



NEW ENGLAND KILN DRYING ASSOCIATION

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Our 2010 Spring Meeting of the *NEKDA* is being held at the

Best Western Sovereign Hotel in Keene, New Hampshire on Wednesday and Thursday ***April 7 and 8***

Your Board of Director's has put together an excellent meeting program with important and informative topics and opportunities for kiln operators and managers, along with an interesting tour of *Cersosimo Lumber Company* www.cersosimolumber.com. The *Best Western Sovereign* in Keene is conveniently located, about 30 minutes heading east of Brattleboro on Route 9, 401 Winchester Street, at the junction of Routes 12, 101 and 10 South. The hotel has great facilities for our meeting, and after our technical sessions you might want to enjoy their exercise facility and indoor heated pool. This is a nice hotel and we have obtained an excellent rate of only \$79.99/night, which includes a full hot breakfast in the morning. We suggest that you call and make your reservations promptly (603/357-3038). Be sure to tell them that you are with the NEKDA to receive our group rate. Further detail can be found by linking to the Keene Best Western through the www.bestwesternnewhampshire.com website. Look also to the NEKDA website, www.esf.edu/nekda for further information on our excellent technical program, plant tour, and meeting registration.

Please mail your preregistration form and check directly to Bill Smith promptly (to be received by April 1). Note the \$15 per person surcharge for late registration. Call 315/470-6832 or 6880 with questions; fax to 315/470-6879. Also, please note that tour participants are required to preregister.

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Wednesday April 7

Wednesday Plant Tour (on your own as you travel to the meeting, preregistration required)

Cersosimo Lumber Company,

1103 Vernon Street
Brattleboro, VT Tour at 10:30 am

Cersosimo Lumber Company saws and kiln dries high quality hardwood lumber. Our tour of their operation will include the hardwood sawmill, new cross-flow predryer, pine planer mill, state-of-the-art grading line, kilns, and wood-fired boiler system. Tour participants should bring their own hardhats and safety glasses and wear appropriate footwear. From I-91 take exit 1; coming from the south bear to the right, from the north bear to the left - then drive ~ 2½ miles to the bottom of the hill, turning to the right on Route 142 for ~ 2 miles. Look for the mill on the west side of the road.

at the Best Western

1:15 - 1:45 **REGISTRATION and Lunch** (in the meeting room)

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS, Peter Garrahan, NEKDA President (*FPInnovations*, Ottawa, ON)

1:45 - 2:15 **Internet Tools which can Assist Lumber Drying**

Bob Pope, *USNR*, Montpelier, VT

2:15 - 5:00 ***"KILN OPERATOR'S CLINIC"*** - led by Bill Smith and Pete Garrahan. Informal and practical instruction and discussion on such things as the basics of kiln operation, maintenance, stacking, DH, conventional, and high-temperature drying, stain and discoloration, scheduling, changing species, wood-moisture fundamentals, kiln loading and baffling, moisture meters, restarting kilns, drying degrade, etc. Bring your individual problems, questions, and solutions! Please note any particular interests for discussion at the clinic on your registration form.

3:15 - 3:30 REFRESHMENT BREAK

5:00 - 6:00 STRESS RELIEF

6:00 - 7:30 BANQUET

Jim Catterick and Bill Rice Industrial Award presentations

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Thursday April 8

at the Crowne Plaza

7:00 - 7:45 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7:45 - 7:55 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

7:55 - 8:05 WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Peter Garrahan, NEKDA President (*FPInnovations*, Ottawa, ON)

Moderator: Jason Ayer, NEKDA 1st Vice President (Cersosimo / Hardwick Kilns)

8:05 - 8:50 ***APHIS and Phytosanitary Aspects of Lumber and Wood Processing***
Scott Myers, *USDA APHIS*, Buzzards Bay, MA

8:50 - 9:30 ***Kiln Drying Practices and Procedures for White Woods***
Tom Graber, *Baillie Lumber*, Smyrna, NY and Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

9:30 - 10:15 **Implementation of APHIS Rules and Procedures**
Scott Myers, *USDA APHIS*, Buzzards Bay, MA

10:15 - 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

Moderator: Wayne Cate, NEKDA 2nd Vice President (H.G. Wood Industries)

10:30 - 11:15 **Operating Wood-Fired Boilers at Varying Loads- Issues and Solutions**
Francis Nichols, *Technical Services*, Claremont, NH

11:15 - 11:50 **Dry Kiln Management is Integral to the Lumber Production Team**
Scott Ferland, *Cersosimo Lumber*, Brattleboro, VT

11:50 - 12:30 **Drying Stress and How to Deal with It**
Bill Smith, *SUNY ESF*, Syracuse, NY

12:30 - 1:15 **Luncheon Buffet**

☺ → In these tough economic times it is important to remember that -

Wood is the premier material for manufacturing, building and construction. It is renewable, and produced from a sustainable natural resource. It is strong, lightweight, economical, long lasting and attractive, and is made into countless products desired by society. It is also best used when it has been properly and effectively kiln dried.

Because sustained profitability and competitive advantage in the marketplace is most assured by quality kiln drying, we encourage you to participate in NEKDA meetings. The NEKDA Officers and Board of Directors look forward to seeing you in Lake Placid! www.esf.edu/nekda