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To: [Phillip House](#); [Russell Schwartz](#); [Ranisha Brown](#); [Howard Gardner](#); [Clay Garrett](#); [Forrest Denney](#)
Cc: [OCE](#)
Subject: [External] COVID Discretion_New Boston Lumbermill
Date: Friday, January 22, 2021 8:10:45 AM
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Good morning, Mr. House:

The TCEQ has evaluated your request for enforcement discretion related to emissions evaluator field certification for New Boston Lumbermill employees.

The enforcement discretion will be valid until May 11, 2021. The required field certifications must be completed as soon as practicable and as conditions allow, by this date.

Regulated entities must maintain records adequate to document activities related to any noncompliance under enforcement discretion, including details of the regulated entity's best efforts to comply.

Regards,

Jonathan Walling, Area Director
Coastal & East Texas Area
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

From: Phillip House <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 10:53 AM
To: OCE <OCE@tceq.texas.gov>; Ramiro Garcia <ramiro.garcia@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Russell Schwartz <[REDACTED]> Michelle Baetz <michelle.baetz@tceq.texas.gov>; Ranisha Brown <[REDACTED]> Howard Gardner <[REDACTED]> Clay Garrett <[REDACTED]> Forrest Denney <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External] COVID Discretion

Good Morning,

My name is Phillip House, I'm the Safety and Environmental Manager for the West Fraser New Boston Wood Products Division in New Boston, Texas. Recently I became aware that going to visible emissions lectures and field evaluation in Arkansas does not meet the requirements of **Texas administrative code part 30**. In order to get in compliance with this standard. I will need to have 2 of our current visible emissions evaluators attend an Texas On-line lector, which can occur on February 8, 2021. The in field certification can't occur until May 11, 2021 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions placed on our division by the West Fraser Corporation.

From: Phillip House
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:56 AM
To: Michelle Baetz <michelle.baetz@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Russell Schwartz <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External] COVID Discretion

Ms. Baetz,

It was very good talking to you this morning. I will compose an email and forward to the two contacts below. Thanks again for your help in this matter.

From: Michelle Baetz <michelle.baetz@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:44 AM
To: Phillip House <[REDACTED]>
Subject: [External] COVID Discretion

Good morning Phillip,

We can consider enforcement discretion if an entity claims that they cannot meet reporting requirements or other requirements due to staff impacts from COVID-19. If they do, an email must be sent to a specific mailbox, OCE@tceq.texas.gov. When sending a request for discretion, the entity should cc: Ramiro.garcia@tceq.texas.gov.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
Michelle

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