the consumer. We’re very pleased that CPI and SPFA, along with industry participants, have undertaken a major voluntary initiative to help educate the supply chain on the safe use and handling of SPFI.”

Representatives from OSHA, NIOSH and CPSC, as well as the polyurethanes industry, discussed training, hazard communication and workplace practices for safe handling and use of spray polyurethane foam ingredients, including selection of appropriate personal protective equipment and ventilation methods during the special session – The New Era of Spray Polyurethane Foam: Leading the Way in Product Stewardship.

“The special session on SPFI product stewardship was a great way to highlight this exciting new program with SPFA,” said Neeva-Gayle Candelori, director of Center for the Polyurethanes Industry (CPI), sponsor of the Conference. “As spray polyurethane foam insulation becomes increasingly important in helping this country meet its aggressive energy efficiency goals, it’s become even more critical for the industry to provide timely, easy to understand product stewardship information. Our newly-launched web site, www.spraypolyurethane.com, contains downloadable information in user-friendly documents, and we’ll keep posting new information to the site as this program grows. We encourage you to visit the site and please encourage your customers to do the same.”

“The Spray Polyurethane Foam Association has a wealth of safe handling information that we have been making available to spray foam contractors and the general public for many years,” said Rick Duncan, technical director of the Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance, sponsor of the panel session. “We are very pleased to be working together with CPI and the governmental agencies represented here today to help make available high quality information to all those who may come in contact with spray polyurethane foam in building insulation applications.”

“The work we’ve described today is just the first step,” noted Candelori. “We’re hard at work at building out an even more extensive program, and one that will reach much more broadly, to DIY-ers, builders, architects and specifiers to systems houses and isocyanate and polyols manufacturers – and even homeowners and building operators. Stay tuned, and check the website, www.spraypolyurethane.com, often – and call us to join the program.”

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