

September 29, 2025

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15700 Dayton Ave N
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Re: Weyerhaeuser Company – Snoqualmie Plywood Site SEMS Site Identification Number WAD009270224

Dear Ms. Wooten,

On January 8, 2025 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) a letter indicating that the Weyerhaeuser Company – Snoqualmie Plywood Site ("Site") would be designated as an "Other Cleanup Activity – State Lead" (OCA) site. 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. At the time of the OCA designation, an Eligible Response Site (ERS) exclusion determination should also have been made. EPA is conducting that step now.

The preliminary hazard ranking system (HRS) score generated for the Site is greater than 28.50, which is a sufficient score for possible listing on the NPL. This score was generated using the information gathered during the SI and therefore this site will be considered "excluded" as an eligible response site (ERS) under the statute [CERCLA § 101(41)(C)(i)]. If you are interested in further details of this statute, please refer to OSWER Directive 9230.0-107, Guidance on Regional Determinations Regarding Eligible Response Sites, available at: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/guidance-regional-determinations-regarding-eligible-response-sites">https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/guidance-regional-determinations-regarding-eligible-response-sites</a>.

Prior to making an ERS exclusion determination, EPA is required to consult with states. If you believe that this site should not be considered "excluded" as an eligible response site, please submit a written reply to this letter within fourteen (14) calendar days of your receipt of this letter and include a brief rationale for your determination.

If you have questions, need additional information for the Site, or need additional time to submit a written response, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206)-553-6396 or Brian Husmillo, Site Assessment Manager at (206)-553-1152.

Sincerely,

Brandon Perkins, Manager Emergency Preparedness and Site Assessment Section