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August 5, 2021

UNILATERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED CERTIFIED MAIL NUMBER #7020 0640 0000 9754 2198

International Paper Company c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900 Dallas, Texas 75201-3136

Re:

San Jacinto River Waste Pits, Southern Impoundment, Harris County, TX

SSID No. 06ZQ, EPA ID No. TXN000606611

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed a Unilateral Administrative Order for Remedial Action for the Southern Impoundment ("Order"), Docket No. CERCLA 06-05-21, addressing the Remedial Action ("RA") for a part of the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site ("Site"). This Order requires that you implement the RA for the Site's Southern Impoundment, pursuant to the Record of Decision dated October 11, 2017.

As set forth in Section VII (Opportunity to Confer) of the Order, you have the opportunity to confer with the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") regarding the terms of the Order. Pursuant to Section IX (Notice of Intent to Comply) of the enclosed Order, on or before the Effective Date of the Order (as determined pursuant to Section VIII (Effective Date)), you must provide written notification to EPA stating whether you will comply with the terms of this Order.

Please note that you shall be subject to civil penalties under Section 106(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9606(b), of not more than \$59,017 for each day in which you willfully violate or fail or refuse to comply with this Order without sufficient cause. In addition, failure to properly provide response action under this Order, or any portion hereof, without sufficient cause, may result in liability under Section 107(c)(3) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(c)(3), for punitive damages in an amount at least equal to, and not more than three times the amount of any costs incurred by the Fund as a result of such failure to take proper action.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or other legal questions regarding this Site or the Order, please contact Anne Foster, site attorney, at (214) 665-2169 or via email at foster.anne@epa.gov. For questions concerning the technical aspects of a remedial action, please contact Lauren Poulos, Remedial Project Manager, at (214) 665-8371, via e-mail at poulos.lauren@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Wren Stenger, Director Superfund and Emergency Management Division

Enclosures (5)

- 1. Unilateral Administrative Order for the Remedial Action of the Southern Impoundment
- 2. Appendix A October 2017 Record of Decision
- 3. Appendix B Remedial Action Statement of Work for the Southern Impoundment
- 4. Appendix C Southern Impoundment Vicinity Maps/Southern Impoundment Perimeter
- 5. Appendix D Unilateral Administrative Order Docket No. CERCLA 06-05-21 Administrative Record Index

Toby Baker, Executive Director cc: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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