



ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

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Michael Hohnadel, VP-MFG
Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations 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 December 27, 2017, to extend the temporary variance granted on July 19, 2017, and extended via a letter dated October 6, 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.

Ark. Code Ann. §8-4-230(a)(2) states that temporary variances shall not exceed a period of 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.

Therefore, the temporary variance is hereby extended for an additional 90 days beginning at the end of the second 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Becky W. Keogh
Director

Enclosure