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Myra J. Carpenter, Environmental Superintendent
Georgia-Pacific
Palatka Pulp and Paper Operations
P. O. Box 919
Palatka, Florida 32178-0919

Dear Ms. Carpenter:

Thank you for your letter dated October 3, 2003, regarding alternative monitoring procedures by the Georgia-Pacific mill in Palatka, Florida (GP-Palatka). The request is being made pursuant to 40 CFR 63.453(m) of the Pulp & Paper MACT standard. More specifically, GP-Palatka is requesting an alternative inspection frequency for the closed collection and vent system that allows more flexibility to the 30 day monitoring requirements in 63.453(k) and (l), but will not affect the stringency of the standard. Region 4 concurs that the requested alternative will not affect the stringency of the inspection frequency requirements, and consistent with other similar requests, approves the following specific provision:

- Visual inspections must be performed once during each calendar month, with at least 14 days elapsed time between inspections.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Lee Page of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9131.

Sincerely,

Jim Baldillo for

Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics
Management Division

cc: Christopher Kirts, FDEP