



STATE OF MAINE  
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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January 22, 2020

Mr. Kenneth Gallant  
Environmental Manager  
Verso Corporation LLC  
Androscoggin Mill, Riley Road  
Jay, ME. 04239

RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit ME0001937  
Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application W000623-5N-Q-M  
**Minor Revision**

Dear Mr. Gallant:

Enclosed please find a copy of your **final** MEPDES permit and Maine WDL **minor revision** which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read this document and its attached conditions carefully. Compliance with this permit/license will protect water quality.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision.*"

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693. Your Department compliance inspector copied below is also a resource that can assist you with compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any questions.

Thank you for your efforts to protect and improve the waters of the great state of Maine!

Sincerely,

Gregg Wood  
Division of Water Quality Management  
Bureau of Water Quality

Enclosure

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

VERSO ANDROSCOGGIN LLC	)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
JAY, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MAINE	)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
PULP & PAPER MANUFACTURING FACILITY	)	AND
ME0001937	)	WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
W000623-5N-Q-M	)	<b>MINOR REVISION</b>
<b>APPROVAL</b>		

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 USC, Section 1251, *et seq.* and Maine Law 38 M.R.S., Section 414-A *et seq.*, and applicable regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department hereinafter) is initiating a minor revision of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0001937/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W000623-5N-P-R (permit hereinafter) last issued by the Department to the VERSO CORPORATION on December 4, 2017, for a five-year term. With its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file, the Department FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

**MINOR REVISION REQUESTED**

The December 4, 2017, permit was issued to the Verso Corporation based on an application submitted by the permittee dated July 14, 2017, naming the Verso Corporation as the legal entity. The permittee has submitted supporting title, right and interest documentation that the legal entity owning and operating the Jay, Maine mill is Verso Androscoggin LLC dating back to August 2006. The permittee is requesting the above referenced MEPDES permit/WDL permit be issued in the name of the owner, Verso Androscoggin LLC. The Department does not consider this permitting action to be a transfer of ownership. This permitting action does nothing more than a name change on the permit/license to reflect the entity that owns and operates the mill at this time.

**MINOR REVISION GRANTED**

The request by the permittee to change the name on MEPDES permit #ME0001937/WDL #W000623-5N-P-R from the Verso Corporation to Verso Androscoggin LLC is acceptable to the Department.

## CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings on page 1 of this minor revision, and subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions:

1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.
3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, 38 M.R.S. Section 464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
  - a. Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;
  - b. Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding natural resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;
  - c. The standards of classification of the receiving water body are met or, where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;
  - d. Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification, that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
  - e. Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
4. The discharge will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment.

**ACTION**

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the minor revision of MEPDES permit #ME0001937/WDL #W000623-5N-P-R, issued by the Department on December 4, 2017, to change the corporate name on the permit/license from Verso Corporation to Verso Androscoggin LLC. The discharges shall be subject to the attached conditions and all applicable standards and regulations including:

1. "Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits," revised July 1, 2002, copy attached to MEPDES permit #ME0001937/WDL #W000623-5N-P-R, issued by the Department on December 4, 2017.
2. All terms and conditions of MEPDES permit, #ME0001937/WDL #W000623-5N-P-R, issued by the Department on December 4, 2017, not modified by this permitting action remain in effect and enforceable.
3. This permit modification becomes effective upon signature and expires on December 4, 2022, concurrent with ##ME0001937/WDL #W000623-5N-P-R, issued by the Department on December 4, 2017. If a renewal application is timely submitted and accepted as complete for processing prior to the expiration of this permit, the terms and conditions of this permit and all subsequent modifications and minor revisions thereto remain in effect until a final Department decision on the renewal application becomes effective. [Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § 10002 and Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters, 06-096 CMR 2(21)(A) (amended June 9, 2018)].

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 21 DAY OF January, 2020.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: [Signature]  
For Gerald D. Reid, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application January 15, 2020.

Date of application acceptance January 15, 2020.

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection \_\_\_\_\_.

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY

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