

April 5, 2024

Brian Rath, EES Iowa Department of Natural Resources Solid Waste Section Wallace State Office Building 502 East 9th Street Des Moines, IA 50319

RE:

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum North Recycle Pile; IDNR Permit #94-SDP-18-09

MER #9510

Dear Mr. Rath:

Thank you for your time on March 5, 2024, discussing future tasks to be completed at the Georgia-Pacific Gypsum North Recycle Pile. Items discussed were, groundwater testing and the potential for an Environmental Covenant (EC). Georgia-Pacific (GP) also received an email from the Department on March 5, 2024, requesting clarification on what and how sinkholes / settlement at this site are repaired. This request was in reference to repairs reported to the Department that were completed in mid-December 2023.

GP used the services of a third-party contractor for the sinkhole repairs. The following method was used to complete the sinkhole repairs:

1. Opening the sink hole with an excavator;

2. Refilling sinkhole with clay and compacting with an excavator as it is filled;

3. Using topsoil to fill the last 6 inches of fill.

4. Seeding affected area with rye grass.

As stated in the inspection correspondence, seeding will be completed in the spring of 2024 as well as any additional grading that may be necessary. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Olivia Jackson, GP Facility Environmental Manager, at (515) 206-5057 or olivia jackson [@gapac.com.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Georgia-Pacific Gypsum,

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