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To whom it may concern:

I was an employee of Willamette Industries, Weyerhaeuser Corporation, and International Paper Company at the Albany site for over 40 years. During my career I held a variety of positions, most recently the Closure Manager of the Albany site.

I have been asked by the City of Millersburg to describe the waste water process as it relates to the Linn County Tax lots 203, 207, 101, 402, and 201. Tax lots 402, 101, and 201 are currently subjects of a proposed zoning map amendment.

During the 50 year +/- operation of the Albany Paper Mill the effluent generated in the manufacturing processes at the plant was treated in a permitted waste water treatment facility adjacent to the properties implicated in this proposed amendment.

The final stage of this waste water treatment was "aeration" which took place in an approximately 80 acre aeration basin. This basin was essentially a large retention pond in which the treated effluent was mechanically aerated and cooled prior to final release into one or more of three potential points of final discharge. These points of final discharge were;

1. The Willamette River
2. Used as a source of irrigation for agriculture on tax lots 402, 101, 207, and 203
3. Discharged into a series of infiltration ponds on tax lot 201

The effluent discharged into the Willamette River, used as irrigation water, or discharged into the infiltration ponds was from the exact same source, the aeration basin that held the treated effluent.

I hope this brief explanation is helpful in making a well informed decision regarding the proposed zoning map amendment.

Best regards.

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