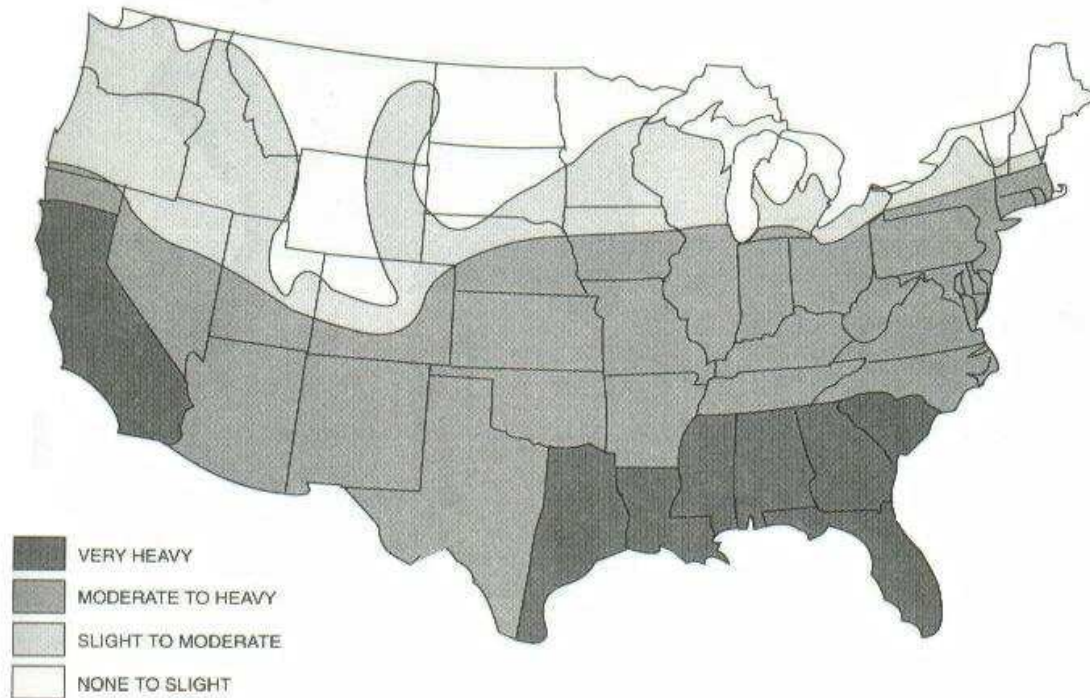


The map was developed by the US Forest Service in the Home and Garden Bulletin 64 *Subterranean Termites—Their Prevention and Control in Buildings*.



What this means to PMPs

While there was confusion before the code bodies merged and formed the International Code Council (see Library Update, February, 2000), there should be no confusion about the areas requiring termite prevention/pre-treats. The Termite Infestation Probability Map from the building code included in the code is reprinted here for future reference (see map above). In all shaded areas of the map, termite prevention/pre-treats are required by the model code. In areas unshaded (probability of none to slight infestation) the local code officials will determine whether termite prevention/pre-treats are required.

PMPs should use this Library Update to show lenders, builders, architects, and other decision makers that protection against termites is required by code in nearly all of the continental US.

Beyond the code, the EPA labels on termite control products permit the use of baits and borates for new construction and provided the labels are followed and are being permitted by code officials. There have been questions from some technical experts for the code bodies as to whether the EPA label is adequate for guidance for PMPs for the use of baits for new construction; however, the label is sufficiently clear and local code officials should not force supplementary requirements. Some state regulatory agencies have specific requirements due to local needs but this is not a code issue but rather a state lead agency decision.