



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

PO Box 44000 • Olympia, Washington 98504-4000

October 10, 2014

Re: **Proposed Supplemental Pension Fund (SPF) changes for Forest Products**

Dear Employer,

In 2013, legislation was adopted supporting the need for the Logger Safety Initiative to increase safety and reduce serious injuries and fatalities in the woods. Labor and Industries was directed to recover a portion of the costs of the initiative through premiums for the forest products industry through 2016. To do this, the department is proposing an additional 0.004 cents per hour for the supplemental pension fund (SPF) for forest product industry classifications of both state fund and self-insured employers.

On average, this would be an annual increase of about \$6.50 total per full-time worker reported in forest products classifications. Final rates will be announced by the Director in late November. Please visit us online to see the proposed rules and rates:

- 2015 rates at www.Lni.wa.gov/WorkersCompRates
- Rule language at www.Lni.wa.gov/RuleUpdates
 - For specific rule language, see WAC 296-17-920 which can be found under the General reporting rules, classifications, audit and recordkeeping on page 50.

The Logger Safety Initiative (LSI) was created in 2013 as a collaborative effort between industry and government to improve the safety culture in the woods. Industry leaders from the Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA), Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA) and the Department of Natural Resources have been highly involved with establishing the LSI. The primary goals of LSI are to identify ways to improve the safety culture and performance of the industry in order to reduce the frequency and severity of injuries.

You are invited to attend one of six public hearings to provide your comments about this proposal. After the formal hearings, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the proposed changes. The list of locations and times is provided on the back of this letter. You may also mail comments to the address at the top of this letter, or email JoAnne.Attwood@Lni.wa.gov. The deadline for submitting comments is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Regards,

Vickie Kennedy, Director of Insurance Services
Department of Labor & Industries

2015 Rate Proposal Hearings

October 22, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Whatcom Community College 237 W. Kellogg Road Room FND 105 Bellingham, WA 98226
October 23, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Spokane CenterPlace 2426 N. Discovery Pl. Spokane Valley, WA 99216
October 24, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Richland Community Center Activity Room 500 Amon Park Dr. Richland, WA 99352
October 27, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Department of Labor and Industries Auditorium 7273 Linderson Way SW Tumwater, WA 98501
October 28, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Department pf Labor and Industries Tukwila service location 12806 Gateway Dr. Tukwila, WA 98168
October 30, 2014	9:00 a.m.	Vancouver Northwest Regional Training Center 11606 NE 66 St., Suite 103 Vancouver, WA 98662