

2017 ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING PLAN

The Environmental Operating Plan (EOP) is a document that identifies the environmental risks (and legal obligations) associated with the day to day operations of our business and specifies the management measures the Mill will implement in order to prevent or minimize the environmental impacts associated with our operations.

WASTEWATER OBJECTIVES

- Continue to meet all applicable government regulations
- Continue to be in compliance with:
 - Mill Effluent Toxicity
 - Total Suspended Solids
 - Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
 - Dioxins & Furans
- Plan for Cycle 8 Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM) requirements
- Continue hydrogeological monitoring at the mill site and newly added test points at the Effluent Treatment System (ETS)
- Participate with the Province of Nova Scotia in the planning for Boat Harbour replacement.
- Continue work on Environmental Assessment/permitting for the new effluent treatment system
- Conduct tours of the ETS upon request
- Develop cooling water reduction projects

AIR OBJECTIVES

- Meet all applicable government objectives
- Keep Total Reduced Sulphur (TRS) emissions from the recovery boiler to less than 15ppm
- Carry out relative accuracy test audits (RATA) of the recovery boiler
- Develop a plan to continue odour reduction projects
- Continue to maintain the upgraded ambient air monitoring stations
- Maintain compliance with future base-level industrial emission requirements (BLIERS)

SOLID WASTE OBJECTIVES

- Fulfill government requirements around solid waste regulations.
- Determine realistic ways of diverting solid waste away from the landfill
- Continue to segregate our domestic waste streams
- Continue the mill waste recycling program
- Implement controlled entry procedures at the mill landfill.

WOODLANDS OBJECTIVES

- Participate in the annual Sustainable Forestry Initiative Advisory Committee meeting
- Maintain current certifications held:
 - o ISO14001 Woodlands Environmental Management System
 - Chain of Custody (SFI, PEFC[™], FSC[®])

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- Continue asbestos awareness training as part of mill employee and contractor site safety orientations
- Continue to monitor condition of asbestos containing materials in the mill
- Address any asbestos hazards immediately upon their discovery and identification using properly trained asbestos abatement contract personnel
- Document any repairs and removals
- Dispose of asbestos at licensed and designated asbestos disposal facilities off the mill site

OTHER OBJECTIVES

- Report requirements for NPRI, GHG and other government and/or corporate programs
- Maintain annual updates to environmental emergency preparedness and response manual
- Attend environmental courses or conferences where applicable
- Maintain an active Community Liaison Committee.