



December 30, 2016

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RE: DEQ Approval of the Final Remedial Action Report – Phase 4 – Compressor Building Area Soil Removal, Bonner Mill Cooling Pond and Vicinity, Bonner, Montana

Dear Mr. Petrin:

This letter serves to inform Stimson Lumber Company (Stimson) that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approves the final version of the Final Remedial Action Report – Phase 4 – Compressor Building Area Soil Removal, Bonner Mill Cooling Pond and Vicinity submitted by Stimson to DEQ on November 30, 2016. All DEQ requested changes were made to the draft construction completion report and DEQ considers the report now final and the Phase 4 removal action completed. At this time it appears that Stimson has fulfilled the final report requirements of the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), Section VIII, paragraph 82. DEQ reserves its rights, consistent with Sections XXI (Reservation of Rights by DEQ and DOJ) and XXXII (Termination and Satisfaction) to require additional Work at the Stimson Bonner Mill Property.

A Declaration of Institutional Controls on Real Property was filed with Missoula County in September 2016 and DEQ received a copy of that final signed document for the DEQ files in October 2016. This action fulfills the requirements of the AOC, paragraphs 87 and 88.

The Long-Term Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan was approved by DEQ in 2013 after the completion of Phase 3 removal action construction activities, and that O&M plan will be in effect until the requirements stated in that plan are fulfilled. Additionally, the approved O&M plan provides for a period of monitoring of groundwater (GW) wells to continue until four consecutive sampling events show no exceedances of DEQ-7 standards, twice a year during high and low GW elevation (June and December).