

October 15, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

On behalf of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA), I am writing to request a meeting with you to discuss a top priority of our industry, the treatment of biogenic CO₂ under the Clean Air Act. The forest products industry is the largest producer and user of bioenergy of any industrial sector. We would be happy to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

AF&PA represents U.S. manufacturers of pulp, paper, packaging, tissue and wood products with fact-based public policy and marketplace advocacy. More than 75 percent of forest products industry facilities are located in predominantly rural counties across America and are often the economic driver for their communities, large and small. The approximately 900,000 family wage jobs represent a \$50 billion annual payroll, making our industry among the top 10 manufacturing sector employers in 45 states. AF&PA member companies make products essential for everyday life from renewable and recyclable resources and are committed to continuous improvement through the industry's sustainability initiative - *Better Practices, Better Planet 2020*.

We will be in touch with your office shortly, but in the meantime, feel free to have your staff please contact Laura Seidman at 202-463-5179 or Laura_Seidman@afandpa.org with your availability. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Paul Noe
Vice President, Public Policy