



Pellet Fuels Institute Announces Qualification of Snow Timber Pellets into PFI Standards Program

Wisconsin Pellet Producer Becomes Program's Sixteenth Member

Washington, DC – September 22, 2016 – The Pellet Fuels Institute today announced the qualification of pellet fuel manufacturer Snow Timber Pellets of Hurley, Wisconsin, into the Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) Standards Program. The PFI Standards Program is a third-party accreditation program providing specifications for residential and commercial-grade pellet fuel, now representing sixteen pellet manufacturing companies, among them twenty-eight facilities.

“This winter, more customers than ever will be heating their homes with wood pellets from qualified manufacturers,” said Chris Amey, Chairman of the PFI Board of Directors. “All they have to do is look for the Quality Mark on the bag to know that they are purchasing fuel from an independently evaluated pellet producer. It’s easy to find these brands because more and more retailers look for the Quality Mark when making decisions on which pellet fuel brands to purchase. We welcome Snow Timber Pellets into the PFI Standards Program and look forward to many more PFI Standards Program members.”

In qualifying for the Standards Program, Snow Timber Pellets joins companies with previously qualified facilities New England Wood Pellet, Curran Renewable Energy, American Wood Fibers, Lignetics Inc., Marth Peshtigo Pellet Co., Forest Energy Corp., Indeck Ladysmith, Energex, Spearfish Pellet Co., Smith Flooring, Michigan Wood Fuels LLC, Trae Fuels Ltd., Somerset Pellet Fuel, NWP Jasper and Georgia Biomass.

PFI Standards Program participants can display the [PFI Quality Mark](#) on their pellet bags, signifying their qualification to the program requirements. This quality mark demonstrates to consumers that the product comes from a facility that submits its product to regular third party audits by an independent accredited auditing agency and testing laboratory. Random audits are regularly performed at production facilities to ensure qualified companies are following a quality control program. Wood pellets are tested according to the program specifications, also on a monthly basis. By taking these steps, participants ensure that their pellet quality remains consistent.

Snow Timber Pellets was qualified by accredited auditing agency Timber Products Inspection. For information on qualifying for the program, the first step is to contact an accredited auditing agency, a list of which can be found on [PFI's website](#). For further details on the PFI Standards Program, including a list of participating manufacturers, visit the PFI website, www.pelletheat.org.

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The Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) is a North American trade association based in Arlington, Virginia, that represents a range of contributors to the pellet industry, including companies that manufacture wood pellets and pellet manufacturing equipment, or provide other products and services to the densified biomass industry at large. To learn more, please visit PFI's website at www.pelletheat.org.