

American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association

Proposed Letter Ballot 07-21-06

1. **Committee and Subcommittee:** Committee 7, Timber Structures; Subcommittee 3, Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Timber Structures.
2. **Letter Ballot Number:** 07-21-06
3. **Assignment:** C3-1-14: Review and update Parts 4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 7
4. **Ballot Item:** Revise Section 4.2 Storage of Material
5. **Rationale:** This ballot is part of subcommittee review and reaffirmation of Chapter 7. Reference to high-water risk is moved from untreated timber to the first sentence as the risk applies to all products. Wording in reference to site cleanliness and reducing fire risk is reworded. The manner in which materials are stored is reworded and additional detail is added in reference to recommended practice for engineered wood products. Recommended practice for handling hardware is reworded to be more inclusive.
6. **Vote:** Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain _____
*Note: If you have a conflict of interest on the topic being considered, you must mark the ballot "Abstain."
7. **Comments:** Comments must be provided when voting to disapprove or abstain. Use additional space on back or attach sheet as necessary.

8. **Voting Deadline:** Please vote ONLINE. If you are unable to vote online, please e-mail your ballot to Stephanie Swanson at stephanie.swanson@bnsf.com. The deadline to vote is **December 23, 2021**.
9. **Signature:** I have read the regulations Governing AREMA Technical Committees and have complied with all its requirements.

Signed: _____ Name (Please Print): _____

Date: _____ E-mail (if changed): _____

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Proposed changes as follows:

Deleted text noted by striketrough.

Added text shown by underline.

Revise Section 4.2 Storage of Material as follows:

SECTION 4.2 STORAGE OF MATERIAL

- a. Materials should be stored at the site in a neat manner at proper clearance to operated tracks: and above possible high water.
- b. Care should be exercised to prevent fires in material held in storage. The ground underneath and in the vicinity of piling and stored timber should be sealed and cleared of all weeds, rubbish and combustible material. Vegetation and trash should be removed from around the storage area.
- c. Treated Stored timber should be close stacked off the ground in a manner that will prevent long timbers or preframed material from sagging, bowing or warping, or becoming crooked. Engineered wood products should be stored in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
- d. Untreated timber should be open-stacked at least one foot above the ground. and above possible high water. It should be piled stacked in a manner to shed water and to prevent warping damage. When required, it shall should be protected from the weather by suitable covering.
- e. Piling should be stacked stored in a manner to prevent bending.
- f. Uncoated hHardware received at the job site should be protected from corrosion by storing weather and stored under cover: or in water-resistant containers.