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To: Primary Wood Processors

Subject: April 2011 Tornado Damaged Timber Salvage Efforts

As a result of April tornados, an emergency exists, making it necessary to salvage and use as much of the storm damaged timber as possible. In order to minimize total waste of this valuable natural and financial resource, salvage efforts will need to be completed safely, efficiently, and timely.

On May 5, 2011, Governor Robert Bentley issued Executive Order Number 12, creating the Governor's Forest Recovery Task Force. This task force will oversee the harvest and salvage efforts of the damaged timber and pulpwood caused by April tornados.

To develop an efficient and expeditious plan for solving the problems associated with this forest disaster, we need information from you. This information is necessary to assess current and potential capacity to utilize this timber and to monitor salvage activities.

Enclosed are two forms: a **Basic Information Sheet** and a **Timber Salvage Survey Form**. Please fill out and return the Basic Information Sheet with your first report of salvaged timber received at your facility.

The Timber Salvage Survey Form should be filled out and returned on a monthly basis. Enter the reporting period, the volume salvaged by primary product in tons. Enter the volume or the percentage you received from the counties listed and by ownership if known. The forms will also be available online to enter data at www.forestry.alabama.gov

Return the forms to the Alabama Forestry Commission at PO Box 302550, Montgomery, Alabama 36130. The Alabama Forestry Commission will be the only entity to receive and collate the data provided by each contributor and will keep individual data confidential. The information provided by you will not be identifiable. By providing this information, you will receive Monthly Summary Reports of the salvage activity. If you have any questions concerning these forms, please contact Walter Cartwright of the Forest Administrative Division at (334) 240-9324.

Governor Bentley has requested everyone's cooperation in assisting the task force in every reasonable way. The measure of the forest industry's success in this salvage operation will depend on the information you provide and your full cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tommy Thompson
Chairman, Alabama Forest Recovery Task Force