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Barry Rogowski, Program Manager
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Re: Weyerhaeuser Company – Snoqualmie Plywood Site
SEMS Site Identification Number WAD009270224

Dear Mr. Rogowski,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed a Site Inspection (SI) for the Weyerhaeuser Company – Snoqualmie Plywood Site ("Site") in February 2024. The SI was conducted after receiving a citizen's petition in July 2022, related to concerns of offsite migration of contamination from the Site and subsequent downstream impacts to drinking and irrigation water. The EPA has evaluated the SI report findings together with other information about the Site and held discussions with the Washington Department of Ecology ("Ecology") for the purpose of assessing options for additional investigations and cleanup actions at the Site.

As EPA understands it, Ecology is prepared to invest the resources necessary to ensure the timely investigation and cleanup of the Site under Ecology oversight through a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Agreed Order negotiated with potentially liable parties. We understand Ecology anticipates the Agreed Order will be signed by the end of 2025. Ecology has also indicated plans to develop a Public Participation Plan and Tribal Engagement Plan, both of which are important components for the Site cleanup.

Given these commitments, the EPA considers it appropriate to designate the Site as "Other Cleanup Activity – State Lead" (OCA) in the EPA's Superfund Enterprise Management System (SEMS). This designation is used by EPA to document a non-NPL site undergoing a remedial investigation and cleanup by a state, tribal or federal entity other than the EPA. The EPA expects cleanup at these designated sites to be completed under applicable laws and regulations. The EPA may reevaluate the OCA designation for the Site if the Agreed Order negotiations or the implementation of response actions do not proceed in a timely or effective manner, or should any other information become available suggesting that the Site may once again warrant the involvement of the EPA.

The EPA will continue to track progress at the Site and requests annual updates to confirm that the OCA designation is still the optimal cleanup approach. Additionally, the EPA recognizes the high community interest in the Site and expects Ecology to continue making information about the investigation and cleanup available and accessible to the public. The EPA understands that online document repositories are made available to the public and Ecology staff are available to talk with interested community members upon request.

If you have questions or need additional information about the roles of our respective agencies for the Site, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206)-553-4141 or Brian Husmillo, Site Assessment Manager at (206)-553-1152.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kim Wooten, Toxics Cleanup Program Regional Section Manager, Washington Department of Ecology