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October 21, 1996

Mr. Jack A. Anderson
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RE: Grays Harbor Mill Site - Boneyard Area at Grays Harbor Mill Site

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for submitting the results of your independent remedial action for Ecology's review. Ecology appreciates your initiative in pursuing this administrative option under the Model Toxics Control Act.

The Washington State Department of Ecology's Industrial Section has reviewed the following information regarding the Grays Harbor Mill Site - Boneyard Area that was formerly part of the Rayonier Sulfite Pulp Mill Facility located at 803 23rd Street, Hoquiam, Washington:

1. Independent remedial action report dated January 9, 1995.

2. Documents submitted:

Jack Anderson letter dated January 9, 1995.

Request for Review/Independent Remedial Action Report

Independent Remedial Action Report Summary

Independent remedial Action Report Detail

General Map of Mill Site

Areas Exceeding Cleanup Standards

Estimated Costs for Remediation Options

Estimate of Capping by Berglund, Schmidt & Assoc., Inc.

Drawing of Proposed Capping Plan

September 1993 Boneyard Assessment Report by Pacific Environmental Group



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June 1994 Boneyard Assessment Report by Pacific Environmental Group

September 1994 Groundwater Monitoring Report for 2nd Quarter

November 2, 1994 Report on Excavation of Soil Near BY-16

November 9, 1994 Soil Assessment Report Near BY-3

January 1995 Groundwater Monitoring Report for 3rd and 4th Quarter of 1994

The above-named reports were prepared without Ecology oversight such as would occur under an Agreed Order or Consent Decree. However, based upon the information summarized in these reports and a site visit; Ecology has determined that, at this time, the site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.

This no further action determination is conditioned on your recording of a Restrictive Covenant on the property deed at the Grays Harbor County records office no later than December 31, 1996. Recording the Restrictive Covenant on the deed for your property is a condition to maintain Ecology's no further action determination. Also, failure to abide by any portion(s) of the Restrictive Covenant may result in Ecology's withdrawal of its no further action determination. In addition, this no further action determination does not apply to any remedial actions determined necessary as a result of confirmational monitoring.

Therefore, Ecology is issuing this determination that no further action is necessary at this site under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Ch. 70.105D RCW. However, please note that because your actions were not conducted under a consent decree with Ecology, this letter is not a settlement by the state under RCW 70.105D.040(4). Although Ecology is issuing the determination that no further action appears to be necessary to protect human health and the environment, this determination does not release you from any maintenance at the site. Failure to conduct necessary maintenance may result in Ecology's withdrawal of this no further action determination.

This determination is made only with respect to the release identified in the independent remedial action report. This no further action determination applies only to the area of the property affected by the release identified in the report at the Boneyard Area. It does not apply to any other release or potential release at the property, any other areas on the property, nor any other properties owned or operated by Rayonier. [This no further action determination does not apply to remedial actions determined necessary as a result of confirmational monitoring.]

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Ecology does not assume any liability for any release, threatened release or other conditions at the site, or for any actions taken or omitted by any person or his/her agents or employees with regard to the release, threatened release, or other conditions at the site. Ecology reserves the right to require further action at the site with regard to the soil or other contaminated media if new or different information other than that presented in the above reports becomes known or available.

Ecology will update its database to reflect this "No Further Action" determination. Your site will not appear in future publications of the Confirmed & Suspected Contaminated Sites Report (previously known as the Affected Media And Contaminants Report).

If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 407-6934.

Sincerely,

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