SPF Performance in Hurricanes
A Competitive Advantage

Experts Panel
Session 3B
Thursday 2/1 @ 10:15am
Room 201C
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Claudette Hanks Reichel, Ed.D.

Dr. Claudette Hanks Reichel is Professor and Extension Housing Specialist with Louisiana State University AgCenter. She serves as Director of LaHouse Resource Center, a public exhibit of multiple high performance housing solutions and hub of Extension education programs to advance resource-efficient, durable and healthy housing for the southern climate and natural hazards.

Reichel has developed numerous educational outreach programs relating to housing, including energy-efficiency, indoor air quality, hurricane and flood resilience and others. She has authored more than 100 Extension publications, presented at numerous professional events, was twice a featured speaker at the National Building Museum in Washington DC, and has received 12 national and state level awards for program excellence and impact.
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Introductions

Xuaco Pascual

Xuaco Pascual is a Marketing Manager for Honeywell with responsibility for Spray Foam Insulation and downstream applications. Xuaco holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Old Dominion University and brings over 20 years of experience in construction building envelope solutions focused on energy, moisture mitigation and sustainable practices. Prior to joining Honeywell in 2008, Xuaco held several business development and technical roles at DuPont, has been involved in the launch of over 50 new products and services, managed material research projects for NASA and is a U.S. NAVY submarine force veteran. Xuaco holds several patents in construction and consumer applications and has a diverse background in Building Sciences, product development, training, building envelope systems, mitigating construction quality issues and remediation.
Robb Smith

Robb Smith has been working in the roofing industry since 1980, and is a SPFA/PCP Field Examiner, Registered Roof Consultant, RRO, Fellow and past President of RCI of Raleigh, NC. He has been active in SPFA for over 25 years, serving on the PCP, Roofing and Consultant Committees. He was previously a Roofing and Siding Contractor in Nevada. As a RICOWI team member, Robb has investigated roof wind damage after Hurricanes Charley, Ivan and Katrina. Currently he resides in Reno, where he is owner of RGS.
Rick Duncan, Ph.D., P.E.

Rick brings more than 20 years of experience in technical marketing, building science, and product development and product management to deliver new materials and applications to the construction market. Drawing from experience as an engineering professor, Rick simplifies complex building envelope issues and clearly describes solutions for construction and design professionals. As technical director for SPFA, he oversees several technical committees that develop technical documents for the SPF industry. As technical consultant for the Spray Foam Coalition includes advising their Research and Codes and Standards workgroups. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering Science and Mechanics Penn State University, MSME from Bucknell University and a BSME from the University of Maryland. Rick is a Registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and is a certified BPI Building Analyst.
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Rick Duncan, Moderator

- Claudette [LSU Guidance on ‘Wash and Wear’ construction]
- Robb [SPF Roofing Performance - RICOWI studies, wind and hail]
- Xuaco [Honeywell whitepapers, Wind Uplift and 2\textsuperscript{nd} water barrier, Miami-Dadem IBHS Fortified Homes]
- Rick [1990s racking studies, SPFA guidance 2017 for flood repair]
SPF Industry Research

- Honeywell, Huntsman and NCFI Wind Uplift Project with University of Florida

Several studies show closed-cell SPF increases racking strength of frame walls

ASTM E72 Testing....
Several studies show closed-cell SPF increases racking strength of frame walls.

(1) 1991 CFI
(2) 1992 NAHB
(3) 1996 NAHB
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**Graph:**

- **1/2” PIR: 2x4 wood 16”oc**
  - with 3.0” SPF: 2152 lbs
  - with 1.5” SPF: 2259 lbs
  - no SPF: 1109 lbs
- **OSB: 2x4 wood 16”oc**
  - with 3.0” SPF: 2908 lbs
  - with 1.5” SPF:
  - no SPF:

*2007 ATI/SPFA*
SPF Industry Research

- 2008-2009 study shows closed-cell SPF increases roof-deck uplift resistance

Houses with damaged or missing roof sheathing in Florida
2008-2009 study shows closed-cell SPF increases roof-deck uplift resistance

Failure Load (psf)

- Baseline: 75 psf
- Fillet: 175 psf
- 3" Fill: 250 psf

130-140 psf load @ 150 mph zone 3
SPFA Publications

- SPFA publishes Flood-Resistant Construction Using Closed-Cell SPF TechTip November 4, 2017
  - “Emergency” document to help after 2017 hurricane season
  - Lists resources for remediation of flood damaged buildings
  - Rebuilding techniques to create flood-resistant walls designed to dry more quickly, with special emphasis on flood-resistant insulations such as closed-cell SPF
  - Applications of SPF to existing frame walls with brick façade