

On behalf of all Domtar employees, we ask your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire. Our mill fulfills over 70 percent of our power needs from burning black liquor—a residual of the pulping process comprised of lignin, the organic “glue” or liquid biomass that binds wood fibers together. We burn this high BTU value liquid biomass to generate power to run our mill. Understanding that biomass is a finite resource and in keeping with our commitment to stewardship and sustainability, we utilize the resource very efficiently. At our mill, we deploy combined heat and power systems which capture the heat that would otherwise be lost to the atmosphere. We use this heat for space heating and cooling, for drying applications and other uses in the mill. By fully utilizing our biomass inputs, we are able to fulfill most of the power requirements at the mill. This is power that would otherwise have to be sourced from the grid—power that would be largely derived from fossil fuel. Biomass power is both renewable and carbon neutral, attributes that have been officially recognized and credited under the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative and in Washington State’s landmark climate change law. Current climate change legislation being considered by Congress also recognizes the benefits of biomass. Our industry has shown leadership in the area of biomass utilization for generations. This credit and other policies that provide incentives for our industry’s use of biomass as a fuel source will enable our mill to continue our best practices, continue to innovate and continue to lead the way in the area of renewable energy. Consider the many benefits of Domtar’s efforts in utilizing alternative fuel mixtures and support us by continuing tax credit through December 2009.

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