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To: All POLYGLASS Users

CC: POLYGLASS Sales & Technical Services

Re: **Understanding Surface Material Migration in Modified Bitumen Membranes**

In our continued effort to support our customers, Polyglass provides the following information regarding the temporary surface characteristics that may occur on roofing membranes manufactured with polymer-modified asphalt compounds.

Shortly after installation, it is not uncommon for light oils or additives within the membrane's weathering surface to migrate outward. This can result in light surface staining or discolored water runoff during periods of rain or moisture exposure. While the appearance may raise concern—particularly if runoff contacts adjacent or ground-level surfaces that are more prone to staining—this condition is temporary and does not indicate a product defect.

As the membrane is exposed to weather and begins to age, the presence of these materials typically diminishes over time. Any discoloration that appears while the material is wet is usually water-soluble and should rinse off naturally. If dry residue remains, a mild degreasing agent can assist in cleaning. On painted surfaces, using a pigmented primer is recommended before repainting.

This is a typical characteristic of modified bitumen membranes and has no impact on the long-term performance of the product.

For more detailed application or warranty inquiries, please contact the Polyglass Technical Services Department at 866-794-9659 or via email at Technical@Polyglass.com.



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