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FACTS ABOUT SSPC TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

WHAT DO THEY DO?

SSPC Technical Committees develop standards, guides, technology updates, and qualification procedures for the protective coatings industry in accordance with a consensus review process approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). SSPC Technical Committees have developed and are responsible for maintaining documents in SSPC's Vol. 2 "Systems and Specifications."

SSPC standards and guides are routinely cited in coating specifications and manufacturers' product data sheets (PDS); therefore having a direct impact on job site practices and outcomes. That's how important these documents are to our industry.



HOW DO THEY WORK?

Many committees hold in-person meetings at SSPC's annual conference; however, most committee work these days is accomplished via a "cloud" workspace and by committee conference calls and virtual meetings. If you want to make a difference in the industry, and have a smartphone, laptop, or tablet, you will easily be able to participate. Travel is NOT required to participate on a Technical Committee.



HOW WILL I BENEFIT FROM PARTICIPATING?

- **OWNER/SPECIFIERS:** If you create project specifications for maintaining public or private facilities, your project specifications probably reference standards. Participation in SSPC Technical Committees ensures facility owners have the chance to review and revise the content of standards they use, including SSPC performance standards for materials, application procedures, and qualifying coating and lining contractors. Participating in SSPC Technical Committees will help to improve the quality of your specifications and, in turn, enhance the performance of coating materials applied to protect your valuable assets.
- **CONTRACTORS:** You will have the opportunity to review qualification procedures for contractors so that your customers know they are purchasing a quality service. You can review and influence the development of SSPC standards and guides for coating application and surface preparation that will affect your daily operations.
- **SUPPLIERS:** You can ensure that standards and guides reflect the latest in technology, equipment and materials used for surface preparation, coating application, and inspection. Participating in standards development allows your voice to be heard in creating standards used on coating projects throughout the world.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?

Depending on the number of committees you join and your level of involvement, you would typically need about two hours each month for each committee. The return on your two-hour per month investment is dramatic. You help shape "the standard" for all who participate in coating projects.



WHAT COMMITTEES CAN I JOIN NOW?

A list of committees accepting voting members is posted at:

www.sspc.org/standards/standards_techcommittee_forming/ and is updated monthly. If you don't see a committee project that interests your company right away, you can request to be added to an Interest Category to receive announcements of new committee projects starting within that category, and to have the option to participate in a particular project.

The Interest Categories are:

- Coating Materials
- Surface Preparation
- Application, Inspection, and Quality Control
- Coatings for Cementitious Substrates
- Commercial/Architectural Coatings

HOW DO I REQUEST DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARD?

Any member of SSPC can propose development of a new standard or other consensus document. You'll need to complete a proposal form that explains why you think the standard is needed; how it will benefit the industry; who will use it; and what it will include in terms of a scope. You'll also need to identify five other SSPC members who are willing to support the development of the standard. A proposal form for new standards is available at www.sspc.org/media/documents/Technical_Committee_Documents/newstan.pdf – Proposals For New Standards.

HOW DO I JOIN A COMMITTEE?

SSPC Technical Committees are formed as new standards development or revision projects are initiated. You may join a committee by contacting Aimée Beggs at 877.281.7772 x 2223 or email beggs@sspc.org directly to discuss membership in a specific committee.

EXAMPLES OF SSPC COMMITTEES

C.1.3.C, Epoxy Polyamide Coatings: The committee will revise SSPC-Paint 42 and develop a performance-based standard for an epoxy polyamide/polyamidoamine topcoat.

C.3.8, Revision of SSPC-QS 1: The committee will review and update SSPC-QS 1, Standard Procedure for Evaluating a Contractor's Advanced Quality Management System.

C.5.3.B, Revision of SSPC-Guide 7: The committee will review and update SSPC-Guide 7, Guide to the Disposal of Lead-Contaminated Surface Preparation Debris.

C.7.5, Texture of Concrete Floor Coatings: The committee will develop a classification scheme and standard for texture of floor coatings.

C.8.2 Commercial Coating Materials: The committee is developing a performance standard for elastomeric exterior waterborne high-build coatings.





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