



ARKANSAS
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
NPDES Permit Number NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 AFIN 02-00013

Dear Mr. Hohnadel:

Pursuant to Ark Code Ann. § 8-4-230(a)(1)(A), please accept this letter as granting the request dated June 28, 2017, 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. Please be aware that issuance of this does not relieve your obligation to comply with the current NPDES permit or any enforcement action ordered by the Department.

As provided by Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-230, this is issued subject to the public's right to object to this decision within ten (10) business days of the public notice of the decision. After consideration of the written objections, the Director may within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the initial decision, for compelling reasons or good cause shown, revoke or modify the conditions of the Temporary Variance. The Director's revocation or modification of her initial decision becomes a final decision for purposes of appeal. Upon issuance, notice of the final decision shall be sent to the applicant and those persons who submitted timely objections. If the Director's initial decision is not revoked or modified within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the decision, the decision is deemed final for purposes of appeal.

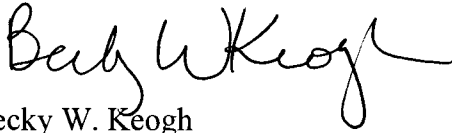
The Department has prepared the enclosed public notice and will arrange for the publication of this document. An invoice for the cost of publishing the public notice and proof of publication will be sent to you by the advertising newspaper. The permittee must send proof of publication and payment as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the above date to Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, ATTN: Permits Branch – Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive; North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317.

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. Also, please note that the term of this Temporary Variance may not exceed ninety (90) days pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-230(a)(2). Therefore, if a permit is not issued within the 90 day time frame, the permittee must request in writing an extension of this

Temporary Variance. Should Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC, allow this 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. In order to facilitate the review process, 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 Michael McAlister at (501) 682-0918 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 a large loop at the end of the last name.

Becky W. Keogh
Director

Enclosure



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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPORARY VARIANCE

Georgia Pacific, Crossett, LLC
Permit Number AR0001210 – AFIN 02-00013

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Ark Code Ann. Section 8-4-230(a)(1)(A), that the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317, phone number (501) 682-0618, has granted a Temporary Variance to Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC Crossett Paper Operations, 100 Mill Supply Road, Crossett, AR 71613. The facility is hereby authorized to begin trial operations to assess the potential to reduce the generation of sulfides in the mill wastewater treatment system. The request was received on June 28, 2017. The proposed trial operations will occur at 100 Mill Supply Road, Crossett, AR 71613.

This decision is subject to and contingent upon the right of the public to object to the Director’s decision. Any member of the public may object to the Director’s decision or request a public hearing within ten (10) business days of the date of this notice. Objections or requests for a public hearing will be accepted if submitted no later than 4:30 pm on the last day of the comment period. Written objections or a request for a public hearing should be sent to: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, ATTN: Office of Law and Policy, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 or by fax at 501-682-0891, or by e-mail at: mcalister@adeq.state.ar.us.

After consideration of any timely written objections, the Director may revoke or modify the conditions of this Temporary Variance within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of this decision for compelling reasons or good cause shown. The Director’s revocation or modification of her prior decision becomes a final decision for purposes of appeal. Upon issuance of the final decision, notice of the final decision will be sent to the applicant and those persons who submitted timely objections. If the Director’s initial decision is not revoked or modified within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the decision, the decision is deemed final for purposes of appeal.

Documents concerning this matter are available for viewing/copying at ADEQ’s offices, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2017

Becky W. Keogh, Director
ADEQ