



To Friends of the Tile Roofing Industry Alliance:

TRI Alliance has been hard at work these past few months, and we have much to share with you. Let's begin...

EXCEPTION NEEDED FOR STEEP-SLOPE ROOFS



When OSHA published a Request for Information (RFI) on Table 1 engineering controls in the silica standard for construction, the Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) met to develop a response. TRI Alliance and the National Roofing Contractors Association explained that Table 1 will not work for steep-slope tile roofing because of the fall-protection issues of water on roofs and the potential for dropping heavy saws from the roof. TRI Alliance responded to OSHA's RFI by stating that fall protection for steep-slope workers should always be the top safety priority, and OSHA should have an infeasibility exception for steep-slope tile roofing in the silica standard that allows for fall hazards.

INDUSTRY RESPONSE: HEAT EXPOSURE BILL

A House committee recently held a hearing on HR 3668, which requires OSHA to issue a standard to protect workers from heat-related injuries and illnesses. The Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) sent a letter to the committee highlighting major concerns, including:

- HR 3668 doesn't account for complex issues associated with heat exposure.
- Determining "excessive heat" depends upon individual risk factors.
- The bill requires OSHA to establish a standard that is no less protective than the most protective state, which would be virtually impossible to implement.



TRI Alliance signed this letter of concern.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

BORAL'S NEW COLORS

Boral Roofing has expanded its California, Texas and Southern Nevada concrete tile portfolio to include new colors that echo the natural beauty of those regions. Boral is keeping pace with current trends with this comprehensive new offering. Each tile color is paired with compatible body and accent color combinations so designers can envision a complete look.



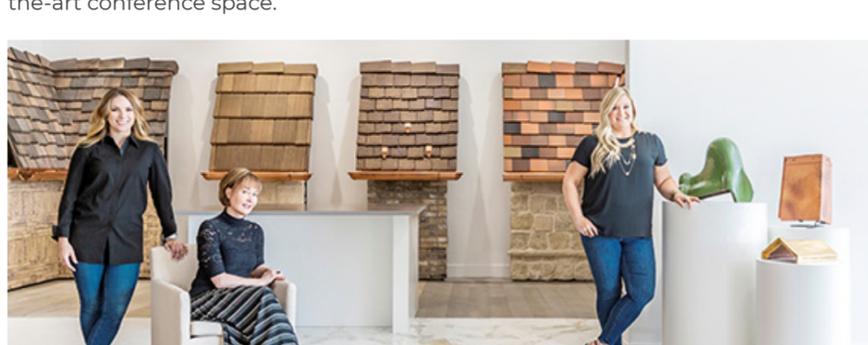
SRS ACQUIRES ROOFERS SUPPLY

In October, SRS Distribution Inc. acquired Roofers Supply, Inc., an independently owned roofing products distributor that serves professional contractors, local homebuilders, and remodelers at its six Utah branches. Dan Tinker, SRS president and CEO, commented, "Roofers Supply is one of the very few companies that can be truly transformational to the growth of SRS. We have long admired their people, passion and market position and couldn't be more excited to welcome them to the SRS family."



LUDOWICI'S NEW DESIGN CENTER

Ludowici opened its 9,000-square-foot flagship Design Center in Dallas this year, bringing together high-end, beautiful and sustainable building surface materials in a single location. The Design Center showcases over 50 large tile displays and 200 terra cotta color and texture options as well as dozens of partner products, including French & American Oak, limestone, and marble flooring vignettes, French Oak windows, exterior bricks and stone, and rustic wood beams. Industry professionals are invited to host trainings and meetings in the center's state-of-the-art conference space.



EAGLE ROOFING PRODUCTS

In October, Eagle Roofing Products marked a milestone anniversary by celebrating 30 years in business. Since its inception in 1989, the company has grown from one manufacturing plant in Southern California to a total of four plants nationwide meeting the demand for concrete roof tile across the United States and Canada. In addition, they have five design centers, one technical training center and an experienced workforce of over 700 employees. Eagle's long experience in the building and roofing industries, and dedication to manufacturing durable roofing solutions that are beautiful, long-lasting and environmentally friendly, has resulted in a well deserved reputation for quality and service.



GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL NEWS

TRI ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE & OTHERS

One of the first legislative issues TRI Alliance took on was changing the Residential Energy-Efficiency Tax Credit (IRC Sec. 25C) to cover all roofing products meeting Energy Star requirements. We succeeded when 25C and other tax incentives that are typically renewed each year (tax extenders) were renewed through the end of 2016. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 eliminated a number of tax extenders, but in 2018 Congress retroactively renewed others, including 25C, through 2017. With no congressional action since then, 25C expired on December 31, 2017. On June 20, legislation was approved that extends many tax extenders through 2020.

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (HR 2474) would allow personal information to be shared with unions without employee consent; eliminate the right to a secret ballot for union elections; change independent contractor criteria; mandate third-party arbitration for collective bargaining; and other related activities with wide-ranging implications. The House was expected to vote on the bill in mid-November at the earliest, and with 216 co-sponsors it will likely pass.

EEOC DEVELOPMENTS

Businesses that are required to file EEOC's EEO-1 form must provide the number of employees who work for the business by job category, race, ethnicity and sex (data now referred to as Component 1). EEO-1 was revised to add Component 2 data, which includes hours worked and pay information from employees' W-2 forms by race, ethnicity and sex. The Department of Justice has filed an appeal, but businesses will still need to provide Component 2 data for now.

WIND CODES UPDATE

The new ASCE-7-16 wind codes broaden the roof zones required for both hip and gable configurations. As the new codes move toward adoption next year, TRI Alliance is developing engineering analysis and updating codecompliant fastening tables to be inserted in our FRSA/TRI 6th edition and the main TRI installation guides currently under review. The ASCE-7 wind code committee is drafting updates for the 2021 code cycle in order to reduce some of the increases found in ASCE-7-16 and support our tile products moving forward.

PHOTO OP: TRI'S FLY-IN DELEGATION



Take a look at TRI Alliance's Washington fly-in delegation! The photo ran in May's Professional Roofing magazine, thanks to a tweet from Crown Roofing. The fly-in focused on encouraging members of the Senate Appropriations Committee to vote "no" on AB 660. AB 660 has since been pulled from the 2019 agenda.

For more information on the Tile Roofing Industry Alliance please visit our website at tileroofing.org or contact Rick Olson at (541) 954-4555.

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