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Mr. A.A. Linero, P.E.
Administrator, New Source Review Section
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resources Management
111 South Magnolia Street, Suite 23
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**Re: International Paper Company
McDavid Softwood Converting Facility
DEP Permit No. 0330260-001-AC, PSD-FL-271**

Dear Mr. Linero:


International Paper Company (IP) recently constructed a new lumber mill in Escambia County, Florida, approximately 30 kilometers (km) (19 miles) north of Pensacola. The McDavid Softwood Converting Facility processes southern yellow pine (SYP) logs and produces up to 225 million board feet per year (MMBF/yr) of lumber. The McDavid Softwood Converting Facility was previously owned by the Champion International Corporation (Champion).

Construction and initial operation of the McDavid Softwood Converting Facility is presently authorized by Department Permit No. 0330260-001-AC, PSD-FL-271. This permit expires on September 6, 2001. A Title V permit application for the McDavid Softwood Converting Facility was submitted to the Department's Northwest District office in June 2001.

As part of the Title V permit review, retesting of a natural gas-fired boiler for visible emissions was requested by the Department. This additional testing has been scheduled for August 13, 2001. Due to this additional testing, IP has recently been advised that by the Department that the Title V permit may not be issued prior to the expiration of Permit No. 0330260-001-AC, PSD-FL-271. Accordingly, IP requests an extension of Permit No. 0330260-001-AC, PSD-FL-271 until February 6, 2002 to allow sufficient time for processing and issuance of the Title V operating permit.

Your expeditious processing of this permit expiration date extension request is appreciated. Please contact Mr. Eric Gilmore at (850) 587-1084 if there are any questions regarding this request.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER COMPANY


Dave Stevens
Plant Manager

cc: Ms. Sandra F. Veazey, FDEP Northwest District

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