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Quinn Burke-Anderson,

Stimson Lumber Company (Stimson) in Gaston, OR (Source Number 34-2066) was called in to the Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) program on July 2, 2020. DEQ approved Stimson's original risk assessment on August 5, 2024. Stimson submitted revised CAO materials on April 23, 2025 (YDO Submittal ID 66944), concurrently with a Construction ACDP Application for Title V Permit No. 34-2066-TV-01, in which Stimson proposed to expand operations with the construction of a new sawmill. DEQ approved the revised risk assessment on December 12, 2025. After the approval, Stimson requested to revise the boiler emission factors in the risk assessment to account for source test variability, and submitted revised CAO materials on January 29, 2026.

DEQ has completed its review of the revised CAO Emissions Inventory, Modeling Protocol, Risk Assessment Work Plan, and Level 3 Risk Assessment submitted on January 29, 2026. In accordance with [Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 340-245-0050\(1\)](#), DEQ approves these documents with the following comments:

1. Emissions Inventory: In the AQ520 form for the Scrubber Startup (SU) scenario, Toxics Emissions Unit (TEU) H-BLR_MC has values of zero for annual and daily throughput but there are emissions listed in Worksheet 3 – emissions should be zero to match the modeling and throughput information. This update has been made in the attached, approved version of the CAO Emissions Inventory (AQ520 form) for the scrubber startup scenario. Please review this form and contact me if there are any inaccuracies. Because risk was modeled using the correct emissions, no revision to the modeling or risk assessment report is required.
2. Risk Assessment: In Table 1-2, the Acute Noncancer Hazard Index of 3 does not exceed the Toxics Best Available Control Technology (TBACT) Risk Action Level of 3. It is not appropriate to state that the calculated Hazard Index is "Below TBACT Level". Because the risk conclusion does not change, it is not necessary to submit another risk assessment to correct the table; however in future submittals, please indicate that the Hazard Index "does not exceed" the Risk Action Level where appropriate, rather than stating that it is "below" the Risk Action Level.

The resulting maximum Residential Excess Cancer Risk of 29.3 (rounded to 29), Residential Chronic Noncancer Hazard Index of 1.5 (rounded to 2) and Acute Noncancer Hazard Index of 3.4 (rounded to 3), as determined by the Risk Assessment, exceed the Community Engagement Risk Action Level for existing sources. [[OAR 340-245-8010, Table 1](#)] Other risk values for this facility do not exceed the Source Permit Level. This means that formal community engagement will be required, and Source Risk

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Limits will be required in the permit to limit the risk from toxic air contaminant emissions from this facility.

Stimson Lumber Company has completed the AQ502 CAO Permit Modification form and paid the required fees. The next step in the process is for DEQ to draft the Toxic Air Contaminant Permit Addendum (TACPA) and provide you with the opportunity to review and comment. DEQ will also contact you in the coming weeks regarding formal community engagement requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me directly at (503) 866-9643 or julia.degagne@deq.oregon.gov. I look forward to your continued assistance with this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia DeGagne".

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Enc: Revised AQ520 Form: Scrubber Startup Scenario

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