

DUAL LAMINATE TRAINING PROGRAM TO SHARE



MTI has successfully completed projects that delivered FRP Inspector Training for new and in-Service equipment. Some of the members attending those sessions expressed strong interest in additional training focused on dual laminate constructed equipment. To meet that need, an MTI Project Team formed and is currently hard at work on a comprehensive two-day Dual Laminate Training Course.

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The course will cover a wide range of valuable information, including dual laminate materials and design fundamentals, manufacturing techniques for pipe and equipment, applicable codes and testing, fabricator qualification, installation, inspection and repair options, as well as a review of case histories. “All of these things must be understood and done right to gain the benefits of dual laminate construction,” explains Debra McCauley (Chemours), who is Project Co-Champion with Dale Keeler (Dow).

The Project Champions know of no formal training available in industry that covers this range of dual laminate topics. In addition, the course will be taught by instructors who have successfully completed numerous dual laminate projects and learned important lessons from a few mistakes along the way. These experts have more than 150 years of combined experience and bring a wide range of subject matter knowledge to the table.

“The goal is to provide lessons learned to short-cut member companies’ learning curve,” explains Keeler. “Nowhere is there training

of the whole enchilada. I imagine when we end up having live training sessions, there will also be a ‘show and tell’ aspect to this. This is where many questions are answered, and attendees get to touch and feel what is being discussed.”

As a byproduct of developing this course, the Project Team will end up creating its own set of best practices built on the instructors’ and members’ personal experiences as well as current industry knowledge. “Several global standards exist and are used depending on geographical location,” notes McCauley. “Over the years, all have developed in parallel and leverage off each other. It is good to know what is considered best practice, and that is the goal of this training. The need to outline minimum requirements and expectations in certain regions of the world is another goal of this training.”

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