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THE NRCA TECHNICAL BULLETIN PROGRAM

Throughout NRCA's existence, the Association has designed, funded and carried out a series of programs addressing a number of problem areas, which are, we feel, of critical importance to the roofing contractor. These programs encompass such areas as labor, legislation, safety and health, management, insurance, and technical developments.

It is of continuing concern to the NRCA staff that we do an imperfect job of communicating the existence and results of these programs to you, the contractor members, for all our programs are relatively meaningless unless you can understand and use them.

In an attempt to improve this situation within the Technical area, we intend to publish a series of Technical Bulletins. These bulletins will inform you of the technical programs and projects we are sponsoring, the results we have obtained from these programs and projects and the meaning of these results insofar as your business operations are concerned. Technical Bulletins will appear at regular intervals.

Future bulletins will deal with various technical items, problems, information, warnings, etc., as the results of our programs and projects are gathered, reviewed and compiled.

In order that you may realize the scope of NRCA's technical activities, some of our more important areas of involvement are listed below.

- Thermal Splitting of Roof Membranes
- Performance Evaluation of Roof Membranes
- Specification Compliance of Roofing Felts
- Creation of Repair/Reroofing Guidelines
- Establishment of EVT Specifications for Asphalt
- Creation of a Waterproofing Manual
- Comment on and Modification of Major Construction Specifications
- Review and Correction of Manufacturers' Catalogs
- Update of the *NRCA Roofing & Waterproofing Manual*
- Study of Polyurethane Blistering
- Development of a More Efficient Technical Information System
- Wind-Uplift Study and Testing Program
- Development of a Manual for the Application of Roof Membranes Over Steel Decks
- Study of the Performance of Non-Bituminous Systems

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These areas of activity are listed for your information primarily and in the hope that you will let us hear from you regarding which of these areas are important to you and which areas you would like to see covered in future Technical Bulletins. In particular, we would like you to comment on any areas which you feel are of vital importance and in which we have no existing program.

It is our sincere hope that these Technical Bulletins will:

Keep you better informed of our work in the technical areas of roofing

Give you a better opportunity to share in the latest developments in roofing technology

Give **us** a better chance to identify the technical problems which are of major concern to you.

Save these Technical Bulletins. Share your thoughts with us. Identify the industry's problem areas. In so doing, help us to help you.

