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Loretta Carstens, P.E. Water Division Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality 5301 Northshore Drive North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317

Reference:

Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC - Crossett Paper Operations

NPDES Permit # AR0001210, AFIN 02-00013

Request to Run pH Adjustment Trial

Dear Mrs. Carstens:

Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations LLC, Crossett Paper Operations (GP) intends to initiate a trial to inject carbon dioxide for pH control prior to the discharge points at Outfall 001 and SMS 002 as described in the wastewater treatment system schematic that was submitted as part of the NPDES permit application updates on October 4, 2019. (See attached.)

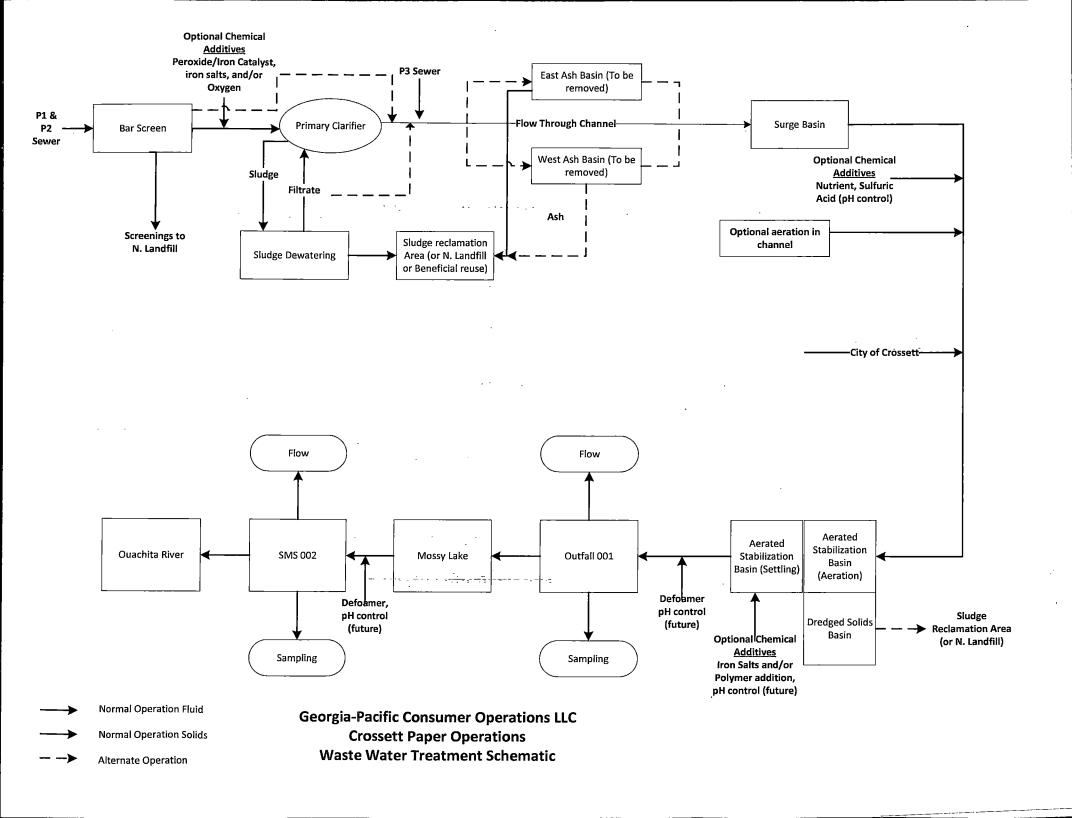
As you are aware, GP plans to permanently shut down the bleached board machines, woodyard, pulp mill, chemical recovery process and solid fuel boilers. Once pulping wastewaters are no longer present in the wastewater treatment plant, the color should be reduced. It is expected that this change would result in periodic algal blooms, which can result in elevated pH levels. Carbon dioxide and/or acid addition has been successfully used at our Port Hudson, LA, Palatka FL and Camas, WA mills to buffer pH at the outfall locations in order to insure compliance with permitted pH limits. In order to implement this trial, we will install a carbon dioxide supply system (from either a generator system or liquid CO2 supply tank) and inject upstream of the permitted outfalls. As an alternative, acid injection systems with metering pumps would be installed.

Our intention would be to run this trial for a period of 12 months. We would begin this trial as soon as we procure and install the equipment (which would likely be in November 2019). During the trial period, if we determine that we would like to make either system a permanent installation, we will contact you to determine next steps. Given the compliance obligations associated with the trial, we request ADEQ authorization at it's earliest convenience.

If you have any questions or need additional information prior to this, please feel free to contact me at (870) 415-1862 or by email at anthony.robinson1@gapac.com.

Sincerely,

D. Anthony Robinson Environmental Manager Crossett Paper Operations



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