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Reference: Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC - Crossett Paper Operations NPDES Permit # AR0001210 Trial of Source Control of Sulfides

Dear Mr. Bailey:

As we discussed by telephone on February 25, 2016, Georgia-Pacific Crossett LLC, Crossett Paper Operations (GP) intends to initiate a trial to control the generation of sulfides in the mill process.

GP presently applies hydrogen peroxide and an organic iron catalyst to the primary clarifier and at a point in the mill (i.e., the P2 sewer) to oxidize sulfide. This was approved in the NPDES permit modification issued on October 31, 2015.

Based on evaluation of sources of sulfide from within the mill manufacturing process, GP has identified a particularly concentrated source in the green liquor processing area (the green liquor dregs). GP intends to initiate a trial utilizing the same hydrogen peroxide and iron catalyst system applied to this concentrated source. As this is a source control project (i.e., it is preventing sulfide from getting into the combined wastewater stream), GP does not believe that this source control effort requires permitting, or a modification to the permit since it is well within the manufacturing process, upstream of the wastewater treatment system. A key benefit of this project, however, could be to reduce the need to apply additional hydrogen peroxide and iron catalyst at the P2 sewer and primary clarifier.

If the ADEQ agrees with this position, GP plans to implement this trial as soon as possible, likely during the month of March 2016. We believe a six month trial of this project would adequately demonstrate that this source control would have positive benefits. Given the potential benefits associated with the trial, we request that ADEQ provide any feedback at its earliest convenience.

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 <u>sarah.ross@gapac.com</u>.

Sincerely,

Sarah M. Ross Environmental Manager Crossett Paper Operations



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