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Dear Ms. Kane,

Pursuant to IC 4-22, the Indiana Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship (OSBE) has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 15-383, proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission (INRC). The proposed rule amendments repeal 312 IAC 18-3-12; 312 IAC 18-3-18; and 312 IAC 18-3-20, effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

The economic impact statement prepared by INRC indicates the proposed rule repeals will impose minimal requirements or costs on small businesses under IC 4-22-2.1-5, summarized as follows:

Repeal of 312 IAC 18-3-12 will impact small business in the counties that are not currently under quarantine. These businesses will become subject to and need to abide by 7 CFR 301.50. Repeal of this rule will only affect businesses that are selling pine products out of state. It is estimated that only a few dozen businesses would be impacted by the removal of this rule, and only a small percentage of each company's business would be impacted.

Repeal of 312 IAC 18-3-18 will impact several types of small businesses, to include: Nurseries/Nursery Dealers, Sawmills (Primary and Secondary), Logging Companies/Timber Buyers, Campgrounds, and Firewood Producers/Retailers. Repeal of the rule will impact eight counties. These eight counties included in 312 IAC 18-3-18, include approximately two hundred eighty nine (289) businesses which may be impacted to various degrees. The total potential economic impact to all small businesses in the proposed quarantined area is \$2,880.00.

Repeal of 312 IAC 18-2-20 will not impact small businesses economically and will not place any regulatory requirements on these small businesses.

Based upon the facts as presented, OSBE does not object to the economic or regulatory impact to small businesses associated with the proposed repeals. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 317.232.5679 or ombudsman@osbe.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Warner", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Warner