



A new high-density panel product called MagBoard is said to be able to replace OSB, plywood or similar sheets in construction.

HUD, NAHB & Enterprise Foundation to Test: MgO Partners Announce Start of Field Evaluation For its New, Multi-Purpose, High-Strength Product

EDMONTON, AB—Timothy Faust, managing director of MgO Partners, announced that field evaluation studies of MagBoard will begin in a demonstration project in Pass Christian, MS.

MagBoard is a new composite material which has been designed to replace many of the products commonly used in construction for sheathing and decking such as OSB, plywood, drywall, cement fiber board, etc. It has structural performance that exceeds OSB, is fire resistant, high water resistant, termite resistant, doesn't support mold or mildew growth and is non-toxic.

The field evaluation, which is being sponsored by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Enterprise Foundation, will use MagBoard for the construction of a 1,200 sq. ft. home in hurricane ravaged Pass Christian.

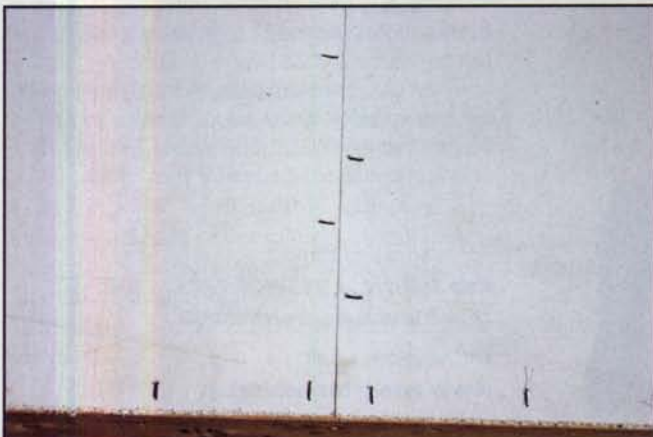
The study will be performed by the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) Research Center and will be designed to test the constructability and product performance of MagBoard.

"After completing extensive testing to meet ICC certification requirements for both steel frame and wood frame construction, this real world test is the next logical step for our product," said Faust. "Experienced contractors know that current materials simply don't work too well. They burn, rot, break, support mold and mildew or are eaten by termites," added Faust.

"Common sense says there must be a better way," he adds. This field evaluation will show how MagBoard can offer builders an approach to better product performance and the peace of mind that they can build safer homes which more easily resist the flood and mildew damage seen in Pass Christian," explained Faust.

The field evaluation is part of the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) program which is a public-private initiative dedicated to accelerating the development and use of technologies that radically improve the quality, durability, energy efficiency, environmental performance and affordability of America's housing.

*For more information on MagBoard see
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MagBoard is equally at home with wood or light-gauge steel framing for wall covering or decking.