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January 11, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Dana Dolloff
Director of Environmental Affairs
Rayonier, Inc.
50 Laura Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202-3614

RE: Reported Release of Hazardous Substances at the Rayonier, Inc. Port Angeles Pulp Mill Site
and Potential Liability for the Release

Dear Mr. Dolloff:

As a result of the Expanded Site Inspection conducted at the Rayonier, Inc. Port Angeles Pulp Mill located at 700 North Ennis Street, Port Angeles, Washington, by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in 1997 and 1998, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) believes that a release of a hazardous substance has occurred and that further action will be required at this site.

The Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW) requires Ecology to provide written notice to persons Ecology believes to be potentially liable for the costs associated with the investigations and cleanup of hazardous sites, and to allow such persons an opportunity to submit written comment regarding their proposed status as a potentially liable person (PLP).

This letter constitutes formal notice that, at this time, Ecology has credible evidence to support a finding that Rayonier, Inc. is a potentially liable person for a release of hazardous substances at the Rayonier Port Angeles Mill site. According to our information, Rayonier, Inc. is an owner of a "facility", as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(3), and that there has been a "release or threatened release" of a "hazardous substance" at the facility as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(5) and (10), which poses a threat to human health or the environment.

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The evidence supporting these findings is as follows:

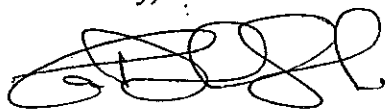
1. Rayonier, Inc. is the owner of property known as the Rayonier Port Angeles Mill Site located at 700 North Ennis Street in Port Angeles, WA.
2. In 1997 and 1998, the USEPA, through their contractor, Ecology and Environment, Inc., conducted an Expanded Site Inspection (ESI) at the Rayonier Port Angeles Mill Site. This investigation included sampling of upland soils, groundwater, and freshwater and marine sediments. A report from this investigation entitled *Rayonier Pulp Mill Expanded Site Inspection TDD: 97-06-0010* was completed in October 1998.
3. The USEPA's ESI Report identified areas of marine sediment, soil, and groundwater contamination that exceed applicable state criteria for the protection of human health and the environment on and adjacent to the Rayonier Port Angeles Mill Site.

You have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt of this letter to provide written comment on your proposed status as a PLP. After a review of those comments, Ecology will make a final written determination of your status.

In the interest of expediting this process without admitting liability, you may wish to accept your status as a Potentially Liable Person by waiving your right to the thirty (30) day notice and comment period. This may be accomplished by signing and returning the enclosed form or sending a letter containing similar information to Ecology.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (360) 407- 6253.

Sincerely,



Garin Schrieve, P.E.
Site Manager
Southwest Regional Office

Enclosures

cc: Laurie Davies, Ecology
Don Schwendiman, Rayonier

Pursuant to WAC 173-340-500(5), I, _____, a duly authorized representative of Rayonier, Inc., do hereby waive my right to the thirty (30) day notice and comment period described in WAC 173-340-500(3) and accept(s) status as a Potentially Liable Person. By waiving this right, I make no admission of liability.

Name

Date

Relation To The Site
(i.e., owner or operator)

