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Ms. Cindy Garner
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Reference: Georgia-Pacific LLC: Crossett Paper Operations

NPDES Permit # AR0001210 and ARR00A776

Dear Ms. Garner:

This letter is a written submission of the phone notification made by Rachel Johnson of Georgia-Pacific LLC's Crossett Paper Operations to the ADEQ on Friday, February 3, 2012 (confirmation number 634E27C3) in accordance with Part III.D.6 of NPDES Permit No. AR0001210 and Condition 6.23 of Permit number ARR00A776.

At approximately 11:00 AM on February 3rd, an unpermitted discharge of leachate from the leachate pipeline from the facility's North Landfill was discovered flowing out of a manhole. This pipeline conveys the leachate to the mill's wastewater treatment system. The leachate was flowing to a nearby stormwater ditch and then into nearby Brushy Creek. This stormwater ditch is designated as Outfall 006B under the NPDES Industrial General Permit # ARR00A776. The leachate collection pumps had been returned to service approximately 15 minutes prior to the discovery and were immediately shut down upon discovery of the release at approximately 11:15 AM. The pump is designed to pump 450 gallons per minute (gpm). Based on this information we believe the amount released to be less than 6,750 gallons (15 minutes times 450 gpm).

A preliminary investigation of the incident revealed a check valve had broken off from the main line and caused the discharge. This valve has since been repaired and the integrity of the line restored. We collected samples of the leachate and analyzed those for pH, Oil and Grease, total suspended solids and 5-day biochemical oxygen demand. We can forward the complete results once we receive them from the lab.

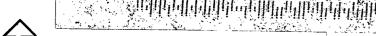
Prior to the incident, the area had been experiencing rainfall and the resulting flows in Brushy Creek were significant. We also observed an area of the creek downstream of the discharge and did not note any visual impacts on the creek. Thus, we do not believe this discharge resulted in any impacts on the creek.

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.

Sincerely,

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