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July 23, 2020

Tommy D. Smith, VP of Manufacturing
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Georgia-Pacific Consumer Operations LLC
P.O. Box 3333
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Re: NPDES Permit Number AR0001210; AFIN 02-00013

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Office of Water Quality (OWQ) has reviewed the BMP report dated May 29, 2020. Submittal of the report is required by Part II, Condition No. 9 of the above referenced NPDES Permit. The report addresses all of the requirements contained in the NPDES Permit and 40 CFR 430.03.

Based on submittals from your facility, it is the OWQ's understanding that the pulp mill at Crossett Paper Operations was shut down in October 2019. As a result, the facility is no longer subject to the requirements of 40 CFR 430.03, and you are requesting that the OWQ no longer require submittal of the BMP report. The method for removal of this permit requirement is through permit modification. The permit cannot be modified at this time since it is administratively continued; however, the permit is under an active technical review, and is being drafted to include various updates including this one. Until such time as the renewal permit is issued, Crossett Paper Operations will be required to submit the BMP report. Since the pulp mill has been removed from the facility, the BMP report can consist solely of a statement to that effect and any pertinent updates.

If there are any questions concerning this submittal, please contact Loretta Carstens, P.E. of the NPDES Permits Section by email at loretta.carstens@adeq.state.ar.us or at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely,



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