

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
STATE HOUSE STATION 17                      AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER  
IN THE MATTER OF



GREAT NORTHERN PAPER, INC.	)	SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT
A SUBSIDIARY OF BOWATER, INC.	)	MODIFICATION
E. Millinocket, Penobscot County	)	
PAPER MILL EXPANSION	)	
#L-16637-20-L-M (APPROVAL)	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 38 M.R.S.A. Section 481 et seq., the Department of Environmental Protection has considered the application of GREAT NORTHERN PAPER with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and finds the following facts:

1. In Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N dated 4/24/90, the Department approved with conditions the application of Great Northern Paper to construct the post-1970 improvements and modernize the wood yard at the existing paper mill in East Millinocket, Maine.

In Department Order #W-999999-22-B-T dated 12/6/91, the Department approved with conditions the transfer of all Department licenses, license amendments, modifications, condition compliances, certifications, and other approvals held by Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific Corporation to Bowater Incorporated and Great Northern Paper, Inc. Included in this transfer were the licenses for the pulp and paper mill and associated facilities in East Millinocket.

The applicant is now requesting approval for a new parking lot and all unlicensed activities undertaken pursuant to the 30,000 square foot exemption of the Site Law. The proposed parking lot will be 30,000 square feet in size and surfaced with gravel. It will be constructed to serve the new Recycle Fiber Plant. Projects undertaken pursuant to the 30,000 square foot exemption include a 1 million gallon groundwood pulp tank and pumphouse, pavement of various areas around the Recycle Fiber Plant totaling 24,000 square feet, two spill collection pads, relocation of the hydrogen peroxide containment area and the liquid SO<sub>2</sub> tank, and a security fence. These activities are shown on plans entitled "Exhibit 3-2, Proposed Recycle Plant, Plot Plan & Project Boundary" revision C dated 7/27/93, and "Riverbank Containment, Plan - Walls, Paving, Drainage, & Underground Utilities" revised through 9/28/90.

2. The groundwood pulp tank was constructed within an existing, approved containment structure system, and other facilities were constructed within the approved mill complex. No significant adverse impacts from the proposed expansion have been identified by the Department.
3. OTHER FINDINGS:

All other findings of fact, conclusions, and conditions remain as approved under Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N.

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BASED on the above findings of fact and subject to the conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions in relation to the proposed modification pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. Section 481 et seq.:

A. The applicant has provided adequate evidence of financial capacity and technical ability to develop the project in a manner consistent with state environmental standards.

B. The applicant has made adequate provision for traffic movement of all types into, out of or within the development area. Any traffic increase attributable to the proposed development will not result in unreasonable congestion or unsafe conditions on a road in the vicinity of the proposed development.

C. The applicant has made adequate provision for fitting the development harmoniously into the existing natural environment and the development will not adversely affect existing uses, scenic character, air quality, water quality or other natural resources in East Millinocket or in neighboring municipalities.

D. The proposed development will be built on soil types which are suitable to the nature of the undertaking and will not cause unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment nor inhibit the natural transfer of soil.

E. The proposed development will not pose an unreasonable risk that a discharge to a significant groundwater aquifer will occur.

F. The applicant has made adequate provision of utilities, including water supplies, sewerage facilities and solid waste disposal, roadways and open space required for the development and the development will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the existing or proposed utilities, roadways and open space in East Millinocket or the area served by those services or open space.

G. The activity will not unreasonably cause or increase the flooding of the alteration area or adjacent properties nor create an unreasonable flood hazard to any structure.

H. The activity is not located on or near a sand dune system.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of Great Northern Paper to expand their paper mill SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS and all applicable standards and regulations.

1. The Standard Conditions of Approval, a copy attached.

2. In addition to any specific erosion control measures described in this or previous orders, the applicant shall take all necessary actions to ensure that their activities or those of their agents do not result in noticeable

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erosion of soils or fugitive dust emissions on the site during the construction and operation of the project covered by this approval.

3. All other Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Conditions remain as approved in Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N and in any subsequent amendments, and are all incorporated herein .

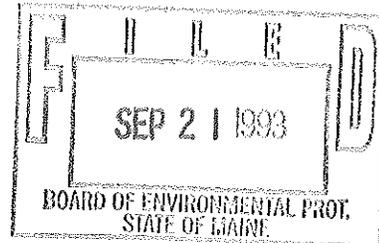
DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Sept., 1993.

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BY: *Dean C. Marriott*  
DEAN C. MARRIOTT, COMMISSIONER

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEALS PROCEDURES...

Date Of Initial Receipt of Application 8/16/93  
Date Of Application Acceptance 8/27/93  
Date Filed With Board of Environmental Protection





STATE OF MAINE  
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CONDITION COMPLIANCE

October 6, 1992

Great Northern Paper, Inc.  
C/O Brian Stetson  
One Katahdin Ave.  
Millinocket, ME 04462

RE: Woodyard Modernization Project, East Millinocket  
Condition Compliance # L-16637-20-K-C  
SPECIAL CONDITION # 11

Dear Brian:

The Bureau of Land Quality Control has reviewed the information you have submitted in accordance with Special Condition 11 of Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N, dated 4/24/90, and issued pursuant to Title 38 M.R.S.A. Section 481 et seq.

Condition # 11 reads as follows:

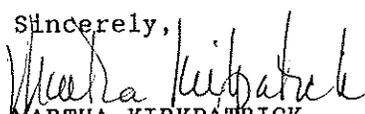
"Within 90 days of the date of this order, the applicant shall submit to the Department for review and receive approval of a groundwater monitoring plan to evaluate the existing groundwater quality and potential future impacts to groundwater quality as a result of past, current, and proposed mill operations including onsite wood waste storage, tree length log storage, peeled log storage, and rough wood storage,

This monitoring plan shall include but not be limited to a site plan showing the location of monitoring wells, a list of the parameters to be studied, a proposed schedule for implementation of the monitoring program and for sampling the monitoring wells, and provisions for remediation if monitoring shows that the groundwater has or will be contaminated."

In response to this condition you have submitted a report entitled "East Millinocket Woodyard and Barkpile Monitoring Well and Piezometer Installation, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, East Millinocket, Maine dated 1/18/91. A Condition Compliance Application dated 3/2/92, and supplemental information dated 3/19/92 and 9/25/92. As the result of its review, the Bureau has found that this does satisfactorily address the requirements of Condition #11.

Based on the above referenced review, the Department concludes that Great Northern Paper, Inc. has complied with Condition #11 of Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N. If you have further questions regarding this matter please contact Stacie Beyer, the project manager, at 941-4570.

Sincerely,

  
MARTHA KIRKPATRICK  
Bureau Director  
Bureau of Land Quality Control

Date of initial receipt of application 3/21/92  
Date application accepted for processing 3/20/92  
SB:116637cc

