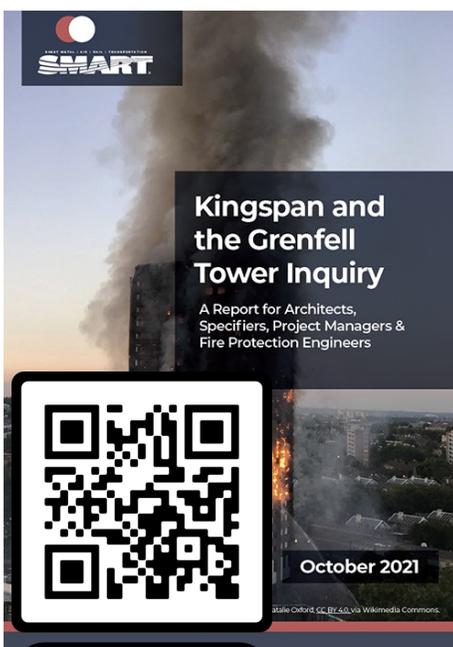


Why is the AIA partnering with Kingspan?

We urge AIA to live up to its values by publicly ending the partnership.

- June 2022: Kingspan is no longer a platinum sponsor of the USGBC Live event series.
- April 27, 2022: National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (National COSH) announced its 2022 “Dirty Dozen,” adding Kingspan Light & Air in Santa Ana, Calif., to a list of employers the organization says have “put workers, families and communities at risk.” The designation comes less than two weeks after Cal/OSHA cited the factory for 24 alleged violations of the state’s occupational health and safety code, including five serious violations, and set fines against the company of \$39,145. Kingspan did not challenge the violations but claim in their appeal that \$39,145 is “unreasonable,” despite that fact they exposed workers to the possibility of death or serious physical harm.
- March 2022: Westwood school district in Massachusetts voted to remove Kingspan K15 from proprietary specifications previously approved on an \$88 million school project.
- February 2022: 45+ environmental justice organizations and 90+ clergy and faith leaders called on the green building community to stop partnering with Kingspan.
- January 11, 2022: Santa Ana Region 8 Water Board (part of CalEPA) issued Kingspan a Notice of Violation for “failure to comply with the general permit for storm water discharges associated with industrial activities.”
- December 2021: Mercedes Formula 1 ends its partnership with Kingspan after one week.
- 2020-2021: Kingspan is a core participant in the ongoing UK Government Inquiry into the Grenfell Tower Fire, which killed 72 people, primarily people of color living in council housing. While only a small percentage (5%) of the insulation in the tower was Kingspan Kooltherm K15, the Inquiry revealed that between 2006 and 2015, there was not a single successful large scale fire test that could be applied to the K15 being sold in the market. For years, Kingspan’s UK Insulation business issued misleading marketing literature and advice (“letters of suitability”) to use K15 in configurations for which it was never tested, and in some cases, for which it had failed tests that were not disclosed.

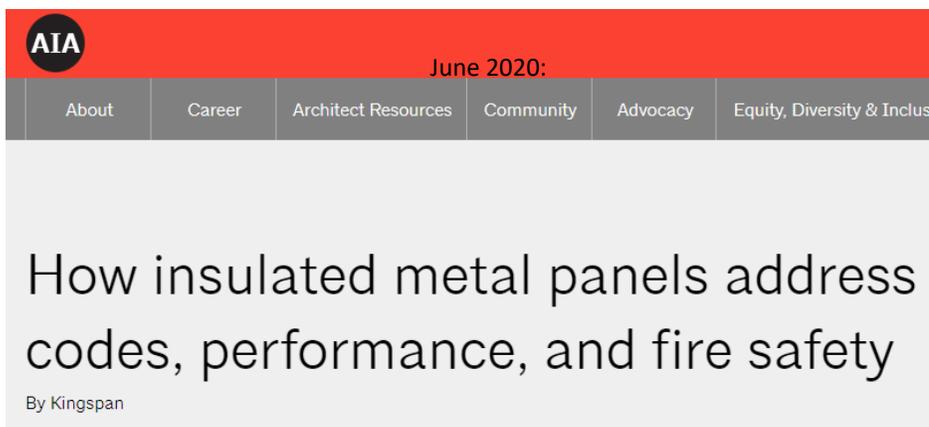
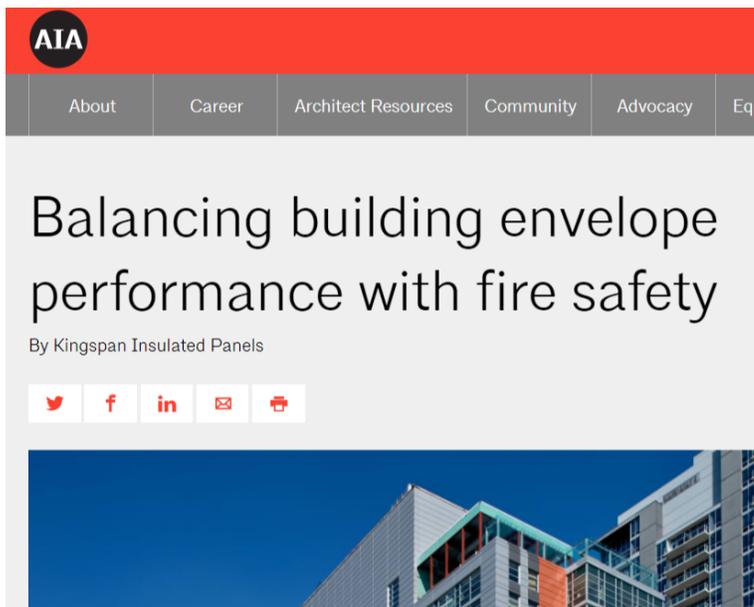


Read the research on Kingspan:

1. Our report based on the UK Government Grenfell Tower Inquiry documents and testimony,
2. A study by Dr. Shahir Masri, PhD, which analyzes atmo-tube data collected by Kingspan workers over 3 days in August 2021.



The Grenfell Inquiry has revealed an internal culture at Kingspan's UK Insulation business. The AIA should end the partnership.



For more internal conversations by Kingspan managers regarding fire safety, read our report: "Kingspan and the Grenfell Tower Inquiry: A Report for Architects, Specifiers, Project Managers and Fire Protection Engineers" and take action at KingspanOnFire.org

Chalmers: "[K15] Doesn't actually get class 0 when we test the whole product tho LOL!"

Moss: "WHAT, We lied? Honest opinion now."

Chalmers: "Yeahhhh. Tested K15 as a whole – got class 1 [a worse rating]. Wheyy. lol"

Moss: "Whey. Shit product. Scrap it."

Chalmers: "Yeah all lies mate" and "Alls we do is lie in here."

– From a 2008 text chat between two members of Kingspan's K15 technical/marketing teams

Inquiry: Does this exchange tell us that you were prepared to interpret ADB [Building code] in a particular way in order to make sales?

Pargeter: Yes that would be true

Inquiry: And that particular way was less safe, less conservative, and not ideal?

Pargeter: Potentially, yes

Adrian Pargeter, Director of Technical, Marketing, and Regulatory Affairs for Kingspan Insulation UK, testifying at the Inquiry on December 8, 2020.