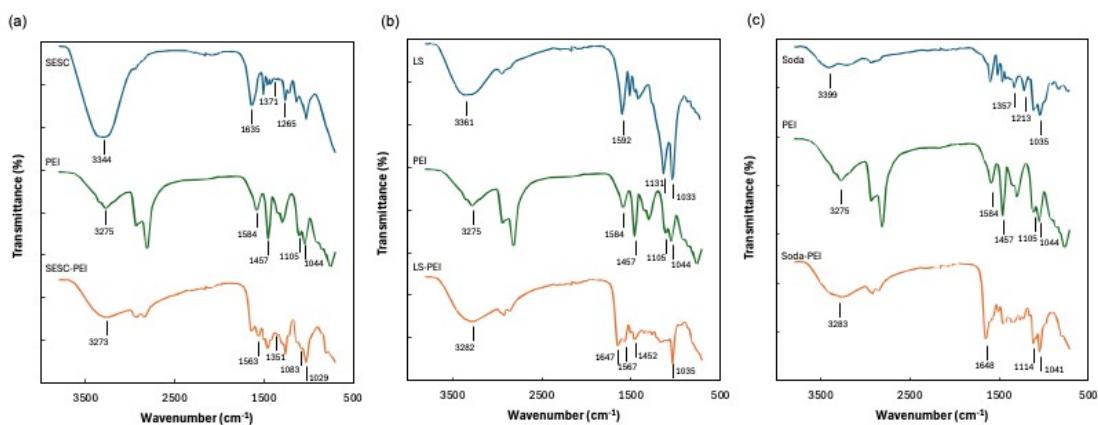


## *Supporting Information*

# Effect of the Lignin Type on the Gas/UV Barrier Properties of Lignin-Polyethyleneimine Based Composite Films

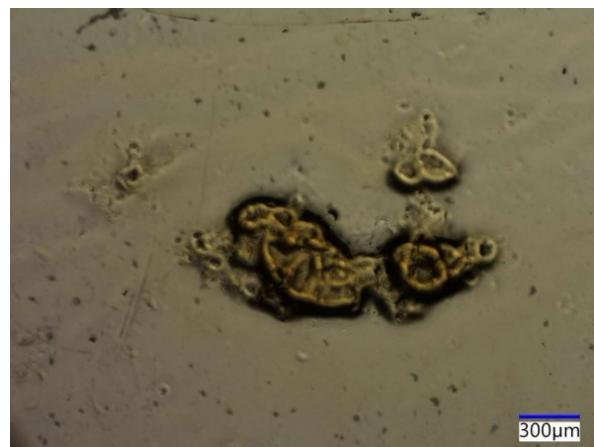
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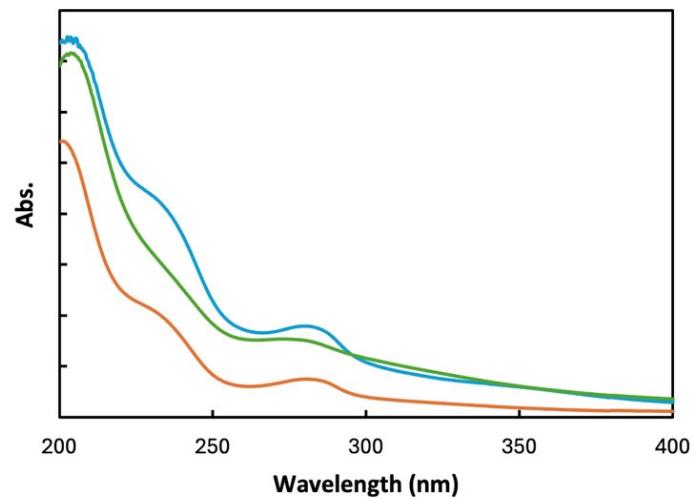
**Fig. S1** FTIR spectra of the lignin derivatives, PEI, and their composite materials, prepared at a lignin/PEI ratio of 50:50 using PEI with a  $M_w$  of 10000. (a) SESC, PEI, and SESC-PEI; (b) LS, PEI, and LS-PEI; (c) Soda, PEI, and Soda-PEI.

**Table S1.** Zeta potentials of the lignin derivatives, PEI ( $M_w = 10000$ ), and lignin-PEI dispersions

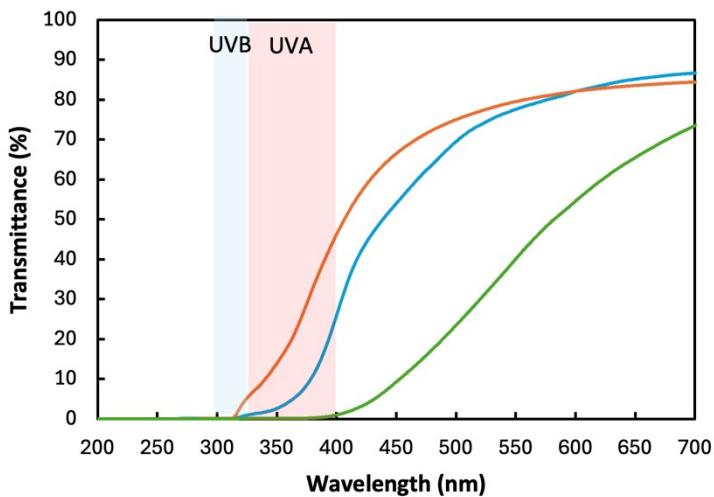
SESC	LS	Soda	PEI	SESC/PEI			LS/PEI	Soda/PEI
				17:83	50:50	75:25	50:50	50:50
-26.50	-33.90	-33.29	0.75	-0.27	-2.69	0.41	1.54	-0.83



**Fig. S2** Digital microscopy image for the specimen prepared using a PEI  $M_w$  70000 and SESC. A lignin/PEI ratio of 50:50 was employed.



**Fig. S3** UV-Vis adsorption spectra recorded for the SESC (blue), LS (green), and Soda (orange) specimens in aqueous solution (0.05 mg/mL).



**Fig. S4** UV-Vis transmittance spectra of the best-performing lignin/PEI films: SESC/PEI ratio of 17/83 with a PEI  $M_w$  70000 (blue), LS/PEI ratio of 50/50 with a PEI  $M_w$  600 (orange), and Soda/PEI ratio of 50/50 with a PEI  $M_w$  70000 (green).

**Table S2.** UV transmittance results, CIELAB ( $L^*a^*b^*$ ) color spaces, and mandrel bend radii for the SESC/PEI, LS/PEI, and Soda/PEI specimens before and after weathering. Samples were prepared using a lignin/PEI ratio of 50:50 and a PEI  $M_w$  of 10000

	Before weather resistance test			After weather resistance test		
	SESC/PEI	LS/PEI	Soda/PEI	SESC/PEI	LS/PEI	Soda/PEI
UVA transmittance (%)	15	29	0.10	6.1	3.1	0.24
UVB transmittance (%)	0.1	0.03	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.10
$L^*$	34.60	36.15	31.67	35.07	34.38	34.02
$a^*$	0.18	-0.25	3.71	0.31	0.46	3.16
$b^*$	4.59	5.49	4.91	6.39	6.01	8.08
Mandrel bend radius (mm)	<1	2	<1	<1	2	<1