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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : All Regional Executive Directors
DATE : 28 JAN 2005
SUBJECT : **Closure of Sawmills/Wood Processing Plants Without Identified Source or Log/Wood Supply Contract**

Consistent with our anti-illegal logging efforts, you are hereby instructed to review and validate the operations of all sawmills and other wood processing plants (WPP) in your areas of responsibility and categorically determine their respective log/wood sources.

All permits of sawmills and other WPPs without identified sources or log/wood supply contracts are hereby revoked.

Operations of sawmills/WPPs with corresponding wood sources shall be strictly monitored and limited only within the maximum duration possible based on their capacity and available volume. Their operations shall be **automatically suspended** upon the exhaustion of the identified volume or the expiration of computed duration, whichever comes first.

You are hereby instructed to implement this order immediately and submit compliance report through the Undersecretary for Environment and Forestry, indicating the closed, suspended and operating sawmills/WPPs with their corresponding sources, volume and duration, not later than February 10, 2005.

Any violation of this order shall be dealt with accordingly.

For strict compliance.


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR



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