

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

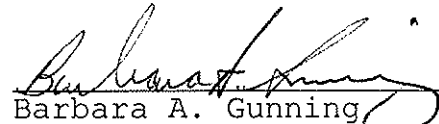
In the Matter of)
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EMPIRE LUMBER CO.,) DOCKET NO. CAA-10-2012-0054
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Respondent)

REPORT RECOMMENDING TERMINATION
OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS
AND ASSIGNMENT OF A JUDGE FOR LITIGATION

The Report of September 14, 2012 provides that this alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process terminates October 17, 2012. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be terminated, and that the case be assigned to a Judge for resolution through litigation.

The parties have not reached an agreement to settle this matter. The parties, however, did successfully use the ADR process to negotiate the framework for a possible settlement. They are encouraged to continue their negotiations to try to conclude a settlement agreement.

Finally, the undersigned expresses her appreciation to the parties for the courtesy and candor with which they participated in the ADR process. Accordingly, the case should now be assigned to a Judge to preside over a litigated resolution of this case.


Barbara A. Gunning
Administrative Law Judge
Dated: October 17, 2012



Approved: _____
Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: 10/17/2012

**In the Matter of *Empire Lumber*, Respondent.
Docket No. CAA-10-2012-0054**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing **Report Recommending Termination of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process**, dated October 17, 2012, issued by Barbara Gunning, Administrative Law Judge, was sent this 17th day of October 2012, in the following manner to the addressees listed below.



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