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Department of Environmental Quality

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

Dear Mr. Hohnadel:

The Department has reviewed your request dated June 5, 2017, to extend the temporary variance granted on March 29, 2017. The temporary variance allowed for the discontinuation of the usage limits on Hydrogen Peroxide and the organic iron catalyst in the above-mentioned NPDES permit.

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. Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-230(a)(2) further states that the Department may grant a request for an extension of a temporary variance at any time prior to the expiration date. The March 29, 2017 temporary variance expires on June 27, 2017; thus, the expiration date has not yet passed. In addition, the draft permit is currently under review by EPA Region VI, and therefore, the cause for the delay in issuing the draft permit is beyond the control of the permittee.

The temporary variance is hereby extended for an additional 90 days beginning on June 28, 2017. A copy of this letter, along with your request, and the Department's March 29, 2017 letter must be kept with your NPDES permit and made available to Department personnel upon request.

The term of this temporary variance extension may not exceed ninety (90) days pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-230(a)(2). The department may grant a request for an extension of a temporary variance prior to the expiration date. Therefore, Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC, must request in writing an extension of this Temporary Variance before that date, unless the Department has

issued an NPDES permit to Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC without the limits for Hydrogen Peroxide and the organic iron catalyst.

In order to facilitate the review process, Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC, should submit the request three (3) weeks prior to the temporary variance extension expiration date with proof that any delays resulted from circumstances beyond the facility control. Should Georgia-Pacific Crossett, LLC, allow this temporary variance extension 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 you have any questions, please contact Loretta Reiber, P.E., of the NPDES Permits Section at [reiber@adeq.state.ar.us](mailto:reiber@adeq.state.ar.us) or by phone at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely,



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Director

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