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Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Elliot Zais, Water Quality Division  
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Re: Treated water spill February 8, 2007.  
NPDES Permit # 101480, Stimson Lumber Co., Forest Grove Oregon.

Dear Mr. Zais.

On February 8, 2007, we discovered a leak in an underground pipeline used to move treated water to a holding pond where it is stored for reuse in our Hardboard Plant. Reuse water has been biologically treated and clarified. The water was found leaking to the surface when the pump was running which is about 50% of the time. We believe that the break in the pipe has only been leaking for 1 to 2 days, and we estimate that less than 3600 gallons per day were lost to the logpond overflow pond. At the time of the spill there was approximately 720,000 gallons of logpond water in the pond and that amount will be increased to at least 7,000,000 gallons before any water is discharged. With the current low water level in the log pond and overflow pond, we will not begin discharging again until approximately 8 inches of rain has fallen. This is likely to be at least two weeks holding time.

The dilution of the spill was about 100 to 1 at the time of the spill and will be 1000 to 1 before the log pond water is released to Scoggins creek in accordance with permit requirements for discharge of the logpond overflow water.

The source of the pollutants in the treated wastewater is essentially the same as those from the logpond, that is wood. We believe that this spill poses no threat to the environment. Unless you disapprove, we will discharge the water from the logpond (including the spill) in according to the limitations in our current permit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 503-357-2131 ext.4273.  
Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Bailey, Environmental Manager.