



# INDUSTRY ADVISORY

## Use of the National Pest Management Association's Wood Destroying Insect Inspection Form (Form NPMA-33) in California

This advisory provides guidance regarding the use of the National Pest Management Association's (NPMA) Wood Destroying Insect Inspection Form (Form NPMA-33) by registered Branch 3 companies in California.

### **BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires a Wood Destroying Insect (WDI) inspection be conducted for all HUD/Veteran Affairs guaranteed property transactions and a WDI Inspection Form, NPMA-33 be issued to report inspection findings. However, the NPMA also issued [Suggested Guidelines for Completing the Wood Destroying Insect Inspection Report - NPMA-33 Version 1.4 07/2021](#). Per the suggested guidelines, any state (including California) that has prescribed procedures for inspections that requires the use of a state approved form, must comply with the state mandated form. The NPMA-33 does not preempt state requirements for inspection practices and reporting.

### **CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS**

Per Business and Professions Code section 8516 (b), a registered company or licensee shall not commence work on a contract, or sign, issue, or deliver any documents expressing an opinion or statement relating to the absence or presence of wood destroying pests or organisms until an inspection has been made by a licensed Branch 3 Field Representative or Operator employed by a registered company. A written inspection report conforming to the SPCB Act is required to be issued on a form prescribed by the SPCB. This form is prescribed in California Code of Regulations Title 16, section 1996 – Form No. 43M-41, "Wood Destroying Pests and Organisms Inspection Report." California State law does not recognize the use of Form NPMA-33 in lieu of the required Form 43M-41. However, no law or regulation in the SPCB Act prohibits the issuance of the NPMA-33 Form in addition to the required Form 43M-41 and all other SPCB Act requirements.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about this advisory, please contact the SPCB at (916) 561-8708.