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Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations LLC - Crossett Paper Operations

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Extension Request to Continue Studying the Impacts of Adding Oxygen to the

Wastewater Treatment System

Dear Mr. Blanz:

To follow-up our discussion from Friday, June 29, 2018, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations LLC, Crossett Paper Operations (GP) requests to extend the trial of applying oxygen to the wastewater treatment system as described in the July 27, 2017 letter from ADEQ.

GP presently applies hydrogen peroxide and an organic iron catalyst immediately upstream of the primary clarifier to oxidize sulfide in the wastewater. This reduces the potential for emissions of hydrogen sulfide from the primary clarifier. Additionally, since hydrogen peroxide decomposes into water and oxygen, this also provides an added boost of oxygen to the wastewater. Oxygen also rapidly oxidizes sulfide. Adding oxygen through this means and by aeration in the aeration basin is already part of our process and is also necessary for proper degradation of organics.

During this trial continuation, we would inject oxygen (from either an oxygen generator system or liquid oxygen supply tank) in the primary clarifier and downstream at a second oxygen injection point in the conveyance between the Primary Clarifier Effluent and Aeration Stabilization Basin (ASB) after the City of Crossett's influent is introduced.

There are several benefits of adding oxygen in this manner: (1) it reduces the potential for odors, (2) it increases the settling efficiency significantly of the primary clarifier by raising the oxidation-reduction potential in the settling zone, (3) the dewatering characteristics are much improved since the settled sludge is more aerobic and (4) it meets immediate oxygen demands of some readily degraded substances. Additionally, the use of oxygen may reduce or eliminate the use of hydrogen peroxide at this clarifier, thereby significantly reducing chemical costs and reducing safety risks from handling 50% hydrogen peroxide.

Our extension request would be to run this trial for an additional 12 months. We would begin this dual addition point trial as soon as we procure and install the equipment. During the trial period, if we determined that we would like to make the oxygen system a permanent installation, we will contact you to determine next steps.

If you have any questions or need additional information prior to this, please feel free to contact me at (870) 567-8670 or by email at sarah.ross@gapac.com.

Sincerely,

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