



**Technical & Scientific Advisory Committee  
PVC Task Group**

**Compilation of brief and miscellaneous e-mails commenting  
on PVC and TSAC's assessment of PVC**

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PVC is widely used in the construction industry as flooring, roofing, siding, and pipes. Recognizing that there are some objections to the use of PVC, however founded, this cannot and must not be used as a basis for a general ban of PVC products - such as happened with asbestos containing products. Rather than "ban" we should learn how to use these products safely and for the benefit of society. If we had done that with asbestos our society would today be richer in effective products - particularly in the areas of fireproofing and products that can stand the rigors of outdoor exposure.

In the same vein, PVC roofing is one of the longest lasting roofing systems currently available. It has been suggested that TPO (thermoplastic oliofins) can replace PVC. This is not true. We do not have the long term weathering experience to make such a claim.

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