

9510000 INSPECTION OF TIMBER PRODUCTS
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Thanks for your help with my question, as it relates to the “Proposed” Specification Change (Section 951 - Inspection of Timber Products).

Within this proposed change, and the existing language, the “producer” must meet the requirements of Section 105. I would like to get clarification on the Departments’ definition of a “producer”. Does a “producer” mean a sawmill that manufactures dimension lumber from a harvested tree; or does a “producer” mean a logger who is harvesting a tree from the stump in the woods?

Response: From a materials perspective, we do not consider the logging company a producer. Just the same, we don’t consider the polymer company supplying the plastic that is used to make a sign sheeting materials a producer. Another example is that we do not consider the mine where iron ore is extracted from the Earth a producer. Only the manufacturing facility that supplies steel *to a Department Contractor is considered a producer.*

For Department purposed, the Materials Manual (MM) provides the following definitions for “Producer:

The Preface to the MM, page P-v):

Producer - Any business or individual seeking to supply material to the Department or Contractors of the Department. The person or persons responsible for the fabrication of metal or plastic products.

Additionally, MM Section 7.1 Inspection of Timber Products (7.1.5(B), page 7-1-2) provides the following definition:

Producer/Treater: The firm responsible for the appropriate treatment of timber products.
