



STATE OF MAINE
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.)
East Millinocket, Maine)
RECYCLING/DEINKING PLANT) MODIFICATION
#L-16637-20-I-M (APPROVAL) (CORRECTED)) 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, Inc. with its supportive data, staff summary, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and finds the following facts:

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. History of Project: In Department Order #L-16637-20-G-N dated 12/10/90, the Department approved with conditions the application of Great Northern Nekoosa Corporation to construct a recycling/deinking plant 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 as well as the approved Recycling/Deinking Plant amendment for the East Millinocket Mill.

Special Condition #2 of Order #W-999999-22-B-T states that the transfer of Department licenses shall not become effective until the applicants certify in writing to the Department that the transfer of GNN/GP assets to Great Northern Paper, Inc. and the subsequent purchase of 80% of Great Northern Paper, Inc. stock by Bowater, Inc. has occurred. The written certification was submitted on 12/31/91.

B. Summary: The applicant is now proposing minor changes to the permitted design of the Recycling/Deinking Plant facility. The changes include an overall decrease in the size of the building footprint - from 155,500 square feet to 137,200 square feet, an increase in the height of the process building by 20 feet, an increase in height of the warehouse by 5 feet, and an increase in the amount of solid waste that will be generated. According to the applicant all other aspects of the project will remain the same. The proposed modification to the plant is shown on the plans entitled "Exhibit 3-2, Proposed Recycle Plant Plot Plan and Project Boundary Rev. A" as revised through 12/17/91.

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2. SOLID WASTE: As a result of downsizing the presently permitted 556 air dry tons per day (ADTPD) deinking facility to a 300 ADTPD facility, the total solid waste quantity going to the Dolby III landfill will increase to 95 oven dry tons per day. The physical and chemical characteristics of this material will be the same as originally permitted.

The Site Location Modification application has been reviewed by the Bureau of Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Control which commented that the Dolby III modification for this change is acceptable. A separate Solid Waste Order will be issued relating to this change.

3. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL: According to the applicant, the changes to the plant will result in no net increase in loading to the wastewater treatment plant. The Bureau of Water Quality Control reviewed the Site Location modification application and found that the modification proposed to the plant should not significantly alter the waste load generated by this project to the wastewater treatment plant. The treatment plant has the capacity to treat the wastewater and should remain within its issue discharge license limits. The Water Bureau *has no objection to the addition of the proposed wasteload to the existing treatment plant.
4. OTHER FINDINGS: All other findings of fact, and conclusions relevant to the financial capacity, traffic movement, adverse environmental effects, soils, and road standards remain as approved under Department Order #L-16637-20-G-N.

BASED on the above findings of fact, 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.

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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, provided erosion controls are properly implemented and maintained.

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 adjacent to a sand dune system.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of Great Northern Paper, Inc. to modify the approved recycling/deinking plant facility in East Millinocket, Maine, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. The Standard Conditions of Approval, a copy of which is attached.
2. In addition to any specific erosion control measures proposed, the applicant shall take all necessary actions to ensure that their activities or those of their agents do not result in noticeable erosion of soils on the site during the construction and operation of the project covered by this approval.
3. The conditions of order #L-16637-20-G-N and all subsequent amendments shall remain in effect, and are incorporated herein.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 28 DAY OF February, 1992.

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BY: Deborah Richardson
DEAN C. MARRIOTT, COMMISSIONER

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

Date Of Initial Receipt of Application 12/12/91
Date Of Application Acceptance 12/31/91

Date Filed With Board of Environmental Protection
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