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Dear Mr. Rochford,

I am writing to let you know that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will extend until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 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 non-compliant WPM incidents and compliance agreement violations to determine the effectiveness of safeguarding measures associated with incinerating non-compliant WPM.

This month, APHIS and CBP will notify current compliance agreement holders about the project extension. Compliance agreements issued for this project will remain valid through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Entities interested in participating in this project may contact their local [APHIS](#) or CBP office to learn more about the compliance agreement process or request a compliance agreement.

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

Sincerely,

Carlos Martinez  
Executive Director  
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Cc: Delaware River WPM Project Compliance Holders  
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