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Carol Evans
Chairwoman Spokane Tribal Council
Spokane Tribe of Indians
P.O. Box 100
Wellpinit, WA 99040

RE: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Draft Permit and Fact Sheet Review for Inland Empire Paper Company, Permit WA0000825

Dear Chairwoman Carol Evans:

Enclosed is a draft copy of Inland Empire Paper Company's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and fact sheet. Please review these documents and submit comments before the end of the upcoming public comment period.

Ecology will place a public notice in the local newspaper (Spokesman Review). There will be a 45-day comment period from the date of publication. At that time, you will have the opportunity to submit comments on requirements and conditions in the permit. Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the 45-day public review period and will issue the final permit after addressing all comments. The comment period will run from March 4, 2022 to April 18, 2022.

Please do not share or forward the permit or fact sheet outside of the Spokane Tribe, the public will have the opportunity to review and submit comments on the draft documents during the upcoming public review period. The EPA has also received copies of the permit and fact sheet if you would like to contact them with questions about the documents. We are also available to meet with you to discuss this permit, if that is of interest.

Please contact Adriane Borgias at (509) 329-3515 or by email at Adriane.Borgias@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions about the document review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brook Beeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Brook Beeler
Eastern Region Director
Department of Ecology

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Enclosure (2)

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