



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

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

GREAT NORTHERN PAPER COMPANY) SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT
East Millinocket, Maine)
EAST MILLINOCKET MILL) CONDITION COMPLIANCE
#L-16637-20-E-C (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 COMPANY, a wholly owned subsidiary of Georgia Pacific (GNP) with its supportive data, staff summary, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and finds the following facts:

1. In Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N dated 12/20/89, the Department approved with conditions the application of GNP to construct the post-1970 improvements and modernize the woodyard at their existing paper mill in East Millinocket.

2. Special Condition #11 of Order #L-16637-20-A-N 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 locations 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 remediations if monitoring shows that the groundwater has or will be contaminated."

3. The applicant has submitted a "Groundwater Evaluation Work Plan, East Millinocket Mill, Woodyard and Bark Pile, East Millinocket, Maine" dated November 1989 (as revised through 2/6/91). This revised Work Plan outlines how and where monitoring wells will be installed, what parameters will be studied, a work plan schedule for well installation and initial sampling, and format for the initial report. In the work plan schedule, the applicant proposes to install wells within 4 weeks of approval and to submit the report to the Department within 10 weeks of approval. The Work Plan does not contain an ongoing monitoring program, nor provisions for remediation, of any contamination that occurs.

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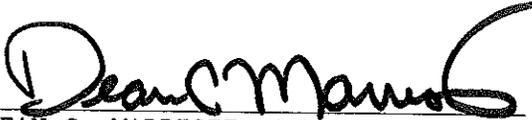
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4. The applicant's consultant concluded that it is premature at this time to discuss the definition of contamination relative to groundwater quality and whether or not remediation is warranted at this site. These discussions and evaluations should be made once groundwater information is available.
5. The Work Plan was reviewed by the Bureau of Land Quality Control's Technical Services Unit which commented that the revised Work Plan including proposed well locations is acceptable. The actual ongoing groundwater monitoring program still needs to be submitted. Technical Services agreed with the consultant that it is difficult to prepare a remediation plan if a problem has not been identified. They commented that the applicant must define when (at what concentrations) remediation will be required and set up a schedule for submitting a remediation plan for review and approval when one is deemed necessary.

BASED on the above findings of fact, the Department concludes that GNP has complied with Special Condition #11 of Department Order #L-16637-20-A-N in so far as it requires the submission of a site plan showing the locations of monitoring wells, a list of parameters to be studied, and a proposed schedule for implementation of initial monitoring; and the Department grants an extension of 180 days from the date of this Order for full satisfaction of the remaining terms of the condition, which include submission of a plan for an ongoing monitoring program, and remediation provisions.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 28th DAY OF May, 1991.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: 
DEAN C. MARRIOTT, COMMISSIONER

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

Date Of Initial Receipt of Application 1/2/90

Date Of Application Acceptance 1/29/90

Date Filed With Board of Environmental Protection _____

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