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Dear Mr. Rochford,

I am writing to let you know that my agency, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will extend until February 29th, 2020 the limited project to evaluate incineration as a secure disposal method for all non-compliant regulated wood packaging material (WPM). APHIS and CBP will continue to collect data for the duration of the project and evaluate all incidents of non-compliant WPM and all compliance agreement violations to determine the effectiveness of safeguarding measures associated with the incinerating non-compliant WPM.

This month, APHIS and CBP will begin updating compliance agreements with participants of the program. Any entity interested in participating in this project may contact their local their local [APHIS](#) or CBP office to learn more about the compliance agreement process or to request a compliance agreement.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Jason Neil at 919-855-7323.

Sincerely,

Carlos Martinez
Executive Director
Plant Protection and Quarantine

Cc: Delaware River WPM Project Compliance Agreement Holders
CBP Baltimore Director of Field Operations