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Michael L. Hohnadel Vice- President, Manufacturing - Crossett Paper Operations Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC P.O. Box 3333 Crossett, AR 71635

RE: NPDES Permit No. AR0001210, AFIN 41-00002 Variance Extension

Dear Mr. Hohnadel:

The Department has reviewed your request dated May 31, 2018, to extend the temporary variance granted on March 29, 2017, and extended 90 days beginning on June 28, 2017, September 26, 2017, December 25, 2017, and March 25, 2018. The temporary variance allowed for the discontinuation of the usage limits on Hydrogen Peroxide and the organic iron catalyst.

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. The Department may grant a request for an extension of a temporary variance at any time prior to the expiration date. The expiration date has not yet passed. Also, the cause for the delay of issuance of the draft permit is beyond the control of the permittee. A draft permit has been transmitted to EPA Region VI for review prior to a public notice period.

Therefore, the temporary variance is hereby extended for an additional 90 days beginning June, 23, 2018. A copy of this letter, along with your requests and the Department's March 29, 2017, June 21, 2017, September 20, 2017, December 14, 2017, and March 20, 2018, letters must be kept with your NPDES permit and made available to Department personnel upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Reiber, P.E. of the NPDES Permits Section at reiber@adeq.state.ar.us or by phone at (501) 682-0612.

Sincerely,

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