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RE: Revised Request for Discontinuation of Groundwater Monitoring, Former Koppers Wood-Treating Facility, Wauna, Oregon. ECSI #649

Dear Mr. Bunker:

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed and approves the document entitled *Revised Request for Discontinuation of Groundwater Monitoring, Former Koppers Wood-Treating Facility, Wauna, Oregon*, dated March 9, 2020. This workplan was prepared on behalf of Georgia Pacific by Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions Inc.

Thank you for your extra work to statistically evaluate and strengthen the case for discontinued groundwater monitoring at the Wauna facility. The original *Request for Discontinuation of Groundwater Monitoring* included some groundwater data for contaminants of concern with laboratory method detection limits exceeding were the Level II ecological screening values used as Remedial Action Objectives as required by the Record of Decision for the site. The current document helps to remove uncertainty that remedial objectives have been met.

DEQ is now taking steps toward regulatory closure of the site. This will entail preparing a Staff Report, focused on the perched groundwater pathway, recommending a Certificate of Completion for the site. Other closeout steps will include removal of the site from the Confirmed Release List and Inventory, documenting, ending the Consent Order and the Record of Decision. The closeout process will require a public comment period. The Easement and Equitable Servitudes previously prepared for the site will remain in effect.

As part of the project closeout, I would like to meet you at the site for an inspection of the remediated areas for all affected media and contaminant pathways included in the Record of Decision. This will include the deed-restricted area, the asphalt capped area, the former drainage ditch to Crawford Slough, the alignment of subsurface slurry wall, and points of groundwater compliance. As well, I would like to visit the areas where recent acid and base releases occurred in separate events to observe the results of spill responses and associated remediation work. The current health emergency in Oregon makes it impossible to schedule a site inspection at this time. I look forward to scheduling a site inspection as soon as feasible.

Please feel free to call me with questions.

Sincerely,

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