

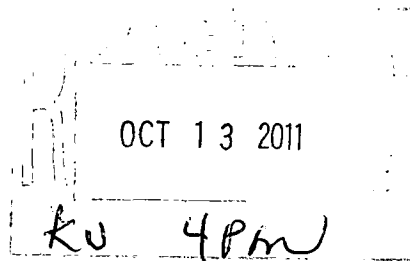


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Reference: Georgia-Pacific LLC: Crossett Paper Operations  
NPDES Permit # **AR0001210 AFIN 02-00013**

Dear Mr. Shafii:

Over the course of the past week, flows in the Ouachita River have been reduced to less than 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) downstream of Felsenthal Lock and Dam by the Corps of Engineers. In order to maintain river water quality standards for dissolved oxygen, Georgia-Pacific (GP) has curtailed its operations and minimized wastewater generation at our facility. Additionally, the City of Crossett is holding domestic wastewater in its treatment ponds, since that too discharges to our wastewater treatment system. This has caused both entities to hold wastewater that under normal conditions would have been discharged. In order to continue to protect the DO water quality standards in the river, GP needs to immediately construct additional wastewater storage capacity. The most feasible way to accomplish this task in a very short time is to expand the existing Surge Basin by approximately 20 acres. This 20-acre expansion of the existing Surge Basin will provide an additional wastewater storage capacity of 71 million gallons. The Surge Basin as it currently exists will store up to 160 million gallons of water.

Exceeding the storage capacity of the treatment system could result in a bypass of the GP treatment system to the Ouachita River. This extra storage capacity will be needed to address the objective of not bypassing any treatment plant operations as prohibited by Part III, Section B, Item 4 of our NPDES Permit.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (870) 567-8144 or by email at [james.cutbirth@gapac.com](mailto:james.cutbirth@gapac.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'James W. Cutbirth'.

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Dear Mr. Shafii:

Georgia-Pacific LLC's Crossett Paper Operations was granted coverage under the Stormwater Construction General Permit, Tracking Number ARR153327 on July 8, 2010 for the expansion project known to us as the "Project Diamond". This permit addressed the need to disturb 34.12 acres on property contiguous to the mill site for which a new tissue converting facility is being constructed.

As you know, low flow river conditions have impacted the overall operations of the Georgia-Pacific Crossett complex; as well as the City of Crossett such that effluent discharged to the Ouachita River on a routine basis is currently restricted. As a result, the GP facility is operating the Crossett complex at a reduced production rate.

In an effort to normalize operations and to provide effluent holding for an unknown period of time, GP needs to immediately construct additional wastewater storage capacity by extending an existing Surge Basin by approximately 25 acres. Due to this urgent situation, Georgia-Pacific is requesting that the construction activity associated with extending the Surge Basin be covered under the existing Construction Stormwater Permit (ARR153327) issued for Project Diamond.

The Site Plan for the Surge Basin project is enclosed. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented as necessary. These BMPs are already outlined in the existing Stormwater Construction Plan. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (870) 567-8144 or by email at [james.cutbirth@gapac.com](mailto:james.cutbirth@gapac.com).

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