

ATTACHMENT 3



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June 13, 2001

Mr. Kevin Scott
Environmental Manager
Boise Cascade Wallula Mill
P.O. Box 500
Wallula, WA 99363

Dear Mr. Scott:

On May 15, 2001, Boise Cascade submitted a letter to Ecology containing information regarding Wallula mill's No. 1 M&D Digester pocket feeder vent and its inapplicability to the rule, 40 CFR 63.443, Standard for Pulping System at Kraft, Soda, and Semi-chemical Processes. The rule states that chip steamers not using fresh steam are subject to the LVHC collection requirements in the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Pulp and Paper Industry. Boise Cascade believes the rule should not apply because the steam supply system provides only fresh steam to the pocket feeder.

After reviewing the information, related rules, EPA's guidance, Ecology agrees that the No. 1 M&D pocket feeder vent is not subject to the LVHC collection requirements when using only fresh steam in the pre-teaming process. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me at (360) 404-6948.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teddy V. Le".

Teddy V. Le, P.E.
Industrial Section

cc: Merley McCall, Ecology