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CALL FOR COMMENTS: Proposed Green Seal™ Environmental Standard for Stains and Finishes, GS-47

Green Seal™ is developing a new environmental leadership standard for Stains and Finishes, GS-47. Green Seal is a non-profit organization established in 1989 devoted to working towards environmental sustainability through environmental standard-setting, product certification, and public education. The intent of Green Seal's standards is to reduce, to the extent technically and economically feasible, the environmental impacts associated with the manufacture, use, and disposal of products. Many stains and finishes have traditionally contained high levels of volatile organic solvents and other toxic chemicals that have been linked to poor indoor air quality and concerning health impacts. As a result, an environmental leadership standard could provide clarity on which products are environmental leaders and assist consumers and purchasers in their purchasing decision.

The Proposed Standard is now available for public review. Included on the project web site is the proposed standard and a background document that provides information on the items included in the proposed standard. The public review process is a key step to involve all stakeholders in the development of this standard. Green Seal welcomes comment from all interested parties. Green Seal is soliciting suggestions and comments on these proposed revisions from the diverse stakeholders, including producers, users, and general interest groups. For public review of its standards, Green Seal considers each written comment, conducts follow-up research as needed, and revises the proposed standard accordingly, with a written response to the comment or group of comments on the issue. In Green Seal's experience, the process of commenting, discussing issues, and resolving issues is most critical for the success of a standard. Green Seal, therefore, encourages all interested parties to provide substantive comments on the proposal.

The Proposed Standard is open for comment until August 15th 2008.

Comments will be submitted through an online forum system. To post comments on the on-line forum, one must register to use the forum. All users will be able to view all comments and the name of the commenter. Forum registration is open to all interested parties until the deadline. To register as a user and access the forum:

- Type in the following URL: <http://green-seal.org/standards>
- Register an account; for the username please use first initial and full last name (e.g., J Smith); select "GS-47 Stains, and Finishes"; include your organization (this will not be viewable by other users); review the disclaimer information; click Register.
- You should receive a welcome email within one business day.
- Then post your comments in the appropriate section of the standard

The proposed standard, the background document, and additional information on this project can be found at the project web site:

http://www.greenseal.org/certification/gs47_stains_clear_finishes.cfm

By participating in the process of setting environmental standards, you play an important role in our efforts to encourage the design, manufacture and use of environmentally responsible products and services. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,
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