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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie:

Thank you for your follow up letter concerning Columbia Forest products. I spoke at length with both Mary Catherine Plaster and Senator Charles Hawkins prior to my last letter, and I am sympathetic to the frustrations you feel you have experienced in recent years.

However, this agency's involvement is limited to review and comment on the current proposed amendment. We have no authority to reverse what may have taken place or been allowed to develop over time, and our guidance is advisory in any case. The Department of Environmental Quality requested comments on the draft permit, and we responded with recommendations based on our understanding of the information provided. Again, though, our focus is limited to changes related to the proposed amendment. In that context, we recommended that DEQ require monitoring in order to address any changes resulting from the amendment that may affect the historic setting negatively in the future.

I hope this letter clarifies the Department's role in this project.

Sincerely,


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