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VSI Applauds UL Product Category Rule for Cladding

June 25, 2015 – WASHINGTON, D.C. – The new material-agnostic Product Category Rule ([PCR](#)) for cladding published this week by UL Environment, a business division of UL (Underwriters Laboratories) puts science at the forefront of material selection and will allow claddings to be compared fairly, said Kate Offringa, president of the Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc. (VSI).

“This rule is based on transparent, validated data that clarifies the environmental impact of cladding material and will be an important tool in countering false claims about vinyl siding,” Offringa said.

The rule will replace the current 14 different material-specific PCRs and will enable manufactures to produce [Environmental Product Declarations](#) (EPDs), which are sought by material specifiers and can garner points/credits within the major green building programs such as [LEED](#) and the [National Green Building Standard](#).

VSI and other cladding stakeholders, including James Hardie and the American Wood Council, provided input to UL as the rule was developed.

About the Vinyl Siding Institute

The Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc., located in Washington, D.C., is the trade association for manufacturers of vinyl and other polymeric siding and suppliers to the industry. VSI is the sponsor of the *VSI Product Certification Program* and the *VSI Certified Installer Program*. For more information, visit www.vinylsiding.org, Facebook (www.facebook.com/aswv.vsi) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/vinylsidinginfo).

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