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## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

March 7, 2022

Tommy D. Smith, Vice President of Manufacturing  
Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC  
P.O. Box 3333  
Crossett, AR 71635

RE: NPDES Permit No.AR0001210, AFIN: 02-00013

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Division of Environment Quality (DEQ) - Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has reviewed the Ash Settling Basin Closure Plan dated October 28, 2021. Due to the nature of the proposal to leave the ash in place as part of an in-place closure plan, your request has been referred to the DEQ – Office of Land (OLR) for additional considerations under applicable regulations. At this time the OWQ does not have comments developed on the request and will participate in technical review alongside OLR staff as review proceeds. Upon re-issuance of the facility NPDES permit, DEQ will document permanent removal of the ASBs from the facility treatment system.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or need additional information, please feel free to contact Loretta Carstens, P.E. of the NPDES Permits Section at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bryan Leamons'.

Bryan Leamons, P.E.  
Senior Operations Manager  
Office of Water Quality, Division of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

cc: Electronic Filing (AR0001210, w/ attachments)  
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