## **Sustainable Roofing**

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### Learning Objectives

- Understand the importance of system selection and preventative maintenance on the long term performance of roofing assemblies
- Assessing the impact a roof's impact on energy consumption and as a potential platform for energy generation in retail facilities
- Learn about end of service life material management and construction waste minimization

### **Target Corporation**

- A long history of environmental stewardship
  - 1960's: First "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" initiative: cardboard
  - Today: In-store collection stations for plastic bags, glass, plastic and aluminum containers, cell phones, MP3 players, ink cartridges

#### **Roofs: A Critical Element in Retail Stores**



- Typically > ¾ of the building envelope
- Cost driver
  - Construction
  - Maintenance
  - Energy
- Leakage Damaged finishes
  - Wasted inventory
  - Slip hazards for guests

#### **Sustainable Roofing Model**



- Reflective membranes to reduce cooling loads, and the Urban Heat Island Effect
- As a platform for solar
- Longest lasting thermoplastic membrane
- Comprehensive, preventative maintenance program
- Re-use of insulation and cover boards

### Early 1990s

- Decide on thermoplastic PVC roofing membranes
  - Performance history
  - Seam quality of hot air welding
  - Anticipation of cooling energy savings

### Work With LBNL to Quantify Cooling Energy Savings



LBNL-47149

#### ERNEST ORLANDO LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY

Measured Energy Savings and Demand Reduction from a Reflective Roof Membrane on a Large Retail Store in Austin

S. Konopacki and H. Akbari Environmental Energy Technologies Division

June 2001



 A Target store was used in one of the first studies to actually measure and quantify the energy savings potential of cool roofs

### Some of the Study's Results



- Peak cooling demand reduced by 14%
- Daily air conditioning demand reduced by 11%
- Estimated annual energy savings of \$0.07/ft2 (2000)

### **Applying The Results**



- Target used the data generated to develop an internal energy model
  - Model regularly assessed against commercially available software, and modified as required
- Various roof constructions analyzed and modeled
- Validated Target's design decisions

### **Roof System Design**

- Steel deck
- Iso insulation to meet ASHRAE 90.1 in effect at time of construction
  - Will reduce R value as prescribed within ASHRAE in Climate Zones 1 to 3
- Recently began to include high density Iso cover board
- Thermoplastic PVC
  membrane



### Calculated vs. Actual

- Forecasted energy consumption regularly compared to actual results
- Cooling energy savings associated with cool roofs are significant in all but Northernmost locations, although often slightly lower than projected by the model

### **Cool Roofs in Cold Climates**



- Have not experienced "heating penalty"
  - Have compared white and black in cold climates, no difference in heating energy measured

#### No evidence of condensation in insulation, cover boards during membrane replacement

### National Presence

- Subjected to various state and local requirements with regards to cool roofs
  - Title 24
  - Chicago Energy Conservation Code
  - Etc.
- Jurisdictions mandating cool roofs constantly increasing
- Maintaining a single, cool roof based, system design avoids need to modify systems to meet local requirements

### **Cost Drivers**

- Energy cost is the biggest single driver
- Utilities and numerous other entities offering incentives to install cool roofs
  - Typically \$1,500.00 to \$5,000.00 per store

#### Energy & Carbon Management: Renewable Energy

Objective: Evaluate Renewable Energy Opportunities

Standard: Advocate – Projects with positive IRR

Support – Projects with marginal IRR furthering strategic goals (Sustainability, Reputation, Carbon)

Scope of Energy sources that regenerate but can be sustained indefinitely

#### **Renewable Energy Opportunities**

Solar Landscape

Factors favoring Solar projects

Economic

Growth of Solar – 60% per year since 2000 Decline of Cost – 3.5% per year Gov Funding – \$5.2B in response to recession

Social/Political

State Mandates for Renewable Energy – 40 States have goals to reduce reliance on traditional energy sources.

Benefits

Two Key Value Streams –

- a) Savings from avoiding utility costs
- b) Value of Renewable Energy Credit (REC's) created.

What's a REC? Value of avoiding pollution

(\$ or reputational)

#### New Jersey Background Information

<u>NJ Legislative Mandate</u>: 22.5% of energy generation to come from *renewable* sources by 2021



Utilities meet this requirement in 1 of 2 ways:

1. Direct Utility Investment





2. Incentivized Customer Investment



#### **Solar Energy**

 We're currently harvesting solar energy at 26 stores in New Jersey, California and Hawaii.





In 2012 additional stores may be added around the U.S.

### **Team Overview**

Cross-Functional Team that provides oversight on Renewable Energy Projects in the areas of

- Coordination
- Evaluation/Recommendation
- Installation
- Monitoring

### **Core Team Roles**

- Energy Mgmt\* Strategy coordination; Performance monitoring Vendor qualification; RFP coordination Real Estate (land usage, taxes, etc.) considerations Architectural & design considerations Engineering (mechanical & electrical) considerations Structural & re-roofing considerations Repair & ongoing maintenance (incl. agreements) Coordination w/Sustainability initiatives Legislative & legal landscape Identification, application, and negotiating incentives Financial analysis & reasonability checks
- ٠
- Procurement
- Real Estate ٠
- Architecture ٠
- Engineering ٠
- Roofing ٠
- Facilities Mgmt ٠
- Sustainability ٠
- Govt. Affairs ٠
- Public Partnerships ٠
- **PD** Finance ٠

### **Evaluate & Recommend**

- Maintain a flexible evaluation & recommendation process due to unique nature of renewable projects, balancing
  - Speed

Financial Reasonability

Visibility

**Operational Considerations** 

- As an outcome, it is important to understand how projects fit within
  - Renewable Portfolio

Store/DC Project Approval

Energy Strategy

Sustainability/Reputation

### Monitor

- Provide Ongoing Monitoring in the areas of
  - System output VS. expectations
  - System maintenance issues/concerns
  - Total investment measurement
    - Cumulative return
    - System return vs. initial expectations & other TGT systems
    - % of facility load reduction
- Assessment of Competitive Landscape

#### Thermoplastic PVC Roofing A long track record on Target buildings



- Began using 20 years ago
- Became primary membrane 10 years ago
  - Consistent specifications
  - Higher quality installations
  - High degree of institutional familiarity, knowledge

#### Life Cycle Asset Management System

- All stores surveyed 4× / year by store staff
- Data logged, repairs or other follow-up actions initiated as required
- Stores within a couple of years of their predicted service life scheduled for corporate inspection
- Decision made on when to re-roof
- Budgeted for and executed well before failure

#### **Proactive Approach**



- Minimize interruptions of store operations due to roofing issues
- Thermal insulation and cover board still in serviceable condition
  - 730 m<sup>3</sup> (26,000 ft<sup>3</sup>) of waste avoided per store
  - Significant cost savings
  - Reuse of valuable materials

### **Room for improvement?**

- The membrane being removed was being sent to landfill
- 14,000kg (31,000 lbs) from a typical store
- Membrane recycling?

#### Since the Late 1990s Production Trimmings, Scrap

 Converted into 100% pre-consumer recycled content accessories like walkway pads and membranes



#### **Post-consumer membrane recycling**



• In Europe since 1994





In North America since 2005

 Target Silver Springs MD 2007

# State-of-the-Art Grinding Equipment







#### **Newest Generation Production** Lines



Up to 15% by weight pre-consumer recycle content

#### **Handling Learning Curve**



 610 mm (2')optimize shipping, but increase labor



• Palletizing unwieldy

#### **Best Solution to Date**





- Membrane cut 915 mm (26in.) to 990 mm (29in.) wide
- Rolls about 15 m (50ft.) in length
- Can tack weld ends as required
- Load in Gaylords



- Original fasteners and plates left in place
- New scraps recycled with old roof membrane
- Pallets, packaging, etc. recycled separately





- Contractors palletizes full gaylords
- Loads them for shipping
- Manufacturer arranges for shipping to processing plant

#### **Material Processing**







#### **Recycling into Finished Goods**





All materials (Including competitors membranes)



Manufacturer's own materials

#### **Post-Consumer Recycling**





- Materials being recycled back into new membrane
- No "downcycling"
  - Currently limited to loose laid membranes
- Foresee adhered membranes being recycled in the next 2-5 years

#### **Third Party Certification**



First, only, low slope roofing material with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certified Recycle Content

#### **Program Recognition**

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Citation
  - "...Groundbreaking resource recovery program for roofing materials..."
  - "...Literally taking recycling to new heights..."
- Society of Plastics Engineers
  - Platsics Recycling Technologies and Applications Award, 2011

#### **Target Program to Date**

- 68 roofs recycled
  - Approximately 795,000  $m^2$  (8,600,000  $ft^2$ ) of membrane
  - Approximately 1,000,000 kg (2.4m lbs)
- 15 different states
- At least cost neutral to Target Corporation

#### **Evolution of the Program**

- Further reduce handling
- Increase amount of material per truck load
- Expectation is to recycle all roof membranes going forward

### **Balancing Objectives**

- Optimize installed cost
- In order to achieve best long term return on investment
  - Durability
  - Performance
  - Energy Efficiency
  - Mainenance
  - End of Service Life



#### **Model for Sustainability**



- Long lasting roof membrane
- Cool roofing for energy savings and reduction of the UHIE
- Platform for energy generation
- Proactive maintenance program to insure longevity
- Reuse insulation and cover board
- Recycle aged membrane into new membrane

## **QUESTIONS ?**

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