



**Sarah Huckabee Sanders**  
Governor  
**Shea Lewis**  
Secretary

Date: June 3, 2025  
Subject: NPDES Authorization  
Draft Permit No. AR0001210  
ANHC No.: S-ADEQ-25-040

Ms. Loretta Carstens, P.E.  
Permits Branch, Office of Water Quality  
Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Dear Ms. Carstens:

Staff members of the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission have reviewed the Draft Permit authorizing discharge into upper reaches of Mossy Lake, thence to Coffee Creek, and thence to the Ouachita River from outfalls located at 33°06'22.55" N, 92°02'17.2" W (Outfall 001) and 33°01'58" N, 92°04'25" (Outfall 002) for Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC-Crossett Paper Operations. The following species of conservation concern are known to occur in the Ouachita River at the mouth of Coffee Creek just downstream of Outfall 002:

*Atractosteus spatula*, Alligator Gar-state concern

We are providing this information for your use in the preparation and review of this permit. The information may be appropriate to include in the section of the permit which addresses the receiving stream and endangered species. This letter is intended to make the Department and applicant aware that sensitive resources may occur in the area. It is not intended as an objection to the issuance of the permit.

The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Shannon" with a small "for" written below it.

Cindy Osborne  
Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator

## Tanya Ester (adpce.ad)

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**From:** Water Draft Permit Comment <Water-Draft-Permit-Comment@adeq.state.ar.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 10:37 AM  
**To:** Tanya Ester (adpce.ad)  
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**Subject:** Fw: ANHC Comments-NPDES #AR0001210  
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**From:** Katie Shannon <Katie.Shannon@arkansas.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 3, 2025 7:45 AM  
**To:** Water Draft Permit Comment; Water Draft Permit Comment  
**Subject:** ANHC Comments-NPDES #AR0001210

Hello,

Attached are ANHC's comments on the public notice for NPDES Permit #AR0001210 (Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC-Crossett Paper Operations). The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Thank you,

**KATIE SHANNON**  
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