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RICOWI's Hail Investigation Report of the April 21, 2004 Oklahoma City hailstorm was released at the RICOWI roofing seminar on October 12, 2005 in Norman, OK and is now available on CD.

Four inspection teams examined over one hundred roofing systems during a four-day period to document the effects of hail impact on a variety of roofing products, and to describe roof assembly performance and modes of damage for substantiated hailstone sizes.

Site coordinator, Richard Herzog, said "the investigation teams obtained a considerable amount of beneficial data for all parties interested in the effects of hail impact on roofing products. It was the first large-scale hailstorm investigation by balanced teams representing roofing manufacturers, roofing industry trade groups, roof consultants, researchers and engineers, and the insurance industry." The HIP investigations provided field data related to scientifically estimated hailstone sizes that supported previous laboratory testing and field experience reported in several referenced documents.

RICOWI's Chairman, Joe Wilson, stated that "the data gathered can be used to improve the evaluation of hail-impacted roofing and improve design of roofing systems to resist hail impact damage."

The project was funded mainly by RICOWI's Sponsor Members. Additional funding came from the Affiliate Members and a supplementary research grant provided by the Roof Consultants Institute and its Foundation. RICOWI plans to hold another training workshop and investigation in 2007.

The CD version of the report can be obtained through the contact options listed below.

RICOWI is comprised of all of the major roofing associations and includes members of academia, educational and testing facilities and others involved in the science of roofing. RICOWI's website provides details on both the hurricane and hail investigation programs.

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