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## Healthier, More Eco-Friendly Foam Insulation via Proposed Building Code Change

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spray foam insulation - green house plans



Foam board and spray-foam (SPF) insulation products are growing in popularity due to their excellent insulating properties, but could these products be expanding your carbon footprint and exposing your family to dangerous disease-causing chemicals unnecessarily? This topic has been [hotly debated](#) in the building and environmental communities more and more of late, with compelling arguments offered from both sides of the aisles. But a proposed change suggested by green building experts could resolve the debate by making foam insulations healthier for you and the planet.

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## Exciting Materials Lifecycle Thinking: (Proposed) LEED v4 Credits

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The USGBC believes it's time for a shift in materials thinking, and they're starting to build that into their green building rating system by incorporating a lifecycle approach in the upcoming LEED v4, which is scheduled to be voted on in mid-2013. Looking at products beyond use and disposal, the idea of lifecycle addresses every stage in a products existence, from extraction of raw materials to processing those materials, manufacturing finished products to transporting them to market, consumer use to disposal (reuse, recycling included). This complete lifecycle approach to green materials ensures environmental sustainability is a focus throughout a product's entire life. That's good news for the planet and for consumers as well.

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## 2013 Green Building Megatrend Predictions from a Giant in the Field

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Want to know which giant cogs in the sustainable construction machine are going to continue shifting in 2013? Jerry Yudelson is considered a giant in the green building industry. His company by the same name peered into the future for 2013 to come up with their visions for where the green building industry will go this year. Here's a brief retelling of some of those trends, but you can find the whole discussion on [Sustainable Industries](#).

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## BuildingGreen's Top 10 Greenest Building Materials 2013

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Every year, BuildingGreen surveys the market for green building materials and products and chooses their [Top 10](#). These products may not be glamorous, but they definitely showcase some of the more advanced techniques being used in the field. Here's a quick run-down of the main features of each, most of which help projects achieve LEED credits.

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# Modular Paradigm House Design Packs Serious Green Punch

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Method Paradigm green house interior



The new [Paradigm](#) modular home design has serious wow-factor, as is evidenced by the turning of heads throughout the green building industry. The prototype house, which appeared at the recent Greenbuild conference in San Francisco, was designed by Bogue Trandowski Architects and constructed by the Seattle-based prefab builder, [Method Homes](#).

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