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Subject: Approval of YOY Fish Monitoring Termination (OU1 and OU4)
Attachments: YOY Fish Monitoring Termination OU1 and OU4 Approval Final.pdf

Paul and Bill,

Attached is the Agencies approval of the requested termination of Young-of-Year Fish monitoring in OU1 and OU4 at the Fox River Superfund Site.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

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Re: Approval of Termination of Young-of-Year Fish Species Monitoring for OUs 1 and 4; Lower Fox River and Green Bay Superfund Site, WI

Dear Messrs. Hartman and Montney:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (“Response Agencies”) have completed their review of the February 9, 2024, letter prepared by Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, on behalf of Glatfelter Corporation and Georgia-Pacific Corporation, requesting termination of the young-of-year (YOY) fish species monitoring in Operable Units (OUs) 1 and 4 pursuant to the 2023 long-term monitoring plan (LTMP). Monitoring of YOY gizzard shad is conducted *“to provide an early indication of ecosystem recovery.”*

The YOY fish tissue monitoring has consistently met the LTMP Exit Criterion 3 - Comparison to SWAC - reduction targets with statistical certainty for OU1 and OU4. Following the LTMP Exit Criterion 3 statistical methods, a greater than 90% reduction in YOY fish tissue Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentrations has been measured in the 2012 through 2022 sampling events for OU1, as well as both the 2021 and 2022 sampling events in OU4, when compared to baseline sampling (2006).

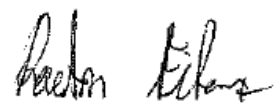
The information presented, demonstrates a 90% reduction in PCB concentrations in YOY fish in OU1 and OU4, achieving the LTMP Exit Criteria 3. Therefore, the Response Agencies approve the termination of YOY monitoring for fish tissue in OU1 and OU4.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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