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Subject: Approval of Ecological Fish Monitoring Termination (OUs 1 through 5)
Attachments: Eco Fish Monitoring Termination OUs 1 through 5 Approval Final.pdf

Paul and Bill,

Attached is the Agencies approval of the requested termination of Ecological Fish monitoring in OUs 1 through 5 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 Ecological Fish Species Monitoring for OUs 1 through 5; 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 1, 2024, letter prepared by Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC, on behalf of Glatfelter Corporation and Georgia-Pacific Corporation, requesting termination of the ecological fish species monitoring pursuant to the 2023 long-term monitoring plan (LTMP). Monitoring of carp and drum is conducted to monitor progress in meeting Remedial Action Objective 3, which is to "*Protect ecological receptors from exposure to COCs above protective levels.*"

Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) concentrations for carp and drum in all Operable Units (OUs) were well below the LTMP Exit Criterion 2 ecological risk lowest observed adverse effects concentration (7,600 ug/Kg) with statistical certainty during the baseline sampling event (2006) and all subsequent sampling events including 2022.

Therefore, based on the data collected since 2006 and the LTMP Weight of Evidence consideration arguments presented, the Response Agencies approve the termination of monitoring for ecological fish tissue in OUs 1 through 5.

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

Sincerely,



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