

QUESTION

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What disqualifies an FSC certified wood material from contributing to the accumulated value of MRc7?

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There are several factors that can be obstacles. The main ones are:

-FSC and NON-FSC materials combined on the same assembly like a door or cabinet. In order for the door, cabinet or any assembly that is fabricated with more than one wood material to contribute value to LEED v3 2009 MRc7, each wood material must have a complete FSC COC itself first. This is the main disqualifier.

Additionally,

-Only NEW wood can be counted towards the value of MRc7. That means any core material or other component that contains recycled wood fiber, or reclaimed wood fiber does not contribute to MRc7 whether FSC Certified or not.

-Upstream FSC Chain of Custody must be complete before it reaches the woodworking company. Often a material is FSC Certified where it's manufactured but, as soon as it leaves the factory, the material must also have a complete Chain of Custody all the way through each point of it's distribution as well.

-Woodworking company must also be FSC Certified. Anyone who takes legal custody of FSC material and modifies its form or it's packaging must be part of the FSC Chain of Custody as well.

For more information on on this topic, sign up your firm for a one hour course on using wood in a LEED project hosted by Phil Vetterkind of sbs and Margaret Fisher of Lange Bros. Woodwork Co., Inc.

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