

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING:

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

Based upon the presumption that:

A Field Representative (FR) or Operator (OPR), holding a current and active Branch 3 license, employed by a Branch 3 company properly registered with the Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB) has inspected a property and issued a Wood Destroying Pests and Organisms Inspection Report (WDO Report, form 43M-41, rev. 04/2015) in accordance with the SPCB Act.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

**Q: Is a Branch 3 company required to complete the NPMA-33 form?**

A: No. The SPCB Act does not require a Branch 3 company to fill out the NPMA-33 form. The WDO Report (form 43M-41) supersedes the NPMA-33 form in California and is the official form required for reporting the findings of a Wood Destroying Pest and Organism (WDO) inspection.

**Q: Can a Branch 3 company complete a NPMA-33 form?**

A: Yes. If a WDO inspection is conducted on a property and a WDO Report (form 43M-41) is provided, the Branch 3 inspector may complete the NPMA-33 form; however, it must be provided as an attachment to the WDO Report (form 43M-41).

The NPMA-33 form can only be completed after a WDO inspection is performed and the WDO Report (form 43M-41) is completed. Both the WDO Report (form 43M-41) and the NPMA-33 form may be provided to the person who ordered the inspection, the property owner, and/or any interested party. A Branch 3 company cannot inspect and provide the NPMA-33 form in California without the WDO Report (form 43M-41) as an attachment. A Branch 3 company cannot use another Branch 3 company's WDO Report to fill out the NPMA-33 form. A WDO inspection must be conducted and a WDO Report (form 43M-41) generated by the same licensee(s) providing the NPMA-33 form.

**Q: I provided a copy of both the WDO Report (form 43M-41) and the NPMA-33 form, to the person who ordered the inspection, and later learned the person's designated agent (e.g., Real Estate Agent) only submitted the NPMA-33 form to the lender. Is this a violation of the SPCB Act?**

A: No, provided that the Branch 3 company that conducted the WDO inspection completed the WDO Report (form 43M-41) and provided it to the person who ordered the inspection, the property owner, and/or any interested party, and filed the required WDO activities in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 8516.

**Q: The NPMA-33 form has an attachment entitled "Wood Destroying Organism Attachment". Can the use of the NPMA-33 form with the "Wood Destroying Organism Attachment" be used in lieu of the WDO Report (form 43M-41)?**

A: No. The NPMA-33 form with "Wood Destroying Organism Attachment" does not supersede the WDO Report (form 43M-41).