

## Proposed One-Time Variance From Classification As A Solid Waste For Longview Fibre Paper and Packaging

### Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on a proposed one-time variance from classifying a material as solid waste when it's recycled.

The material is pulping liquor from the former Samoa pulp mill near Eureka, California. The Longview Fibre Pulp and Paper mill (doing business as KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation (KapStone)) requested a variance to allow it to recycle this material.

### Background

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting an emergency cleanup of the former Samoa mill. The mill closed suddenly in 2008, leaving behind pulping liquor. The EPA asked KapStone to help with the cleanup effort by recycling pulping liquors from the site.

Pulping liquors are used in the pulping process to break down wood chips. Spent pulping liquors are then recycled back into the pulping process to recover chemicals and energy, and reduce costs. Under Washington State Administrative Code (WAC):

- Pulping liquors aren't considered solid waste if they're reclaimed in a pulping liquor recovery furnace and reused in the pulping process within a year (WAC 173-303-017(2)(b)(i)).
- If they're stored for more than one year, they're considered a "speculatively accumulated waste" and a variance is required to recycle them (WAC 173-303-017(5)).

### DATES AND LOCATIONS

#### Comment period

January 24, 2014 –  
February 24, 2014

#### Send written comments to:

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#### Read the request for variance at these locations:

Longview Public Library  
1600 Louisiana Street  
Longview, WA 98632

Dept of Ecology  
300 Desmond Drive SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp\\_longview.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/industrial/pulp_longview.html)

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Since the pulping liquors at the Samoa mill have been stored for more than a year, a variance is required for Kapstone to accept these liquors for recycling. This one-time variance proposes to allow KapStone to accept and recycle approximately 2.7 million gallons, as long as they:

- Recycle the pulping liquors in accordance with their current air and wastewater permits, before the end of this calendar year.
- Inspect temporary storage areas at least once per week and take corrective action for any leaks detected.
- Manage any additional stormwater generated from these activities properly.

The proposed variance promotes waste minimization and materials recovery and will assist the EPA in the cleanup of the Samoa mill. Washington State dangerous waste regulations allow variances for speculatively accumulated materials on a case-by-case basis.

Ecology will accept comments on the proposed variance January 24 - February 24, 2014. We will consider all comments received before making a final decision on the proposal.

**Facility information**

KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation operates a Kraft pulp and paper mill at 300 Fibre Way in Longview, WA. Currently employing about 1,000 people, the mill produces bag, kraft, wrapping and specialty papers and container board. Average production is 3000 tons per year.