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## TCA Handbook Conference

Tile Council of North America is pleased to announce the TCA Handbook Committee will discuss and vote on proposed Handbook changes June 22-23, 2010 at a meeting hosted by Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Atlanta, GA.

For the first time, natural stone installation details will be included in the TCA Handbook.

Below are some additional proposed updates to the Handbook:

- New explanatory sections regarding ceramic tile, grout, glass tile, sustainability, and wet areas
- Inclusion of ISO criteria for grouts and mortars
- Emphasis on clarity and consistency
- Addition of membrane options, effect on performance, and appropriate grouts and mortars
- Separate above-ground installation requirements
- Increased emphasis on substrate tolerances for thin-bed methods

The TCA Handbook committee is comprised of a cross-section of industry experts who volunteer their time towards the development of the Handbook. The committee is made up of representatives from all sectors of the industry – manufacturers, labor, architects, engineers, consultants, and end users.

The changes approved in this meeting will be reflected in the 2011 *TCA Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation*, (48<sup>th</sup> edition), which will be available in early 2011. For more information on ordering the current version (2010 Handbook), contact Tile Council at 864-646-8453.

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