About WQC
Wood Quality Control Inc., a subsidiary of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, was created in 1982 through the joint efforts of the Rural Electrification Administration (now RUS) and NRECA. More than 18 million WQC poles and 15 million WQC crossarms have been installed to date in utility lines throughout the United States and abroad.

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What is WQC?

The Wood Quality Control (WQC) Program is a multitiered pole and crossarm inspection program designed to enable utilities that receive high quality treated wood utility products that will provide decades of reliable service. With over 35 years serving the utility industry, WQC-approved poles, crossarms, producers and inspectors are the best in the business. Join the hundreds of utilities who choose WQC — the most complete quality assurance and inspection program available.

Why Choose WQC?

Savvy pole performance can mean service interruptions, angry customers, costly emergency repairs and potential hazards to line crews. WQC-inspected poles and crossarms undergo the industry's most rigorous inspections to guarantee utilities the best treated wood products available. Over 100,000 inspection reports from the field mean product conformance rates of over 99 percent for WQC poles and crossarms.

Experience the WQC Difference

WQC is more than a quality assurance and inspection program. We partner with you to provide resources and the technical expertise needed to become more knowledgeable purchasers — resulting in more effective use of system construction and maintenance dollars. WQC is committed to helping you make the right decisions that keep costs down, preserve the integrity of distribution lines and ensure reliable service.

Educational Seminars and Technical Expertise

WQC provides educational seminars to our members on product specifications, preservatives, wood species and key product aspects at their location. These programs can be customized to your needs and webinars or virtual classes are also available via phone and email.

Thorough Inspections

The WQC approach incorporates four different disciplines to assure both our products and inspectors exceed your expectations. — Approves pole and crossarm manufacturers — Performs required in-plant product inspections — Is the only inspection program that conducts product inspections at destination — on your pole yard, on producer and supplier concentration yards and at distributorship warehouses — Verifies the performance of our contracted inspection agency.

Approved Vendors

WQC maintains an Approved Plant List — plants that have successfully completed a formal qualification process to participate in our program — to help you easily choose reliable sources of treated poles and crossarms. Ongoing evaluation of each approved producer ensures that only those that maintain proper industry standards remain approved to produce WQC poles and crossarms.

Setting Standards

WQC is actively involved in the wood industry's national standards writing process through our participation in American Wood Protection Association (AWPA) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Dynamic Partnership

WQC partners with Treated Products Inspection (TPI), the nation's leading independent inspection company for wood products.