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CPI ANNOUNCES MAJOR MILESTONE FOR SAFETY IN THE SPRAY POLYURETHANE FOAM INDUSTRY

More than 10,000 SPF workers have completed health and safety training

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 3, 2014) – The [Center for the Polyurethanes Industry](#) (CPI) of the [American Chemistry Council](#) has reached a major milestone in its ongoing efforts for continuous improvement of health and safety in the spray polyurethane foam (SPF) industry.

More than 10,000 SPF professionals have completed CPI's High Pressure SPF Chemical Health and Safety Training program. The interactive training program provides information about the use, handling and disposal of chemicals used to manufacture SPF. The training program, which is also supported by the [Spray Foam Coalition](#), includes information about best practices for engineering controls and personal protective equipment. CPI also provides a similar training program for low-pressure SPF for weatherization professionals.

"CPI and its members are leading the development of product stewardship tools for the spray polyurethane foam industry," said CPI Senior Director Lee Salamone. "This industry is focused on protecting workers and communities while providing high quality insulation that increases energy efficiency, which provides cost savings on heating and cooling bills and helps decrease the level of harmful carbon dioxide emissions entering our environment."

Launched in 2010, the High Pressure SPF Chemical Health and Safety Training satisfies one prerequisite toward completing the [Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance's Professional Certification Program](#).

Offered in English and Spanish, this self-paced training is designed to be taken online or in a classroom setting, so it is possible for registered instructors to conduct their own training sessions in person.

To register for the training programs, verify an applicator's training status, or to learn more about the training programs, visit www.spraypolyurethane.org.

SPF offers a unique set of benefits that can help consumers achieve their energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction goals, while strengthening building structures and lowering energy costs.

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It insulates and acts as an air barrier, both of which are critical to making buildings comfortable and reducing heating and cooling costs.

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