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To: Bill Dameworth, Pope and Talbot - Halsey, OR

I apologize for not responding to your E-Mail. As you can imagine, I am getting many questions from all over the industry and States. My problem is that I am getting similar related questions set in a specific mill context. We are working to compile the questions and responses to put into a guidance document. I am reluctant to tell one mill something at this point for fear of telling another mill something different.

Your question on the chip steamer has been a very "popular" question in the industry. Unfortunately, the question has been posed differently every time I've heard it. I have had some communication with Rob Kaufmann of AF&PA. I have requested some diagrams and some writeups to help me understand the problem. I understand that AF&PA is putting something together, but I have not received anything to date. The questions I have received thus far have related to Impco and Kamyr continuous digesters. I'm not familiar with the M&D digester so I don't know how it compares to these two. The intent of the rule is to control venting off the chip steamers and venting off of the chip bin if the chip steamer vents through the chip bin where waste or flash steam is used. As I recall, we did not intend to capture situations where only fresh steam is used.