



Heads Up

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To: ANAB-Accredited and Applicant CBs and Accreditation Assessors

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Re: New SFI 2010-2014 Standard

In December 2009, Rick Cantrell, Vice President and COO of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc., announced the new SFI 2010-2014 Standard to all certification bodies accredited to offer SFI certification.

SFI 2010-2014 is the outcome of an 18-month public review process. A PDF version of the standard containing all of the 2010-2014 program requirements, with unique sections for the standard, rules for label use, procedures, guidance and more is posted on the SFI Web site at www.sfiprogram.org/files/pdf/sfi_requirements_2010-2014.pdf.

According to Cantrell, "This makes the materials easier to use, and also allows us to accommodate a new module process to address emerging issues and new opportunities that may arise before the next standard review."

SFI has scheduled three Webinars to discuss the new standard from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST on Jan. 14, Feb. 18 and March 18. They are open to anyone interested in learning more about SFI 2010-2014 and will differ only in the question-and-answer period. To register online, visit www.sfiprogram.org/SFI-webinars/index.php.

SFI, SCC, and ANAB have agreed to the following additional requirements relating to the transition of accredited certification to the revised standard:

1. All SFI 2005-2009 Standard certificates expire December 31, 2011.
2. Issuance of SFI 2010-2014 Standard certificates may be based on surveillance audit findings but must include assessment of conformance with all relevant elements of the SFI 2010-2014 Standard. The expiration date of new certificates issued based on surveillance audits is to be the earlier of December 31, 2012, or five years after the issuance of the most recent SFI 2005-2009 Standard certificate, at which point a re-certification would be required.