

ITEM:

SUBJECT: Sierra Pacific Industries
Quincy Division
Plumas County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of NPDES Permit Renewal*

BACKGROUND: Sierra Pacific Industries, Quincy Division (hereinafter Discharger) owns and operates a sawmill and wood-burning cogeneration facility in East Quincy, Plumas County.

The sawmill produces approximately 210 million board feet of lumber per year and the cogeneration plant generates a gross 27 megawatts of electric power. During the summer, logs are sprinkled with water but discharge does not occur. Excess log deck runoff drains to a log deck pond system, which consists of a bark separator; four log deck recycle ponds, and one five-acre retention pond. Log deck sprinkling is usually terminated in late October or early November when the rainy season begins. After capturing and containing the first flush off the log deck, storm water runoff is discharged to Mill Creek during the rainy season. The Discharger is separating the process water (from cogeneration plant) from the log deck stormwater. Effluent limits are included for the cogeneration plant and receiving water limitations are provided for the log deck stormwater discharges.

The proposed Order requires the Discharger to implement a combination of BMPs, and contains numeric effluent limitations, and receiving water limitations to ensure the quality of the receiving water is protected. As specified in 40 CFR Section 122.44(k), BMPs may be used in lieu of numeric effluent limitations for stormwater.

ISSUES: This item is uncontested at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed order.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____