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DEQ – Northwest Region
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RE: Log Pond Discharge Plan for Stimson Lumber, Forest Grove Operations, NPDES Permit 101480.

The Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO) entered into by the Oregon Department Of Environmental Quality (Department) and Stimson Lumber Company requires that Stimson develop and submit an action plan to comply with the NPDES permit requirements for outfall 001 (Log Pond Overflow). The plan required by paragraph 7.A.2. of the MAO must specify the actions Stimson intends to take to meet the requirements of the permit at Outfall 001, and the timeframe for such actions. Attached to this letter is the plan required by the MAO.

The MAO required Stimson to sample the discharge from the pond for arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, and zinc during the discharge period from November 2004 to April 2005. Samples collected showed that all the permit limitations were met except for the seasonal median for arsenic.

To address the arsenic in the log pond overflow, Stimson contracted CH₂MHill to prepare the attached plan. The major portions of the plan include rerouting or treating the Fuel Dryer Scrubber blowdown, and decreasing the discharge of As by filtration or settling. We will implement the recommendations in the plan as required by the MAO (upon approval by the Department) or earlier as we plan to proceed with the planned projects.

Please feel free to contact me at 503 357 2131 with any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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