Compliance Assistance Module
CAM 4
2014 WDO Rule Changes

Structural Pest Section

Georgia Department of Agriculture

Objective

This presentation will provide compliance assistance on the new requirements in the Wood Destroying Organism chapter.

WDO Rule Changes:

1. No treatment contracts
2. Wood Infestation Inspection Report
3. Termite bait record keeping requirements
4. Ventilation
5. Wood Boring Beetles treatment standards
6. Wood Destroying Fungi treatment standards
7. Waiver Form

No Treatment Contract Rule

Subterranean termite control warranty only contracts may not be issued in place of a pre-construction treatment for subterranean termite control. These contracts shall be limited to one and two family dwellings and townhomes. Every subterranean termite control contract for a control warranty only, without an initial treatment shall include:

(a) an initial inspection of the structure including a diagram consisting of a reasonable depiction of the structure(s), indicating the location of any visible active or previous infestation, date of inspection

(b) type of minimum adequate subterranean termite control treatment of the infestation(s) as defined in Rule 620-6-.04 that will be performed beginning with the first occurrence of termite activity

(c) an annual inspection of the structure

(d) a statement, in at least one-eighth (1/8) inch letters and blocked in with a heavy black line, that states "This contract provides for the inspection of the structure, future treatment of the structure and for the repair of damages caused by wood destroying organisms within the limits stated in this contract"

OFFICIAL GEORGIA WOOD INFESTATION INSPECTION REPORT

Company Name_____ License No._____

Address_____

Telephone No._____ Date of Issuance_____

Seller_____ Inspector_____

File No._____ Purchaser(s)_____

SCOPE OF INSPECTION

An inspection of the below listed structures(s) was performed by a qualified inspector employed by this firm to determine the presence or previous presence of an infestation of the listed organisms and is not intended to be a structural report. Neither is this a warranty as to absence of wood destroying organisms. **This report is subject to all conditions enumerated on the reverse side and is issued without warranty or guarantee except as provided in Rule 620-6-.03 of the Rules of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act or subject to any treatment guarantee specified below.**

Main Structure_____

Other Structure(s)_____

Address of Structure(s)_____

FINDINGS

Inspection Reveals Visible Evidence of:	Active Infestation YES	Active Infestation NO	Previous Infestation YES	Previous Infestation NO
Subterranean Termites	____	____	____	____
Powder Post Beetles	____	____	____	____
Wood Boring Beetle	____	____	____	____
Dry Wood Termites	____	____	____	____
Wood Decaying Fungus (Not Molds and Mildews)	____	____	____	____

Were any areas of the structure obstructed or inaccessible? ____YES____NO

If yes, list these areas (see Item 3 on reverse side of form)

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The following conditions conducive to infestation for wood destroying organisms were found at the time of inspection. The location of these conditions conducive to infestation are indicated on the attached diagram:

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Remarks/Additional Findings:

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NOTE: If visible evidence of active or previous infestation is reported it should be assumed that some degree of damage is present and a diagram indentifying the structure(s) inspected and showing the location of such evidence must be attached to this form. Evaluation of damage and any corrective action should be performed by a qualified inspector in the building trade approved by the purchaser and lending agency.

TREATMENT

The above described structure(s) was treated by this company as follows:

Organism	Treatment Date	Contract Expiration	Type Treatment (Chemical Barrier, Bait, Wood Treatment)
Subterranean Termites	_____	_____	_____
Powder Post Beetles	_____	_____	
Wood Boring Beetles	_____	_____	
Dry Wood Termites	_____	_____	
Wood Decaying Fungus	_____	_____	

The present treatment warranty(ies) is:

_____ Transferable to any subsequent owner of the property upon payment of a fee on or before expiration date.

_____ Not transferable to any subsequent owner of the property.

_____ The above structure(s) are not covered by a treatment contract with this company.

This structure has a current Official Waiver Form issued by this Company _____YES _____NO

If Yes, a copy must be attached as part of this report.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that neither I, nor the company has had or contemplates having any interest in the property involved, nor is acting in any association with any party to the transaction.

_____ _____

Signature of Designated Certified Operator Signature of Purchaser or Legal Representative Acknowledging Receipt of Report

Copies to: _____Purchaser _____Mortgagee _____Realtor _____Seller

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Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report

4. Reporting of Wood Destroying Fungi on this report is intended to cover only white rot, brown rot or water conducting fungi infestations which occur below the first floor level. This report does not cover the reporting of molds and mildews. Structural Pest Control companies are not responsible for inspecting for molds.

6. Regardless of whether any visible evidence of infestation by any of the listed Wood Destroying Organisms is found during inspection, if an infestation of one or more of these organisms from which apparent freedom was certified is found within 90 days of issuance of this report the property shall receive, free of charge, a minimum adequate treatment for control of the infestation consistent with Rules 620-6-.03(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d), of the Georgia Structural Pest Control Act. Any condition conducive to infestation as defined in item nine (9) below that is known to have existed at the time of inspection and was not reported and is found within ***one (1) year*** from the date of the report shall be corrected free of charge by the licensee.

New Ventilation Rule/Standard

1. The ventilation requirements is per Georgia Residential Building Code O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-20(9)(B)(i)(VI).

2. When does ventilation apply:
    a. Wood Boring Beetle treatment standards
    b. Wood Destroying Fungi treatment standards
    c. Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Reports

Termite Bait Record Keeping Requirements

The initial installation of a baiting system shall include a reasonable depiction of the structure noting the approximate locations of all bait or monitoring stations. This diagram shall be maintained for two (2) years past the expiration date of the contract.

In addition to all other record keeping requirements, each time there is an inspection or monitoring of a baiting system, the licensee shall record the following:

- (a) date of the inspection
- (b) results of the inspection for each station
- (c) notation of any stations that were not able to be monitored
- (d) notation of any additional stations that have been added

Wood Boring Beetle Treatment Standard

Minimum adequate treatment for control or prevention of wood boring beetles, including powder post beetles, wood borers and old house borers, shall include the application of a pesticide registered by EPA and/or the Georgia Department of Agriculture, in strict accordance with the product's registered directions for use. When infestation is located in a crawl space, treatment shall include the installation of a polyethylene or other water impervious vapor barrier to at least seventy (70) percent of the exposed soil surface in the enclosed space and **ensure that ventilation of the under-floor space between the bottom of the floor joists and earth meets the current requirements of the International Residential Building Code, the latest edition as adopted and amended by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.**

Wood Destroying Fungi Treatment Standards

Minimum adequate treatment for control or prevention of wood destroying fungi shall include the following:

- (a) When infestation is located in a crawl space, treatment shall include the installation of a polyethylene or other water impervious vapor barrier to at least seventy (70) percent of the exposed soil surface in the **enclosed space and provide ventilation alterations to the structure to be consistent with the requirements of the Residential Building Code, O.C.G.A. Section 8-2-20(9)(B)(i)(VI)**
- **(b) In addition to the above requirements, when an infestation of water conducting fungi is located in a crawl space, control measures shall include the following:**

  1. Cut the rhizomorphs and scrape visible fungal growth from the foundation walls

  2. Removal of all wooden contacts between buildings and inside crawl space soil, other than those wooden supports which have been treated with preservatives to a minimum preservative retention designed for ground contact. In no case shall the minimum clearance between wood and soil in a crawl space be less than eighteen (18) inches.

OFFICIAL WAIVER

of the Georgia Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS/AGENT - DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND SIGNED "CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES" IN THIS DOCUMENT. THESE "CONDITIONS" MUST BE CONSIDERED PART OF THIS DOCUMENT. YOU MUST RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND SUPPORTING GRAPH AT TIME OF SIGNING OR SERVICE.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE OFFICIAL WAIVER OF THE MINIMUM TREATMENT STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF SUBTERRANEAN TERMITES

1. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is intended to be used **ONLY** in situations where it is not possible or practical to meet the minimum treatment standards established by the Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission.
2. The Official Waiver of the Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites is not to be used to bypass the minimum treatment standards nor is it used to notify any agency of government that a termite treatment has been completed. For defined post construction soil treatments and preconstruction soil treatments, only items #1, 2 and 3 are applicable.
3. By signing this document the property owner/agent acknowledges that the property identified will not receive a complete minimum treatment. Signing this document does not affect the terms of any guarantee between the property owner and the pest control company.
4. Each "no" must be explained in detail in the area provided on this document as to specifically what areas of the structure do not meet the treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Additional space is provided below.
5. All sections of this document must be filled out completely. Failure to comply with this requirement or failure to provide the explanation required in "Condition #4" above will constitute a violation involving misuse of this form and may render it void.

Name of Company_____

Address of Company_____

Owner of Property_____

Inspector name and certification/registration number_____

Address of Structure Treated - Note: A separate Official Waiver is required for each individual structure. Reproductions of the Official Waiver for multiple structures is not acceptable.

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Phone Number of Property Owner/Agent_____

Indicate with a check mark those items that do NOT meet the minimum treatment standards.

SECTION ONE - TERMITE CONTROL

SOIL TREATMENTS - Note: For defined post construction soil treatments and Preconstruction soil treatments, only items # 1, 2 and 3 are applicable

Type of Treatment: Check One

_____Comprehensive post construction soil treatment

_____Defined post construction soil treatments

_____Pre-construction soil treatment

Date Job Completed_____ NO

1. All debris removed _____
2. Wooden contacts removed or insulated _____
3. Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater _____
4. Foundation adequately trenched/rodded and treated _____
5. Voids adequately drilled/treated _____
6. Earth filled porches adequately drilled/treated _____
7. Contiguous slabs adequately drilled/treated _____
8. Slabs at/above grade adequately drilled/treated _____
9. Monolithic slabs adequately treated _____
10. Termite tunnels removed _____

Non Soil Pesticide, Device, Bait or Baiting System - Note: All items pertain to both post-construction and pre-construction applications

Date Job Completed_____ NO

1. All debris removed _____
2. Wooden contacts removed _____
3. Crawl space clearance 18 inches or greater _____
4. Barrier or baiting system installed consistent with label directions _____ Not Applicable _____

Explain ***in detail*** what areas of the structure do not meet treatment standards and why it is not possible to meet these treatment standards. Also, attach a graph indicating the area(s) that were not treated to minimum standards. Failure to attach a graph and provide a ***detailed*** written explanation will void this document. Use other side if necessary._____

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Signature of Property Owner/Agent_____ Date_____

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Official Waiver

of the Georgia Minimum Treatment Standards for the Control of Subterranean Termites

Changes to Waiver are as follows:

1. Can only be used with termite treatments
2. “Yes” column has been removed
3. Ventilation removed
4. 18” clearance in crawl space added
5. Signature of Property Owner/Agent is only signature required
6. Copy must be left with Property Owner/Agent at time of signing

Fact Sheets

- Pesticide Use Records SPCS-14-02
- Wood Destroying Organisms Contract SPCS-14-04
- Under-Floor Space Ventilation SPCS-14-08
- Official Waiver SPCS-14-09
- Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report SPCS-14-10

Fact Sheets can be found at: www.agr.georgia.gov/spcc

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