



RE: The Beck Group's Product Transparency Initiative

Dear Product Manufacturer:

The Beck Group is dedicated to making informed decisions regarding the building materials used in our projects. We consider factors of aesthetics, performance, maintenance, cost, life cycle impact, product composition, source and emissions. To better understand how our decisions about products affect human health and the environment, we are asking for you to share information about product contents and their associated health hazards.

The **Health Product Declaration Open Standard (HPD)** is an easy-to-reference standard format that systematizes reporting language to enable the consistent disclosure of building product content and associated health information. It is freely available for your use from the HPD Collaborative. You can find the HPD and resources to assist you at www.hpdcollaborative.org. We urge you to complete, and make publicly available, an HPD for each of your products.

Because these are already recognized in the marketplace, they can also be used to demonstrate compliance with The Living Building Challenge Red List and the new LEED v4 Material Disclosure and Optimization credit. More importantly for us, it can be used to respond to building owners' interests to protect their occupants from hazardous materials as it includes accurate product content and related health hazard information in a consistent way that allows The Beck Group to make better choices.

Our hope is to integrate the comprehensive health and environmental product information provided by complete HPDs into our daily practice. Working together, we can truly enhance the human experience of our built environment, enrich the health of building occupants, and protect the environment.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Beck Architecture

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Paul Higgins, LEED AP
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