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SEATTLE, WA 98101

The Honorable Chief Gerald Lewis
Chairman
Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
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Dear Chairman Lewis:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently processing Neucor Inc.'s application for an initial title V air quality operating permit. The EPA is notifying the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation of this proposed action and will engage in government-to-government consultation if requested.

The EPA received an application for a permit renewal from Stimson on May 12, 2017. Because Neucor submitted a timely and complete application, it may operate under its application shield until its request for a permit is approved or denied. We understand that the company is not currently operating.

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 the Yakama Nation's interests in our upcoming decision. The EPA will keep the Yakama Nation and Tribal environmental staff informed about the project's 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 Geoffrey Glass of my staff at (206) 553-1847 or glass.geoffrey@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 Mr. Glass with the name and contact information of the Tribal staff involved in consultation planning and/or project communications.

Sincerely,

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