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Dear Chairman Lewis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently processing Yakama Forest Products' application to renew its Title V air quality operating permit. The EPA is notifying the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Yakama Nation) of this proposed action and will engage in government-to-government consultation if requested.

The EPA recognizes its unique relationship with Tribal governments as set forth in the United States Constitution, treaties, statutes, executive orders, and court decisions. We also recognize the important role Tribes play in protecting air quality, and we want to ensure that we fully consider Yakama Nation's interests in our upcoming decision. The EPA will keep Yakama Nation informed about the project progress whether or not you desire to engage in consultation. In addition to the opportunity for Tribal consultation, there will be opportunities for public involvement through the public comment process; a public comment period on the Title V permit will be open for at least 30 days.

Please contact Valerie Gardner of my staff at (907) 271-6561 or gardner.valerie@epa.gov within two weeks of receipt of this letter to indicate whether you would like to initiate consultation regarding this project and, if so, please provide Ms. Gardner with the name and contact information of the Tribal staff involved in consultation planning and/or project communications.

Thank you,

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