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**New NDS<sup>®</sup> Commentary Available**

Washington, DC - The *Commentary on the 2005 National Design Specification<sup>®</sup> (NDS) for Wood Construction* was recently posted to AF&PA's American Wood Council (AWC) website at <http://www.awc.org>. The *NDS Commentary* is intended to respond to user needs for background information and interpretive discussion of the provisions of the building code referenced *2005 NDS*.

The *Commentary* follows the same subject matter organization as the *NDS*. Discussion of a particular *NDS* provision is identified in the *Commentary* with the same section or subsection number for that provision in the *NDS*.

Commentary on each provision consists of background, interpretation, or example. Background information is intended to give the reader an understanding of the data and/or experience on which the provision is based. References containing more detailed information on the subject are included. Interpretive discussion of how a provision should be applied is also provided where the specific intent of a requirement may be ambiguous.

Adopted in all model building codes in the United States, the *NDS* is used to design wood structures worldwide. Release of the *2005 Wood Design Package*, which will include the *NDS*, *NDS Commentary*, and other design documents, is expected second quarter of 2006.

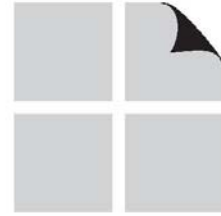
The first [\*Commentary on the 1991 National Design Specification for Wood Construction\*](#) was published in 1993. It contains background information concerning the provisions of the *NDS*, complete with historical development, example problems, and tables comparing the 1991 design provisions with earlier editions of the standard. An addendum to the *Commentary* was later published corresponding to the 1997 *NDS*. Both the 1991 and 1997 *NDS Commentaries* are still available on the AWC website.

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