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> Re: Extension of Supplemental Environmental Project Schedules <u>United States v. Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC, et al.</u> Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-01076-SOH (W.D. Ark.)

Dear Mr. Grunsky and Mr. Smith:

The United States is in receipt of the Georgia-Pacific Chemicals LLC and Georgia Pacific Consumer Operations LLC (the "Settling Defendants") March 23, 2021 notice and March 31, 2021 additional information, which were both submitted pursuant to Section 1.B of Appendix C of the Amended Consent Decree ("Amended CD"), Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-01076-SOH (W.D. Ark.). The notice and additional information describe delays in implementing two of the three Supplemental Environmental Projects ("SEPs") in the Amended CD. Settling Defendants provided information regarding the cause of delays resulting from delivery delays and the impacts of Winter Storm Uri and the COVID pandemic. Settling Defendants state in the March 2021 communications that additional time is needed for two of the SEPs to be fully operational by the dates required in the Amended CD. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has consulted the U.S. Department of Justice and is responding on behalf of the United States.

Based upon a review of all the available information submitted by the Settling Defendants, the United States agrees to an extension of two of the SEP project schedules, pursuant to Section 1.B of Appendix C. The United States approves Settling Defendants' request for an extension of the required compliance deadlines for the Epichlorohydrin Storage Tank SEP ("Epi Storage SEP") and the Vacuum Pump System Replacement SEP ("Vacuum Pump SEP") as follows:

- 1. Appendix C.II.A.3.b of the Amended CD requires operation of the Epi Storage SEP to begin by June 12, 2021 (i.e., 270 days after receipt of the necessary permits). The required compliance deadline for the Epi Storage SEP has been extended by 45 days to July 27, 2021.
- 2. Appendix C.II.B.3.b of the Amended CD requires operation of the Vacuum Pump SEP to begin by June 12, 2021 (i.e., 270 days after receipt of the necessary permits). The required compliance deadline for the Epi Storage SEP has been extended by 45 days to July 27, 2021.

Should you have any questions regarding the above or any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Kim at (214) 665-8554 or Cheryl Barnett at (214) 665-8328 of U.S. EPA, Region 6.

Sincerely,

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