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Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:31 AM **To:** Kirk Grundahl < kgrundahl@qualtim.com>

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Subject: Re: ** Comments from Wood Truss Industry ** Apartment Fires Are Tied to Cheaper, Wood-Based Construction

Dear Kirk,

Thanks so much for the information. We'll certainly take a look and keep you in mind for future articles.

Have a great weekend,

Laura

On Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 12:04 PM, Kirk Grundahl kgrundahl@qualtim.com wrote:

Ms. Kusisto and Mr. Kamp,

This quick email is intended to add a bit more perspective regarding the following article -- "Apartment Fires Are Tied to Cheaper, Wood-Based Construction; Blazes at construction sites raise questions about use of wooden frames instead of higher-cost metal ones" – which is an important article given that fires under construction have been unusually frequent this year.

Here is a link to a website that provides a set of facts on Construction Fires -- http://www.sbcindustry.com/education/topical-library/construction-fires. The goal of this site is to provide foundation and pragmatic information. Where there is a problem, it is always best to look at root causes and then work on potential solutions. If this is done well, public policy decisions can be made that may are in the best long-term interest of the general public and the businesses that are doing their best to meet needs in a common sense manner.

Should you desire to communicate further on this topic, we are available to do so, and no matter what, the public domain information provided above can be used as you may choose.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

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