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Dear Tom,

This letter is in response to your request for an updated opinion concerning the performance of "Baker's Gray Away Wood Seal" now on exposure here at the Texas Forest Products Lab.

The following formulas have been out on exposure since August of 1990 (24 months):

GRAY AWAY WOOD SEALER

1. Super Cedar
2. Super Redwood
3. Super Spruce
4. Super Cedar "Dark"

I am pleased to report that all the finishes are providing excellent color maintenance and mildew protection. The coatings are on both smooth and rough cedar siding as well as redwood, where applicable. The wood finishes appear unchanged and free of discoloration, flaking, peeling or dirt accumulation.

Results from both accelerated weathering and 24 month field exposure would indicate these formulas will provide a minimum of 4-5 years protection to wood siding and fences where applied properly.

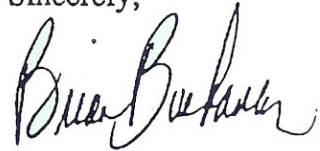
We are now in a position to recommend these formulas when consulting with homeowners and commercial applicators. The Gray Away Wood Sealer is superior to the more heavily advertised natural finishes for wood such as Thompson's Water Seal, Flood's

CWF UV Clear Wood Finish, and Behr Natural Wood Finish which have been on exposure for the same period of time.

It is most unfortunate the manufacturers of some natural wood finishes choose to spend their time and money in advertising and promotion rather than product development. The uninformed consumer is, and always will be an easy target. We at the Texas Forest Service hope that in some small way, we can better educate the public when it comes to buying and using quality coatings and finishes for wood. We will continue this service as long as there's a need and a state budget to support it.

I hope this updated 24 month report is helpful to you . I am quite pleased with the results. If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brian Buchanan
Wood Technologist