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**AWC: NSR Emission Accounting guidelines
a win for business and environment**

WASHINGTON – [American Wood Council](http://www.americanwoodcouncil.org) (AWC) President & CEO Robert Glowinski issued the following statement regarding the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) policy memo on New Source Review (NSR) project emission accounting.

“EPA’s implementation of NSR emissions accounting procedures had become so complex and distorted that a project’s **emissions reductions** were often not taken into account until **after** significant additional analyses, costs and delays. It’s just common sense, and we appreciate that EPA has now clarified, that both emissions reductions and additions will be considered at the same time in the permitting process.

“Under the former process, for example, one of our wood products facilities was making changes to reduce energy consumption as well as comply with Boiler MACT requirements. Because of the arcane and unnecessary permitting steps, the project was delayed approximately five months, resulting in **increased** emissions over that time.

“AWC thanks EPA for beginning to reform the burdensome NSR review process and procedures. This is a winning proposal for both business and the environment.”

Note: Paul Noe, Vice President for Public Policy for AWC, recently testified before Congress on reforms to the emission accounting process, and the full text of his testimony can be found [here](#).

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The **American Wood Council (AWC)** is the voice of North American wood products manufacturing, an industry that provides approximately 400,000 men and women in the United States with family-wage jobs. AWC represents 86 percent of the structural wood products industry, and members make products

that are essential to everyday life from a renewable resource that absorbs and sequesters carbon. Staff experts develop state-of-the-art engineering data, technology, and standards for wood products to assure their safe and efficient design, as well as provide information on wood design, green building, and environmental regulations. AWC also advocates for balanced government policies that affect wood products.

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