

Date: April 13, 2010
To: The Utah Roofing Community
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Reference: TPO Roofing
Subject: Undocumented Letter Circulation

It has recently been brought to our attention that unlicensed excerpts from an internal email have been copied / pasted into a letter formant and is now being circulating through out the roofing community. Reportedly, this letter is now being mailed to the contractors and architects in an attempt to discourage the use of TPO roofing. We would like to clarify this. Any letter that may have been received did not come from myself or any authoritative person within DFCM and is not an authorized directive from DFCM.

On February 10, 2010 the MRCA issued an [advisory](#) to its members regarding potential increased solar & thermal loading effects reflective building products can have on TPO roofing systems. DFCM was made aware of this advisory on March 15, 2010. This advisory confirmed previous claims concerning TPO limitations. On March 16, 2010 an internal email was sent out to the development managers within DFCM. This email enacted a *“temporary freeze on TPO”* on DFCM projects to allow adequate time to research the validity of the claims, and to determine if these conditions do exist within the State. As many in the community know, there is no perfect roofing system for every scenario. When an accredited source makes such a claim, then proper evaluation should be given.

Much time and energy has been invested in researching the matter with the TPO manufacturers, MRCA, and experts in the community. Time is being set aside to inspect State buildings with TPO roofs to evaluate their performance. Evaluations will be done on other roofing systems as these systems may also be susceptible to increased thermal / solar loading from reflective building material.

With the information gathered to date, the use of TPO will be considered on a case by case basis where it can be determined that the aforementioned situations will not be a factor.

We hope to make an informed decision that will best protect the State’s roofing needs in the near future. Those with remaining questions may contact me @ 801-541-0945.