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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letters requesting use of the European test method EN 120 (perforator) as an alternate small scale test method for conducting quality control testing of formaldehyde emissions by manufacturers of composite wood products. Your letters were referred to me and I am pleased to respond. We reviewed the EN 120 test method and the information you provided with your requests to use EN 120 as an alternate quality control test method for particleboard (PB), medium density fiberboard (MDF), and thin MDF. On behalf of our Executive Officer, James N. Goldstene, we approve of your requests.

We will add EN 120 to our composite wood products website as an approved alternate small scale quality control test method for PB, MDF, and thin MDF, for use by any manufacturer.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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If you need further assistance, please contact Mr. Jim Aguila, Manager, Substance Evaluation Section, at (916) 322-8283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Barham, Ph.D.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert D. Barham, Ph.D
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cc: James N. Goldstene
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