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Mr. Morteza Shafii
Assistant Chief, Water Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Dr.
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Re: No Objection to Preliminary Draft Permit
Georgia Pacific – Crossett Paper Operations
NPDES Permit No. AR0001210

Dear Mr. Shafii:

Based on the Clean Water Act and the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR Parts 122 and 125, we have reviewed the draft permit for Georgia Pacific – Crossett Paper Operations, which we received electronically on November 17, 2009. At this time, we have no objections to issuance of the permit as drafted.

A Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) and water quality assessment covering Coffee Creek and Mossy Lake was submitted in 2007. The results of that UAA and assessment indicate that an aquatic life use designation may be appropriate. Any future change in the receiving water body's designated uses should be reflected in the next permit issued to Georgia Pacific – Crossett.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft permit and fact sheet. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (214) 665-7170 or reply directly to Mike Tillman at (214) 665-7531 or via e-mail at tillman.michael@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claudia V. Hosch".

Claudia V. Hosch
Associate Director
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cc: John Bailey, Permits Branch Manager, Water Division, ADEQ