



Yes, this is the perfect day to talk about some of the moves the B. R. Funsten and Tom Duffy have made to improve our “green” spirit. Green forests remind me of the recent moves we have made to be both Forest Stewardship Council and CARB compliant.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), they are an international organization that promotes sustainable forestry practices. Their Chain of Custody system provides an end user with a verifiable source of sustainable wood. We, as a company, have just completed our Chain of Custody audit. We can now provide FSC certified wood to anyone interested, whether it’s for a LEED project or a “green” minded individual.

In addition, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) has tightened down the standards for formaldehyde emissions coming from wood composite products. What this means is that any wood products sold within the state of California need to meet European standards for emissions today, Japanese standards by 2010 and be the lowest in the world by 2012. With that in mind, we have been gathering documentation from all of our wood products manufacturers on their compliance with the Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM). As with FSC, this is a chain of custody responsibility that we take very seriously.

If you want to feel the spirit of the “green” too, talk to your Funsten or Duffy representatives about our FSC certified or CARB compliant wood products.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

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