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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
ADOPTION of EXISTING DOCUMENT**

November 22, 2021

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology)

Agency Contact: Emily Toffol, emily.toffol@ecy.wa.gov, 360-407-6954

Description of proposal: Ecology initially issued Notice of Construction (NOC) Order No. DE 99AQIS-94 on January 24, 2000 to Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company to approve modifications to Recovery Furnace No. 4. The modifications included the replacement of an indirect liquor heater and installation of a third level of combustion feed air (tertiary air). It has been proposed that Order No. DE 99AQIS-94 be amended to clarify the requirements associated with the Order. The amendment does not allow any additional construction or any increases in emissions.

Amendments to the NOC Order include:

1. The Permittee has been changed from Simpson Tacoma Kraft Company to WestRock CP, LLC.
2. A reduction in minimum stack testing frequency of Particulate Matter at Recovery Boiler No.4.
3. The incorporation of amendments to Order No. DE 99AQIS-94 which were made by reference via Order No. 1916-AQ05. This includes the removal of a NOx limit and algorithm which were superseded in subsequent NOC Orders and an update to an annual oil capacity calculation.

Location of proposal: 801 Portland Avenue Tacoma, Washington 98421

Name, phone, e-mail of Applicant/Proponent: Assaad Alsemaan, General Manager, 253-596-0251, Assaad.Alsemaan@westrock.com

Title of document being adopted: Determination of Non-Significance

Date adopted document was prepared: December 21, 1999

Description of document (or portion thereof) being adopted: Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) issued under WAC 197-11-340.

The adopted document is attached.

We have identified and adopted this document as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document[s] meet[s] our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker[s].

The Washington State Department of Ecology (lead agency) has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).


This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions on the previous proposal, which is not being changed for this modification:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 and the comment period will end on **January 12, 2022**. This will be held concurrent to the comment period on modified NOC Order No. DE 99AQIS-94.

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(Electronic signature or name of signor is sufficient)

November 22, 2021
Date