

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The permit holder, located approximately 5 miles northeast of the City of Sandersville in Washington County, withdraws primarily from the Oconee River approximately 15 miles west of Sandersville. The intake is just downstream of the confluence of Gum Creek and the Oconee River. Water is pumped to a raw water storage basin beside the plant and then, after pretreatment, to the plant. All water withdrawn must be metered at or immediately upon leaving the intake structure.
2. The permit holder will monitor streamflow at the USGS Avant Mine gage (gage No. 02223056) located approximately 0.6 miles downstream of the Oconee River intake.
3. The permit holder must allow to pass the USGS Avant Mine gage at all times, a flow equal to the non-depletable flow shown in the schedule below or the natural flow, whichever is less.

Month	Oconee River – Instream Flows immediately below the USGS gage (cfs)		
	Monthly 7Q10	Prorated Downstream Users	Non-depletable
January	825	34	859
February	984	34	1018
March	1519	34	1553
April	709	34	743
May	355	34	389
June	332	34	366
July	290	34	324
August	287	34	321
September	297	34	331
October	318	34	352
November	327	34	361
December	507	34	541

When low flow conditions occur in the Oconee River, the permit holder will cease withdrawals from the river and switch to withdrawals from the on-site raw water storage ponds and/or groundwater wells.

4. The permit holder will withdraw water based on the streamflow at the USGS Avant Mine gage as follows:
 - a. When the streamflow equals or is greater than the non-depletable flow shown in the schedule above, plus the withdrawal limits shown on page one of this Permit, water will be withdrawn from the Oconee River.
 - b. When the streamflow falls below the non-depletable flow shown in the schedule above river withdrawals will cease and water will be withdrawn from the on-site raw water storage ponds until 40% of the storage is depleted and only then from Groundwater Use Permit No. 150-0026.
 - c. When the streamflow increases to above the non-depletable flow shown in the schedule above, plus the withdrawal limits shown on page one of this Permit, backup water withdrawals from groundwater will continue so long as the on-site storage ponds have not been refilled. Refilling the on-site storage ponds from groundwater supply will take approximately 70 days at the permitted groundwater supply rate. Once the on-site storage ponds have been filled and the Oconee River streamflow has increased to the non-depletable flow shown in the schedule above plus the withdrawal limits shown on page one of this Permit, for 10 consecutive days, then water withdrawals from the Oconee River will resume.
5. The permit holder will not withdraw surface water and backup groundwater at the same time. Surface water will be the primary source of water for this facility. The withdrawal limits on page one of this Permit for the raw water withdrawal from the Oconee River and the withdrawal limits on page one – section b (16.00 mgd monthly and annual average) of the Groundwater Use Permit No. 150-0026 shall not be added together.

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6. Groundwater withdrawals up to the limits on page one – section a (0.120 mgd monthly and annual average) of the Groundwater Use Permit No. 150-0026 are allowed at all times for designated sanitary facilities, boiler water and other process needs.
7. The permit holder will operate and abide by its Water Metering Plan.
8. The permit holder must submit to the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) within 10 days of the completion of the calendar month, a combined Monthly Surface Water Withdrawal Report (Raw Water Intake Data) and Groundwater Use Report showing daily raw water withdrawals for the previous month associated with this Permit. In addition to the surface water withdrawals and the groundwater withdrawals, the report will provide the on-site raw water storage pond withdrawals, discharges to the Oconee River, and consumptive use.
9. The permit holder will submit to EPD a five-year Water Conservation Progress Report pursuant to the completed Water Conservation Plan no later than April 8, 2015. Future modifications and renewals of this Permit will be linked to the appropriate implementation of the Water Conservation Plan. This Progress Report should include any actions and/or improvements made to conserve water and reduce water losses (e.g., leak detection and leak repair, meter installation and calibration, meter replacement, education efforts, enforcement of ultra-low flow plumbing fixtures, xeriscaping techniques, etc.) The Water Conservation Progress Report must also include consumptive loss trends, water loss trends (unaccounted for water), and annual efficiency (a comparison of gallons of water used per unit of product produced) for each of the previous five years.
10. The permit holder must abide by its Drought Contingency Plan and, in addition, must abide by applicable drought response requirements.
11. The permit holder will not transfer any surface water withdrawn via this Permit to any entity.
12. The permit holder will cooperate with EPD in the coordination of the water withdrawal requirements associated with this Permit and the Groundwater Use Permit No. 150-0026.

PERMIT MODIFICATION

The permit holder may seek modification of any of the terms of an unexpired permit upon written request to the Director.