

Department of Environmental Quality

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

Request to Extend Trials at Wastewater Treatment System

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

The Department has reviewed the e-mail submitted by Rachel Johnson on September 22, 2015, requesting permission to continue the previously extended chemical addition trials through November 1, 2015. The purpose of the trials was to determine if the usage of hydrogen peroxide and an iron catalyst as well as the use of iron salts would improve effluent quality and reduce sulfide emissions.

The Department previously set a date of September 24, 2015, for ending of the trials. This date was based on the start date of the trials which were originally allowed for six months (see ADEQ letter dated July 31, 2014) and then extended for an additional six months (see ADEQ letter dated March 24, 2015). The March 24<sup>th</sup> letter stated that any further continuations of chemical usage would require a major modification of the NPDES permit. A major modification of the permit was requested. The draft modification is at public notice until October 9, 2015.

Since Georgia-Pacific LLC has submitted the modification and it is close to issuance, the Department will grant the request to extend the trials until November 1, 2015. Please note that all conditions for the trials set forth in the Department's letters dated July 31, 2014, and March 24, 2015, must be followed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Reiber at <u>reiber@adeq.state.ar.us</u> or by phone at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely

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