

Gearing up for PACE

It's not really 2009, is it? Only yesterday, it seems, we were in a panic about Y2K. And now it's almost Y2.010K.

Sad but true. The sands of the hourglass stop for no man.

But let's look at the bright side. It was just the other day, it also would seem, that a mighty maelstrom by the name of Katrina pummeled New Orleans and southern Mississippi. The Crescent City has risen again, and many in the coatings making, specifying, and contracting trades will head that way Feb. 15–19 for PACE 2009, the Paint & Coatings Expo. From what we hear, N'Awlins retains much of its unique appeal.

From a purely business standpoint, on the other hand, we're quite sure the architectural-coatings program sessions sponsored by JAC at PACE 2009 will in themselves be well worth the trek to the Big Easy. JAC has assisted SSPC: The Society for Protective Coatings in lining up a distinguished cast of speakers for sessions on...

- Durability Defined: Taking Ultra-High-Performance Coatings to

the Next Level

- Challenges of the Building Envelope
- Aesthetics and Performance

Our high-powered contingent of experts will share their insights on a variety of technologies and their uses, with the subject matter to include high-performance fluoropolymer and polyurethane coatings, air/vapor barriers, coating failures in commercial projects, cool-roof coatings, decorative concrete, concrete polishing, and building restoration.

We look forward to revisiting the French Quarter and environs, and hearing the latest on these important, cutting-edge technologies. The PACE Expo and the complete conference program, as always, promise to be well worth the time and travel invested. For more on the event, visit www.pace2009.com.

Now, we would like to turn the rest of this page over to an attentive JAC reader, who has pointed out an oversight in our last issue.

Joe G. Maty, Editor, JAC

Key detail missing from Guggenheim news

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading your publication, and I have certainly seen the improvement over the past year. We manufacture the PEEL AWAY Paint Removal Products.

In the Oct.-Nov. issue, on page 6 under "News," you have an article, "Coatings removal, application take center stage in Guggenheim restoration." Our PEEL AWAY II product was used to strip the entire exterior of that building, and yet I see no mention of that fact in the article. We spent approximately four to six weeks doing testing with the architects and with Norman Weiss, who worked closely with ICR trying to come up with a product that would do the removal in one application (90% plus), which our product accomplished. That coating also contained asbestos, and since our system utilizes a fibrous laminated cover, there were no fibers getting into the air. Well over 2,500 gallons of

product were used in this project, and everyone could not believe how our product performed. I would think that we should at least have had some mention since your headline specifically speaks about "coatings removal."

Our products have been used on many Frank Lloyd Wright structures, including Fallingwater, and we pride ourselves in the many high-profile projects that have used our products in the restoration arena. The coatings removal for the Guggenheim probably consumed more product and more time than any of the other parts of this project.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter and I am sure you can appreciate the reason for same.

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