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Reviewer: CLH Date: 6/13/18
Per M. Hay

Subject: Reply to a Notice of Violation; Docket: 030-09516

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

On February 19th, 2016 the Weyerhaeuser Company merged with the Plum Creek Timber Company and at that time completed a transfer of control of NRC License 25-15644-01. However, as communicated by the NRC in a May 7, 2018 Notice of Violation letter 030-09516, this transfer of control occurred without the consent of the NRC and is therefore a violation of 10 CFR 30.304(b).

In reviewing the circumstances regarding the merger, it would appear that the Plum Creek Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) at Columbia Falls MDF was unaware of the requirement to seek the NRC's prior consent to a transfer of control of the license. At that time, Columbia Falls MDF was the only Plum Creek manufacturing facility that required a license from the NRC and since it appears the RSO was unaware of the requirement for prior consent, it is reasonable to assume that he would not have informed Plum Creek Timber Company or the Weyerhaeuser Company of the requirement. The Plum Creek RSO at the time of the merger left Weyerhaeuser in January 2018 and prior to his departure he initiated the steps to have his successor named as RSO, and at that time informed the NRC of the transfer of control.

Columbia Falls MDF is taking the following steps to ensure that if a transfer of control takes place in the future that it will be accomplished in accordance with 10 CFR 30.304(b):

1. The requirement to seek consent for a transfer of control will be incorporated into Columbia Falls MDF Radiation Safety Plan. Completed May 14, 2018.
2. A detailed review of the Radiation Safety Plan will be required whenever there is a change of RSO or Product Line Manager. This requirement has also been added to Columbia Falls MDF Radiation Safety Plan. Completed June 6, 2018.

Weyerhaeuser Columbia Falls greatly appreciates the help and cooperation we have received from the NRC over these past few months in amending License 25-15644-01. Please let me know if there is any more information required regarding the Notice of Violation.

Respectfully,



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cc: NRC Regional Administrator, Region IV
Frank Cereghini, Weyerhaeuser Team Lead Health and Safety
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