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DALLAS, TX 75270

May 8, 2025

TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

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Re: Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC Crossett Paper Operations AR0001210

Dear Ms. Sears:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft permit for the Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC Crossett Paper Operations (AR0001210), which was received by this office April 8, 2025. Based on our review of the above referenced draft permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the following comments.

- The EPA is aware that the 2023 triennial revisions to Rule 2 include additional designated uses and subsequent water quality criteria for Coffee Creek. Upon approval of Rule 2 for Clean Water Act purposes, EPA requests that monitoring and reporting requirements for dissolved oxygen (DO) be included in the permit.
- Please ensure that applications for renewal of permits is complete including all required forms and data. 40 C.F.R. 122.21(a)(2)(i)(A) requires that Form 1 be submitted by all applicants except POTWs, TWTDS, vessels, and pesticide applicators. Form 1 provides basic information about the facility, any additional industrial activities, and solid waste disposal.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in administering the Clean Water Act (CWA) permitting program. Under the CWA, the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the primary National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authority in the state, and the EPA, in its oversight role, share responsibility for ensuring that all NPDES permits issued within the state comply with the CWA and federal regulations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (214) 665-2705.

Sincerely,

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