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This report covers the third annual evaluation of the full length crossties exposed as part of the MSU/RTA alternative preservative study. A visual evaluation of the exposed top surface was conducted for all ties at both exposure sites. A random tie from various treatment groups, at both sites, was selected to be examined on all four surfaces.

General Observations:

No unexpected results were found. As noted in previous reports, checking and/or splitting appeared worse at Site 2 probably due to more direct sunlight exposure and ties at Site 1 appeared to be more moist/wet due to the increased shade and leaf litter at this site.

General photographs documenting the condition of the sites and some of the noted biological problems can be seen below (Figures 1 - 12). The tie number denotes the position of exposure as recorded on the plot-maps. Copies of the inspection forms can be found in the appendix.



Figure 1 - An overall view of exposure Site 2 illustrating the conditions at the time of inspection.



Figure 2 - A general photograph demonstrating the exposure conditions at Site 1 at the time of inspection.

Site 1 - Dorman Lake Test Site



Figure 3 - Tie #9 showing decay.



Figure 4 - Tie #53 with signs of decay and termite activity.



Figure 5 - Tie #147 (white oak/untreated) showing signs of obvious decay.



Figure 6 - Tie #161 with noticeable checking.



Figure 7 - Tie #321 (white oak/untreated) with extensive decay found at the time of inspection.

Site 2 – Formosan Termite Research Facility



Figure 8 - Tie #4 (Turada) with light decay.



Figure 9 - Tie #44 Very clean and no signs of problems at time of inspection.



Figure 10 - #169 active decay at time of inspection.



Figure 11 - #83 showing signs of decay upon inspection of lower face.



Figure 12 - #253 with signs of decay and slight termite damage visible at the time of inspection.

APPENDIX:

Plot Map RTA Ties (Dorman - installed 4-08)

Position Row 1 runs North - South (Eastern most row)

		June-11		Decay	Termite	Decay	Termite	Comments
1	wo-2	Cedar	9	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
2	wo-3		9	10				
3	wo-4		9	10				
4	wo-5		10	10			split	
5	wo-7		10	10				
6	wo-6		10	10				
7	wo-1		9	10				
8	wo-10		9	10				
9	wo-8		10	10				
10	wo-9		10	10				
11	wo-21		8	9			live termites/DK top&bottom	
12	ro-18		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
13	ro-19		10	10				
14	ro-20		10	10				
15	ro-7		10	10				
16	ro-6		10	10				
17	ro-5		10	10			alligator	
18	ro-21		10	10				
19	ro-4		10	10				
20	ro-3		10	10				
21	ro-2		10	10				
22	ro-1		10	10				
23	5	Turada	9	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
24	6		10	10				
25	7		10	10				
26	4		10	10				
27	2		10	10				
28	9		10	10				
29	8		10	10				
30	10		10	10				
31	1		10	10				
32	3		10	10				
33	SROBC-7	Seaman	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
34	SROBC-7		10	10				
35	SROBC-7		10	10				
36	SROBC-7		10	10				
37	SROBC-7		10	10				
38	SROBC-7		10	10			check	
39	SROBC-7		10	10				
40	SROBC-5		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
41	SROBC-7		10	10				
42	SWOCEF		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
43	SWOCEF		10	10				
44	SWOCEF		10	10				
45	SWOCEF		10	10				

46	SWOCEF	10	10				
47	SWOCEF	10	10				
48	SWOCEF	10	10				
49	SWOCEF	10	10				
50	SWOCEF	10	10				
51	SROC-7	8	9	x	x	Cut 5/10	
52	SWOC-5	9	9	x	x	Cut 5/10	
53	SROBC-5	7	9				
54	SWOBCREF	10	10				
55	SWOBCREF	10	10				
56	SWOBCREF	10	10				
57	SWOBCREF	10	10				
58	SWOBCREF	10	10				
59	SWOBCREF	10	10				
60	SWOBCREF	10	10				
61	SWOBCREF	10	10			check	
62	SROC5	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
63	SROC5	10	10				
64	SROC5	10	10				
65	SROC5	10	10				
66	SROC5	10	10				
67	SROC5	10	10				
68	SROC5	10	10				
69	SROC5	10	10				
70	SROC5	10	10				
71	SROBC5	10	10				
72	SROBC5	10	10				
73	SROBC5	10	10				
74	SROBC5	10	10				
75	SWOBCREF	10	10				
76	SWOCREF	10	10				
77	SROC5	10	10				
78	SROBC5	10	10				
79	SROBC5	10	10				
80	SROBC5	10	10				
81	SROBC5	10	10				
82	SWOBCREF	10	10				
83	SROBC5	10	10				
84	SROBC5	10	10				
85	wo-136	Lonza	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
86	wo-130		10	10			
87	wo-129		10	10			
88	wo-121		10	10			
89	wo-127		10	10			
90	wo-124		10	10			
91	wo-128		10	10			
92	wo-122		10	10			
93	wo-123		10	10			
94	wo-125		10	10			

95	ro-105	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
96	ro-104	10	10				
97	ro-103	10	10				
98	ro-102	10	10				
99	ro-110	10	10				
100	ro-107	10	10				
101	ro-106	10	10				
102	ro-109	10	10				
103	ro-101	10	10				
104	ro-108	10	10				
105	wo-135	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
106	wo-134	10	10				
107	wo-138	10	10				
108	wo-139	10	10				
109	wo-137	10	10				
110	wo-132	10	10				
111	wo-136	9	10				
112	wo-140	10	10				
113	wo-133	10	10				
114	wo-131	9	10				
115	ro-182	9	10				
116	wo-181	9	10				
117	ro-114	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
118	ro-120	10	10				
119	ro-117	10	10				
120	ro-112	10	10				
121	ro-113	10	10				
122	ro-115	10	10			check	
123	ro-119	10	10				
124	ro-116	10	10				
125	ro-111	10	10				
126	ro-118	10	10				
127	P3RO7-39	KMG	10	10			
128	P3RO7-36		10	10			
129	P3RO7-37		10	10			
130	P3RO7-38		10	10			
131	P3RO7-23		10	10			
132	P3RO7-40		10	10			
133	P3RO7-26		10	10			
134	P3RO7-42		10	10			
135	P3RO7-35		10	10			
136	P3RO7-41		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
137	P3WO7-5		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
138	P3WO7-4		10	10			
139	P3WO7-6		10	10			
140	P3WO7-7		10	10			
141	P3WO7-11		10	10			
142	P3WO7-17		10	10			
143	P3WO7-20		10	10			

144	P3WO7-2		10	10				
145	P3WO7-8		10	10				
146	P3WO7-3		10	10				
147	Woctrl-21		8	9			live termites	
148	Roctrl-43		10	10				
149	WO122	Nisus	10	10				
150	WO14		10	10				
151	WO128		10	10			check	
152	WO61		10	10				
153	WO5		10	10				
154	WO1		10	10			check	
155	WO71		10	10			check	
156	WO98		10	10				
157	WO139		10	10			check	
158	WO135		10	10			check	
159	WO144		10	10				
160	WO126		10	10			check	
161	WO131		10	10			check	
162	WO138		10	10			split	
163	WO130		10	10				
164	WO125		10	10				
165	WO29		10	10				
166	WO52		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
167	WO137		10	10				
168	WO134		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
169	WO44ctrl		9	10			fruiting body	
170	WO94ctrl		9	10				
171	RO6ctrl		9	10				

172	RO-51ctrl	10	10				
173	RO21	10	10				
174	RO22	10	10				
175	RO15	10	10			check	
176	RO62	10	10				
177	RO46	10	10				
178	RO2	10	10				
179	RO24	10	10				
180	RO20	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
181	RO37	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
182	RO31	10	10				
183	RO59	10	10				
184	RO89	10	10				
185	RO13	10	10				
186	RO58	10	10				
187	RO57	10	10				
188	RO12	10	10				
189	RO56	10	10				
190	RO25	10	10				
191	RO43	10	10				
192	RO10	10	10				
193	RO54	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
194	RO38	10	10				
195	RO45	10	10				
196	RO16	10	10				
197	RO72	10	10				
198	RO77	10	10				
199	RO40	10	10				
200	RO55	10	10				
201	RO18	10	10				
202	RO3	10	10				
203	WO49	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10	
204	WO121	10	10				
205	WO68	10	10				
206	WO11	10	10				
207	WO65	10	10				
208	WO92	10	10				
209	WO60	9	10				
210	WO47	10	10				
211	WO90	10	10				
212	WO69	10	10				
213	MRO8	Merichen	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
214	MRO8		10	10			
215	MROB8		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
216	MROB8		10	10			
217	MROB8		10	10			
218	MROB8		10	10			
219	MROB8		10	10			check
220	MROB8		10	10			

221	MROB8	9	10			
222	MROB8	10	10			
223	MROB8	10	10			
224	MWO8ctrl	7	10			
225	MWO8ctrl	10	10			
226	MRO8ctrl	10	10			
227	MRO8	10	10			
228	MRO8	10	10			
229	MRO8	10	10			
230	MRO8	10	10			
231	MRO8	10	10			
232	MRO8	10	10			
233	MRO8	10	10			
234	MRO8	10	10			
235	MWOB8	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
236	MWOB8	10	10			
237	MWOB8	10	10			
238	MWOB8	10	10			
239	MWOB8	10	10			
240	MWOB8	10	10			
241	MWOB8	10	10			
242	MWOB8	10	10			
243	MWOB8	10	10			
244	MWOB8	10	10			

Row 2 runs North - South (West row)

June-11

		Decay	Termite	Decay	Termite	Comments
245	6	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
246	14	10	10			
247	79	10	10			
248	73	10	10			
249	75	10	10			
250	?	10	10			
251	80	10	10			
252	?	10	10			
253	62	10	10			
254	82	10	10			
255	68	10	10			
256	74	10	10			
257	37	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
258	26	10	10			
259	53	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
260	59	10	10			
261	52	10	10			
262	48	10	10			
263	45	10	10			
264	67	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
265	51?	10	10			

266	?		10	10			
267	88		10	10			
268	46		10	10			
269	12		10	10			
270	20		10	10			
271	31		10	10			
272	17		10	10			
273	4		10	10			
274	10?		10	10			
275	16		10	10			
276	5		10	10			
277	27		10	10			
278	36		10	10			
279	24		10	10			
280	?		10	10			
281	22		10	10			
282	39		10	10			
283	25		10	10			
284	?		10	10			
285	WO30	Enviro	10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
286	RO6		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10
287	RO7		10	10			
288	RO8		10	10			
289	RO9		10	10			
290	RO1		10	10			check
291	RO2		10	10			
292	RO3		10	10			check
293	RO4		10	10			
294	RO5		10	10			
295	RO10		10	10			
296	6	BioP	10	10			
297	1		10	10			
298	7		10	10			
299	8		10	10			
300	9		10	10			
301	10		10	10			
302	2		10	10			
303	3		10	10			
304	4		10	10			
305	5		10	10			
306	12		10	10			control?
307	9469		10	10			
308	9459		10	10			
309	9460		10	10			
310	9471		10	10			
311	9472		10	10			
312	9470		10	10			
313	9464		10	10			
314	11		9	10			control?

315	9468		10	10			
316	9466		10	10			
317	9467		10	10			
318	roctrl	Enviro	10	10			
319	roctrl		10	10			
320	woctrl		8	10			
321	woctrl		7	9			fruiting body
322	WO22		10	10			
323	WO23		10	10			
324	WO24		10	10			
325	WO25		10	10			
326	WO27		10	10			
327	WO28		10	10			
328	WO29		10	10			
329	WO21		10	10			
330	WO26		10	10			
331	MWO8	Meri	10	10			
332	MWO8		10	10			
333	MWO8		10	10			check
334	MWO8		10	10			
335	MWO8		10	10			
336	MWO8		10	10			
337	MWO8		10	10			
338	MWO8		10	10			
339	MWO8		10	10			
340	MWO8		10	10			
341	MWO8		10	10	x	x	Cut 5/10/heart rot

Plot Map RTA Ties (McNeill)

Position Row 1 runs East - West (Northern most row)

		Mar. 11					
		Decay	Termite	Decay	Termite	Comments	
Turada	1	1	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10_____
	2	2	10	10			_____
	3	3	10	10			_____
	4	4	10	10			_____
	5	5	10	10			_____
	6	6	10	10			_____
	7	7	10	10			_____
	8	8	9	10			DK present upon delivery_____
	9	9	10	10			_____
	10	10	9	10			DK present upon delivery_____
Envirosaf	11	11RO	10	10			pic 09_____
	12	15RO	10	10			_____
	13	14RO	10	10			large check_____
	14	13RO	10	10			large check_____
	15	12RO	10	10			_____
	16	20RO	10	10			_____
	17	19RO	10	10			_____
	18	18RO	10	10			_____
	19	17RO	10	10			_____
	20	16RO	x	x	x	x	large check/cut 4/10_____
21	35WO	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10_____	
22	34WO	10	10			_____	
23	33WO	10	10			_____	
24	32WO	10	10			_____	
25	31WO	10	10			_____	
26	40WO	10	10			_____	
27	39WO	10	10			_____	
28	38WO	10	10			_____	
29	37WO	10	10			_____	
30	36WO	10	10			large check_____	
Seaman	31	SROC5	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10_____
	32	SROC5	10	10			_____
	33	SROC5	10	10			_____
	34	SROC5	10	10			pic 09/large check_____
	35	SROC5	10	10			_____
	36	SROC5	10	10			_____
	37	SROC5	10	10			_____
	38	SROC5	10	10			_____
	39	SROC5	10	10			large check_____
	40	SROC5	10	10			_____
	41	SROBC5	x	x	x	x	split/cut 4/10_____
	42	SROBC5	10	10			_____
	43	SROBC5	10	10			_____
	44	SROBC5	10	10			_____
	45	SROBC5	10	10			_____
	46	SROBC5	10	10			_____
	47	SROBC5	10	10			_____

	48	SROBC5	10	10					
	49	SROBC5	10	10					
	50	SROBC5	10	10					
	51	SWOCREF	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	52	SWOCREF	10	10					
	53	SWOCREF	10	10					
	54	SWOCREF	10	10			large check		
	55	SWOCREF	10	10					
	56	SWOCREF	10	10					
	57	SWOCREF	10	10					
	58	SWOCREF	10	10					
	59	SWOCREF	10	10			large check		
	60	SWOCREF	10	10					
	61	SWOBCREF	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	62	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	63	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	64	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	65	SWOBCREF	10	10			large check		
	66	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	67	SWOBCREF	10	10			large check		
	68	SWOBCREF	10	10			large check		
	69	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	70	SWOBCREF	10	10					
	71	SROBC7	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	72	SROBC7	10	10					
	73	SROBC7	10	10					
	74	SROBC7	10	10					
	75	SROBC7	10	10					
	76	SROBC7	10	10					
	77	SROBC7	10	10					
	78	SROBC7	10	10					
	79	SROBC7	10	10			large check		
	80	SROBC7	10	10					
	81	ctrlSROC7	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	82	ctrlSWOC5	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	83	ctrlSWOC5	8	10			pic 09/active DK/FB		
Lonza	84	209	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	85	206	10	10					
	86	204	10	10					
	87	201	10	10					
	88	208	10	10					
	89	203	10	10					
	90	205	10	10					
	91	207	10	10					
	92	210	10	10					
	93	202	10	10					
Nisus	94	240	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
	95	237	10	10					
	96	243	10	10					
	97	238	10	10					
	98	245	10	10					

	99	239	10	10				
	100	247	10	10				
	101	241	10	10				
	102	233	10	10				
	103	242	10	10				
	104	203	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
	105	227	10	10				
	106	207	10	10				
	107	200	10	10			large check	
	108	229	10	10				
	109	206	10	10			large check	
	110	216	10	10				
	111	220	10	10				
	112	212	10	10			large check	
	113	222	10	10				
	114	217	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
	115	264	10	10				
	116	287	10	10				
	117	253	10	10				
	118	283	10	10			large check	
	119	219	10	10			large check	
	120	276	10	10				
	121	292	10	10				
	122	269	10	10				
	123	289	10	10			pic 09	
	124	225	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
	125	204	10	10				
	126	234	10	10			large check	
	127	215	10	10				
	128	231	10	10				
	129	213	10	10				
	130	205	10	10			large check	
	131	208	10	10				
	132	210	9	10			large check	
	133	226	10	10				
	134	305	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
	135	201	10	10				
	136	313	10	10				
	137	294	10	10				
	138	308	10	10			large check	
	139	301	10	10				
	140	291	10	10				
	141	309	10	10			large check	
	142	296	10	10				
	143	314	10	10				
Lonza	144	236	10	10				
	145	232	10	10				
	146	238	10	10				
	147	234	10	10				
	148	231	10	10				
	149	233	10	10				

	150	235	10	10				
	151	239	10	10				
	152	240	10	10				
	153	237	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
Nisus	154	272	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10	
	155	223	10	10				
	156	256	10	10				
	157	297	10	10				
	158	295	10	10			large check	
	159	267	10	10				
	160	299	10	10				
	161	261	10	10				
	162	214	10	10				
	163	275	10	10				
Lonza	164	281	10	10				
	165	282	10	10				
Nisus	166	315	10	10				
	167	316	10	10				
	168	249	10	10				
	169	248	8	10			pic 09/DK active	

Row 2 runs East - West (middle row)

		Mar. 11					
		Decay	Termite	Decay	Termite	Comments	
Lonza	170	220	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10
	171	218	10	10			
	172	214	10	10			
	173	219	10	10			
	174	212	10	10			
	175	217	10	10			
	176	216	10	10			
	177	211	10	10			
	178	213	10	10			
	179	215	10	10			
	180	224	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10
	181	228	10	10			
	182	221	10	10			
	183	222	10	10			
	184	230	10	10			large check
	185	225	10	10			
	186	226	10	10			
	187	229	10	10			large check
	188	223	10	10			
189	227	10	10				
Cedarcide	190	19W	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10
	191	20W	10	10			loose plate
	192	15W	10	10			
	193	16WC	10	10			
	194	18W	10	10			
	195	17W	10	10			shake
	196	10R	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10
	197	9RC	10	10			large check
	198	8R	10	10			large check
	199	11W	10	10			large check
	200	12W	10	10			large check
	201	13W	10	10			
	202	14W	10	10			split
203	11R	10	10			cross grain/shake	
204	12R	10	10				
205	13R	10	10				
206	14R	10	10				
207	15R	10	10				
208	16R	9	10			split	
209	17R	10	10			split	
210	22R	10	10			large check	
211	22W	10	10				
Mericher	212	MWOB8	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10
	213	MWOB8	10	10			
	214	MWOB8	10	10			
	215	MWOB8	10	10			
	216	MWOB8	10	10			

217	MWOB8	10	10					
218	MWPB8	10	10					
219	MRO8	10	10					
220	MRO8	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
221	MRO8	10	10					
222	MRO8	10	10			pic 09		
223	MRO8	10	10					
224	MRO8	10	10					
225	MRO8	10	10					
226	MRO8	10	10			large check		
227	MWOB8	10	10					
228	MWOB8	10	10					
229	MRO8	10	10					
230	MRO8	10	10					
231	MWO8	10	10					
232	MWO8	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
233	MWO8	10	10					
234	MWO8	10	10					
235	MWO8	10	10					
236	MWO8	10	10					
237	MWO8	10	10					
238	MWO8	10	10					
239	MWO8	10	10					
240	MWO8	10	10					
241	MROB8	x	x	x	x	cut 4/10		
242	MWO8	10	10			large check		
243	MROB8	10	10					
244	MROB8	10	10					
245	MROB8	10	10					
246	MROB8	10	10					
247	MROB8	10	10					
248	MROB8	10	10					
249	MROB8	10	10					
250	MROCONT	10	9			pic 09/termite dmg		
251	MWOCONT	10	9			pic 09/DK		
252	MWOCONT	10	10					
BioPres	253	72	x	x		pic 09/DK top side		
	254	76	x	x				
	255	75	x	x				
	256	67	x	x				
	257	68	x	x		DK top side		
	258	69	x	x		DK top side		
	259	71	x	x				
	260	74	x	x		DK top side		
	261	82	x	x				
	262	77	x	x				
	263	93	x	x				
	264	?	x	x		DK top side		
	265	66	x	x				
	266	65	x	x				
	267	73	x	x				

KMG	270	1	10	10						
	271	14	10	10						
	272	12	10	10						
	273	16	10	10						
	274	15	10	10				large check		
	275	18	10	10						
	276	19	10	10						
	277	10	10	10						
	278	30	10	10				pic 09		
	279	33	10	10						
	280	34	10	10						
	281	24	10	10						
	282	27	10	10				large check		
	283	28	10	10						
	284	29	10	10				large check		
	285	32	10	10						
	286	13	10	10						
	287	31	10	10						
	288	9	10	10						
	289	25	10	10						
	290	22	9	10						
	291	44	10	10				pic 09		
	Koppers	292	11	10	10					
		293 ?		10	10					
		294 ?		10	10					
		295 ?		10	10					
		296	19 x		x	x	x		cut 4/10	
		297	15	10	10					
		298 ?		10	10					
299 ?			10	10						
300		47 x		x	x	x		cut 4/10		
301		44	10	10						
302		41	10	10						
303		55	10	10						
304		60	10	10						
305		43	10	10				pic 09		
306		51	10	10						
307		76	10	10						
308		65	10	10						
309		61 x		x	x	x		cut 4/10		
310		70	10	10						
311		72	10	10						
312		71	10	10						
313	77	10	10							
314	64	10	10							
315 2?		10	10							
316	34 x		x	x	x		cut 4/10			
317	38	10	10							
318	33	10	10							
319	29	10	10							
320	32	10	10							

	321 ?		10	10	_____
	322	31	10	10	_____
	323	35	10	10	_____
	324	23	10	10	_____
	325	66	10	10	_____
	326	67	10	10	_____
	327 ?		10	10	_____
	328	61	10	10	_____
	329	7	10	10	_____
	330	8	10	10	_____
	331 WO		9	10	_____ pic 09/DK_____
	332 WO		8	10	_____ pic 09_____
	333 RO		9	10	_____
	334 RO		9	10	_____ pic 09/DK/large check_____
Enviro	335 ctrl		10	10	_____
	336 ctrl		10	10	_____



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Applicable Standards:

None: