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Department of Environmental Quality

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Michael Hohnadel, VP-MFG
Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC
Crossett Paper Operations
100 Mill Supply Road
Crossett, AR 71635

Re: Request for Temporary Variance Extension
NPDES Permit Number NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 AFIN 02-00013

Dear Mr. Hohnadel:

The Department has reviewed your request dated September 25, 2017, to extend the temporary variance granted on July 19, 2017. The temporary variance allowed the facility to conduct a trial operation to assess the potential to remove the Ash Basins from service and transfer the fiber/ash settling process to a combination of improved process minimization, enhanced clarifier removal, and aeration basin settling.

As provided by Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-230(a)(2), a temporary variance shall not exceed a period of ninety (90) days, except when a longer period is justified by circumstances beyond the control of the applicant. The Department may grant a request for an extension of a temporary variance at any time prior to the expiration date. The expiration date has not yet passed. Also, the cause for the delay of issuance of the draft permit is beyond the control of the permittee.

The temporary variance is hereby extended for an additional ninety (90) days beginning at the end of the first ninety (90) day period. A copy of this letter, along with your request and the Department's July 19, 2017, letter must be kept with your NPDES permit and made available to Department personnel upon request.

Any actions taken by Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC in reliance upon this Temporary Variance are strictly at the permittee's own risk, and no actions or expenditures by Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC during this period shall be construed as accruing equities in Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC's favor. Should Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC allow this extension of the Temporary Variance to expire or fail to submit a request for an extension in a timely manner

prior to permit issuance, the facility could be subject to an enforcement action by the Department. If another extension is required, the facility should submit the request three (3) weeks prior to the expiration date, with proof that any delays resulted from circumstances beyond the facility control.

If you have any questions, please contact Caleb Osborne at (501) 682-0655 or Bryan Leamons at (501) 683-5406.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becky W. Keogh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Becky W. Keogh
Director