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FACT SHEET

- WHAT:** Technical Symposium on Corrosive Imported Drywall
- WHEN:** November 5-6, 2009
- WHERE:** Mainsail Suites Hotel & Conference Center
Tampa, Florida
- PURPOSE:** The inaugural Technical Symposium on Corrosive Imported Drywall is a scientific forum that will explore the environmental and public health impact related to imported gypsum wallboard and the premature corrosion of metals within homes. Scientific researchers, government officials, health and safety professionals, and building professionals will convene to discuss:
- The nature of gypsum and drywall
 - Corrosive drywall analysis and detection methods
 - Emissions testing
 - Exposure and toxicology concerns
 - Remediation policies and practices
- PRESENTERS:** Presenters at the Technical Symposium on Corrosive Imported Drywall include:
- U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. (*Keynote speaker*)
 - David Krause, Ph.D., State Toxicologist, Florida Department of Health
 - Rob Crangle, U.S. Geological Survey
 - Joel Recht, Ph.D., Consumer Product Safety Commission

- Michael A. McGeehin, Ph.D., MSPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Lynn Wilder, CIH, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Phillip T. Goad, Ph.D., Center for Toxicology and Health
- Robert P. DeMott, Ph.D., DABT, ENVIRON International

The symposium will also feature approximately 20 scientific poster abstracts, whose authors were selected based on original technical findings and research.

REGISTRATION: Contact hours for public health professionals and continuing education units will be offered. Symposium registration is \$300; discounts are available to students. To register, visit www.drywallsymposium.com.

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All symposium sessions will be recorded and available for future online viewing at www.drywallsymposium.com. For more information about the Technical Symposium on Corrosive Imported Drywall, visit www.drywallsymposium.com

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