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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Theodore D. Kennedy, V.P. Georgia-Pacific – Palatka Mill P.O. Box 919
Palatka, Florida 32178-0919

Re: Georgia-Pacific - Palatka Mill

Recovery Boiler - Request Regarding Routine Maintenance of Boiler Tubes

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

On April 7, 2006, we received your letter identifying an upcoming maintenance project to replace a small portion of the waterwall and superheater tubes in the Recovery Boiler at the Palatka Mill. We recently issued Georgia-Pacific a draft PSD permit, which authorized the replacement of a substantial amount of boiler tubes based on the following preliminary schedule identified in the application: replace 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler in May 2006; and replace tubes in superheater, economizer, and another 25% of wall tubes in recovery boiler in April/May of 2007. The total cost of the tube replacements identified in the draft PSD permit was estimated at \$24 million. In order to ensure that the recent request for "routine tubing replacements" would not be considered a part of the larger pending project, we request the following additional information.

- 1. What is the expected cause of the tube failures? Are materials being upgraded?
- 2. Does the recovery boiler undergo an outage each year for insurance purposes? Describe the general terms in the insurance contract requiring inspection and repair. When was the boiler last inspected to determine the maintenance that needs to be performed during the scheduled outage?
- 3. For comparison purposes, please provide a summary of such outages conducted over the last five years including the nature, extent, frequency, purpose, and costs for each year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Jeffery F. Koerner, Air Permitting North

Bureau of Air Regulation

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