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Comment : Sorry to be late submitting my comments about Louisiana Pacific Canada Limited decommissioning its regenerative thermal oxidizers and the proposed new air emission limits of its drying and pressing operations at the Swan Valley Oriented Strand board mill. The subject is not suited to casual research and the material takes time to digest. I would like to express my deep disappointment with what will no doubt be a decision to allow LP to do whatever it wants for the sake of saving money and jobs instead of health and well being of the environment and the people of the surrounding area. I've read the reports, and the industry reviews concluding LP's requests are within allowable guidelines. I'm not convinced that this will be true, or that the guidelines are adequate. Every day that goes by without the use of air pollution control is another day of accumulation of persistent volatile organic compounds, hazardous air pollutants, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, acrolein, acetaldehyde, formaldehyde, phenol, benzene, hydrogen cyanide and methane dimethyl diisocyanate in our collective atmosphere. LP's installation of state of the art single pass dryers and wood-fired energy systems in 2004 does not demonstrate justification for increasing emission limits. Nor does the argument that no other OSB mill in Canada require RTOs or have to incur the associated operation costs. The increased VOC limits on the presses go from 2.28g/s to 2.78g/s or 893%! VOC limits on the dryers will go from 1.1g/s to 20.96g/s or 1732%! These increases are incredible. I note that no OSB facilities in Canada were required to report greenhouse gas inventories, yet the use of natural gas to run the RTOs increasing carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide was cited as a reason to stop the RTOs in January 2009. There should be no environmental trade offs - GHG vs VOC or HAP - all are deadly to our future. If RTOs are not required at other LP OSB mills in Canada, but are required in the United States, why do

we in Canada have to accept lesser standards? It seems
Manitoba Conservation and the Manitoba Government are
submitting to shortsighted economic imperatives. Sincerely,
Jacinta Willing