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Memorandum

To: All Electric Utility Executives

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From: Scott Ramminger, President, AWPI

### PUBLISHER OF "POISON POLES" REPORT IS SURVEYING UTILITIES ABOUT THEIR USE OF PRESERVED WOOD POLES

It has recently come to the attention of the American Wood Preservers Institute that the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP) is surveying utilities around the country on their use of poles treated with creosote, penta, and CCA – as well as their use of poles made of alternative materials such as concrete and steel. The survey includes a wide range of questions about usage and disposal practices.

NCAMP released the extremely biased and inaccurate "Poison Poles" report to the media several years ago. NCAMP has also testified against the industry at hearings on the use and safety of preserved wood.

Cooperating with this survey is not in the best interests of utilities. NCAMP is extremely biased against the use of preserved wood and will use the survey results to support their arguments against wood poles.

I have attached a copy of the survey for your review. If you have questions, please contact me or another member of the AWPI staff.