

Pole Inspection on Receipt for Utilities

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Treated wood poles are the largest component in most of the overhead distribution line systems and a significant portion of the transmission lines that span this country. One activity that utilities can and should undertake to better evaluate different pole suppliers and their products is inspecting the product upon receipt. This session will review some of the basic parameters of pole inspection that can be incorporated by any utility with a minimum of effort.

About Jim

Jim Carter is the director of the NRECA's Wood Quality Control (WQC) subsidiary, the nation's largest treated utility product quality assurance program. Jim has been with NRECA for 35 years. For 10 years prior to joining NRECA, he served first as Quality Control Manager and then as Manager of Research and Development for one of the largest pole manufacturers in the country. Jim has an extensive background in the production and inspection of treated wood utility products and presents numerous technical programs on subjects related to the purchase and inspection of treated utility products.