



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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**SUBJECT: Macon County–International Paper-Flint River Mill Landfill
Permit Number: 094-004D(LI)
Five Year Permit Review Application
GEOS Submittal No. 503792**

Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) received your *Application for Permit Request for Site Suitability* (Major Modification) submitted to meet the requirements of Rule 391-3-4-.02(1) on August 12, 2019, and supplemental information received August 27, 2020, and February 15, 2021. The application for the Major Modification proposes a vertical expansion of the landfill, additions of a disposal area for asbestos containing material and a dewatering pad that will be used when removing secondary sludge from the wastewater treatment lagoons to the existing landfill. Based on a review of the information provided, the Major Modification is approved. Your permit, No. 094-004D(LI), is attached and includes conditions and limitations for your operation.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia Law it is subject to appeal for a period of thirty (30) days following its issuance and is subject to modification or possible vacation if appealed. Should an appeal be received within the thirty (30) day appeals period, you will be immediately notified and further construction or operation under this permit may not be undertaken until such time as the appeals process is concluded.

Your next scheduled 5 Year Permit Review date is five years from the approval date shown on the attached permit. For permits to remain in effect, applications for permit review must be filed at least six (6) months, but not more than eighteen (18) months prior to the date of the scheduled permit review.

The approved Design and Operation Plan is available via the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) under submittal ID 503792.

If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve McManus at (404) 362-4511 or steve.mcmanus@dnr.ga.gov or Richard Posey at (470) 604-7137 or richard.posey@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

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Program Manager
Solid Waste Management Program

cc: Honorable Mickey George, Chairman Macon County Board of Commissioners
Keith Stevens; Beverly Tipton, EPD
Southwest District Office-Albany, EPD
File: GEOS Submittal No. 503792

PERMIT NO.: 094-004D(LI)
ISSUANCE DATE: 06/22/2022



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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Solid Waste Handling Permit

Permittee Name: **International Paper-Flint River Mill**

Facility Address: **2449 Stagecoach Road
Oglethorpe, Georgia 31068**

In accordance with the provisions of the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, and the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto, this permit is issued for the following operation:

Macon County – International Paper Company, Private Industry Solid Waste Disposal Facility located at 2449 Stagecoach Road in Oglethorpe, Macon County, Georgia (Latitude 32°15'12" N, Longitude 84°03'29" W).

This permit is conditioned upon the permittee complying with the attached conditions of operation, which are hereby made a part of this permit.

All statements in the application and supporting evidence, information, and data submitted to the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources have been evaluated, considered and relied upon in the issuance of this permit.

This permit is now in effect; however, under Georgia law it is subject to appeal for 30 days following issuance and is subject to modification or revocation on evidence of noncompliance: (i) with any provision of the Act or of the Rules promulgated pursuant thereto; or (ii) with any representation made in the above mentioned application or the statements and supporting data entered therein or attached thereto; or (iii) with any condition of this permit.



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1. All previous solid waste handling permits and permit modifications are hereby superseded.
2. The Design and Operational Plan submitted by the Permittee and approved by the Division on June 28, 2021, for this facility is hereby made a part of this permit and the facility shall be operated in accordance with the Plan. Conditions of this permit supersede any provisions of the plan which may conflict.
3. Only the following wastes generated from the International Paper Company shall be deposited at the disposal site: boiler ash, clarifier sludge, secondary sludge from wastewater treatment ponds, lime mud (calcium carbonate), lime, knots and other waste pulp fiber, causticizing grits and dregs, oversize/reject logs, construction and demolition debris, TPH oily soils/gravel, and waste containing asbestos in designated area only.
4. Regulated quantities of hazardous waste, biomedical wastes or putrescible wastes shall not be disposed of at this facility.
5. Solid waste unloading shall be restricted to the working face of the operation in such a manner that waste may be easily incorporated into the landfill with available equipment.
6. Should the waste disposed be found to cause odors or be attractive to disease vectors or birds, then daily cover shall be applied in accordance with rule 391-3-4-.07. The final cover shall be consistent with the final cover system delineated in the approved facility Design and Operational Plan.
7. All-weather access roads shall be provided to the disposal facility and provisions shall be made for prompt equipment repair or replacement when needed.
8. Access to the landfill shall be limited to authorized entrances, which shall be closed when the facility is not in operation.
9. Signs shall be posted at the entrance to the facility stating the days and hours of operation and the type of material accepted for disposal.
10. The facility shall be graded and drained to minimize runoff onto the landfill surface, to prevent erosion, and to drain water from the surface of the landfill. Best management practices (BMPs) from the most recent edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia shall be utilized.
11. Site survey control shall be provided and maintained to ensure compliance with the approved Design and Operational Plan.

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12. Stormwater runoff from disturbed areas not covered under an applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit shall be controlled by use of appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures or devices. Best management practices (BMPs) from the most recent edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia shall be utilized.
13. Operations shall be conducted at all times in such a manner as to prevent air, land, and water pollution and to prevent public health hazards.
14. Scattering of wastes by wind shall be controlled by fencing or other barriers, and the entire facility shall be policed daily.
15. Suitable measures to control fires that may start shall be provided. Stockpiled soil is considered to be the most satisfactory firefighting material.
16. The Permittee shall fully satisfy all applicable financial responsibility requirements for closure and post-closure care in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.13. If a funded trust is used to satisfy financial responsibility requirements for this site, at no point shall the area of the disposal facility that has received waste and has not been closed exceed that area which could be properly closed using the funds available in the trust. The pay in period for annual trust fund payments shall be the lesser of the remaining design life of the facility or remaining capacity, as reported in accordance with Solid Waste Rule 391-3-4-.17.
17. The landfill shall be closed in accordance with Rule 391-3-4-.11 and the closure plan included in the approved Design and Operation Plan.
18. A minimum 50-foot undisturbed buffer shall be maintained between the waste disposal area and all wetlands, as defined by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, unless evidence is provided to the Director by the Permittee that the use of wetlands has been permitted under all applicable state and federal laws and rules. The owner or operator must also place a demonstration of compliance in the operating record and notify the Director that it has been placed in the operating record.
19. Prior to receipt of waste, the Division shall be provided with written certification, by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Georgia, that a newly constructed cell or phase has been completed in accordance with the permit. Unless notified by the Division within 15 days of receipt by the Division of the written certification, the facility owner or operator may commence disposal of solid waste.
20. The Permittee shall comply with all other applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances which are not incorporated as conditions of this permit, but which are separately enforced by the relevant state or local agency with jurisdiction.

