

Water Resources Department

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Collins Timber Company LLC 6410 Highway 66 Klamath Falls OR 97601 Merissa A. Moeller Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Suite 2400 1300 SW Fifth Avenue Portland OR 97201-5610

Re: Specific to General Industrial Notification – Certificate 37577

Dear Ms. Moeller;

We received your letter of October 24, 2017 notifying Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) that Collins Timber Company LLC (Collins) is changing the use of water under Water Right Certificate 37577 for the specific industrial use of "cooling, manufacturing and boiler feed" to general industrial use.

The letter states that the general industrial use at the site will include, but not be limited to, "construction, operation and maintenance of the industrial site, charging the fire suppression system, and product processing". The letter also identifies that any new use will continue to occur within the property owned by Weyerhauser Company at the time the original permit was issued. Finally, the letter indicates that the quantity of water used for cooling, manufacturing and boiler feed will not exceed 20.4 cfs.

The requirements for making the change are established under ORS 540.520(9) and OAR 690-380-2340. Your letter appears to include all of the information required under the statutes and rules. We will file your notification in our water right records.

Current statutes and rules do not include a process for Department review and approval of notifications of specific to general industrial changes. Any issues associated with eligibility and compliance will be addressed by the watermaster during normal distribution and regulation activities. However, please be aware that, in accordance with ORS 540.520(9), the quantity of water used for the general industrial use shall not be greater than the rate and volume allowed in the original water right <u>and</u> shall not be greater than the quantity of water diverted, both in rate and in volume, to satisfy the authorized specific use under the original right.

In the event that Collins, or any subsequent holder of the water right described by Certificate 37577, wishes to request to change the character of use of the right through the Water Right Transfer process outlined in OAR 690-380, the quantity of water that may be transferred to the new use will be limited to the quantity of water beneficially used without waste for the general industrial use, consistent with the requirements and limitations in ORS 540.520(9).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0886 or <u>Patrick.K.Starnes@oregon.gov</u> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly Starnes

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cc: Water Right Application File S-44425

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