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The Honorable Jim Boyd
Chairman, Colville Business Council
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
P.O. Box 150
Nespelem, Washington 99155-0150

Dear Chairman Boyd:

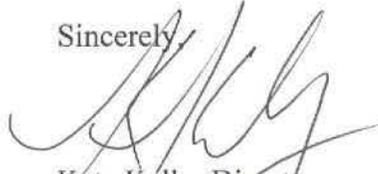
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has begun preparing changes to two air quality operating permits for the Omak Wood Products plywood mill in Omak, Washington. This facility is located within the boundaries of the Colville Reservation, and its operation may affect tribal interests. The EPA is notifying the Colville Tribes of the proposed actions and will engage in government-to-government consultation if requested.

The current Non-Title V Permit limits OWP's hazardous air pollutant emissions to enable the facility to be a minor source under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act. Since issuing the permit in 2007, the EPA has learned that the permit's emission limitations and associated monitoring and recordkeeping requirements can be improved. The improvements we are planning provide better assurance that the emission limitations are enforceable as a practical matter. Revisions to the Non-Title V Permit will be processed concurrently with a renewal of the facility's Title V Operating Permit. We plan to issue both permits this summer, and neither will allow any new operations or emissions.

The EPA recognizes its unique relationship with tribal governments as set forth in the United States Constitution, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and court decisions. We also recognize the important interest that tribes have in protecting air quality that the permits are designed to protect, and we want to ensure that we fully consider your interests in our upcoming decisions. The EPA will keep you informed about the project progress whether or not you desire to engage in consultation. In addition to tribal consultation, there will be opportunities for public involvement through the public comment process, which includes a public comment period of at least 30 days. We will share the draft permit and supporting documents with your staff prior to the public comment period and welcome your comments, concerns, or questions at any time.

Please contact Dan Meyer at (206) 553-4150 or meyer.dan@epa.gov within four weeks of receipt of this letter to indicate whether or not you would like to initiate consultation regarding this project and provide Dan with the name, telephone number, and email address of the tribal contact person for consultation planning and/or project communications. For your convenience, you may complete and return the enclosed tribal consultation questionnaire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kelly', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

Kate Kelly, Director
Office of Air, Waste and Toxics

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Cody Desautel, Colville Tribes (email)
Mr. Kris Ray, Colville Tribes (email)
Mr. Gary Passmore, Colville Tribes (email)

EPA Region 10 Consultation Questionnaire

Tribal Government Name: _____

Project Name: Omak Wood Products, Omak, Washington - Revisions to Non-Title V Air Quality Operating Permit and Renewal of Title V Air Quality Operating Permit

Please check the appropriate response(s) describing the level of involvement your tribal government would like regarding this project.

- We do not request government-to-government consultation at this time.
- There are or may be issues of concern associated with this action; therefore, we request further consultation.
 - I understand that the EPA will be in touch to develop a consultation plan. I am including comments on how our tribal government would like to be consulted.
 - Our tribal government has its own consultation protocol; a copy is included with this response.

The following tribal official has been designated to serve as the point of contact for this project:

Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Chairman Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return the completed form using the enclosed stamped/addressed envelope. You may also scan and e-mail this form to Dan Meyer at meyer.dan@epa.gov or fax it to (206) 553-8509. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this project, please contact Dan.

Thank you!