# Ontario Wood Preservation – Sector Update



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#### **Outline**

- Overview of Wood Preservation Industry in Ontario
- Activities since May 2005
- Anticipated Activities in 2006





#### Ontario Wood Preservation Industry

- 13 facilities in Ontario as of Nov 2005 (17 in 2000)
  - 6 ACQ (Alkaline Copper Quaternary)
  - 1 CAB (Copper Azole Borate)
  - 1 CCA (Chromated Copper Arsenate)
  - 2 ACQ and CCA
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  - > 1 PCP (Pentachlorophenol), ACQ and CCA
- No creosote treaters



## Actions since May 2005

- Information session for treaters
  - May 27th in Toronto
    - Status of Voluntary Assessment Program
    - Final Audit Process
    - Certification Process
- Final Pollution Prevention (P2) Planning Notice
  - October 2005
  - For facilities not participating in the voluntary program
  - 5 facilities are subject to P2 Notice (none from Ontario)



# Actions since May 2005

- Industrial Treated Wood Users Guidance Document (July 2005)
  - Introduction
  - Background
  - Purchasing
  - Storage
  - Installation & Handling
  - Sensitive Sites
  - Management of Post-Use Treated Wood
    - Encouraging re-use
    - Tracking post-use wood and educating users
    - Using the Waste Management Hierarchy
    - National Strategy for the Management of Post-Use Preservative Treated Wood
  - Audits, Records, Awareness/Training



#### National Strategy for the Management of Post-Use Preservative Treated Industrial Wood

- Option 1: Abatement and/or Elimination
  - Minimize treated wood use
  - Assessing alternative preservatives and construction materials
  - Implementing measures to reduce amounts of wood that may have to be disposed
  - Properly Treated Wood
  - Not overtreated
- Option 2: Reduction
  - Procedures for prolonging life of treated product
- Option 3: Reuse



#### National Strategy for the Management of Post-Use Preservative Treated Industrial Wood (continued)

- Option 4: Recycling
  - Into wood products
  - As fibre
  - As energy
  - Industrial Boilers and Co-Generation Facilities
  - Cement Kilns
- Option 5: Treatment
  - Hazardous waste incinerators
- Option 6: Disposal
  - 12% of railway ties and 13% of utility poles were disposed in landfills throughout Canada in 2000



## Actions since May 2005

- Industrial Treated Wood Users Guidance Document Survey
  - 214 sent / 36 responded
  - ½ used creosote treated wood, 31% used PCPtreated wood
  - Will follow-up to get more information on usage and disposal



### Anticipated Actions for 2006

- Finish assessments at wood treating facilities
  - Pollution Prevention (P2) Planning Notice for facilities that did not satisfy voluntary program
- Self-Certification program for wood treating facilities
- Information sessions for Users Guidance Document and follow-up with non-respondents to Users Survey