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IP COLLABORATIVE TEAM XL -2 BMP PROJECT
MEETING NOTES
November 2, 2001

ATTENDEES: Sterling Pierce from DEP; Chris Rascher from EPA; Adriann van Heiningen, Joe Genco, Marquita Hill from UMO; Doug Barton from NCASI; Shiloh Ring from the Town of Jay; Tom Saviello, John Cronin, Ben Leber, Steve Groves, Tiffany Petrie, Mike Rowland from IP

The meeting began at approximately 10:10am with Ben reviewing the agenda for the day.

Introductions were made. Recent changes that have taken place at the Androscoggin Mill include the following:

- Doug Johnson has been named Manager, Pulp Group
- Mike Rowland has been named Manager, Technical Services

The group reviewed the status of the budget for the XL2 project. In summary, as of 11/2/01, approximately \$427,000 of \$780,000 has been spent or committed to the XL2 projects.

John reviewed the status of recent color and COD discharges from the mill effluent. The most recent data is provided below:

| <i>International Paper Androscoggin Mill</i> | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Color</i> | | | <i>COD</i> | |
| <i>XL2 Limit: 120 #/adtubp</i> | | | <i>XL2 Limit: 50.7 kg/kkg</i> | |
| Date | Value (#/adtubp) | | Date | Value (kg/kkg) |
| 3Q01 | 77 | | Sept, 2001 | 29 |
| 2Q01 | 85 | | Aug, 2001 | 27 |
| 1Q01 | 104 | | July, 2001 | 26 |
| 4Q00 | 103 | | June, 2001 | 31 |
| 3Q00 | 96 | | May, 2001 | 31 |
| 2Q00 | 106 | | April, 2001 | 32 |

Ben reviewed the updated project schedule. Provided on the following page is the project list discussed.

| Source | Potential Projects | Est. COD Red. (lb/yr) | Est. Cost (\$000) | Comments |
|--|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. "A" Knot Sluice Filtrate | use cyclone water divert & mill water | 690,000 | 4 | Complete 1999 |
| 2. "B" Knot Sluice Filtrate | pipe to process w/ "B" screen trial | 1,100,000 | 0 | improved screen efficiency Complete March 2000 |
| 3. "A" Screenings Sluice Filtrate.*** | replace with PM white water | 2,060,000 | 15 | Need bleach plant shutdown |
| 4. "B" Screenings Sluice Filtrate. | use cyclone water | 510,000 | 3 | Complete 1999 |
| 5. "B" Cleaner Rejects | A. "B" screen upgrade - B. Timed dump cleaner for above | 3,300,000 1,100,000 | 120 70 | Complete March 2000 Complete - September 2001 |
| 6. "B" Digester Heater Drains | pipe heater drains to SRV tank | ** 32,000 see below | 40 | safety concern, Investigating Alts. with Pulp Operations |
| 7. "A" Flash Steam Condenser | A. Flash tank liquor carry-over issue 1. upgrade flash tank 2. install separator/demister B. Turpentine recovery * | 2,100,000 4,200,000 <BOD> | 1 MM 180 2.5 MM Est | Tie-ins complete - Scoping equipment - Evaluate after liquor separator |
| 8. Power House Sump Drains | A. Install sump pump & diversion system B. Oxy sump conductivity /pump system | 8,000 | 35 | Remove water from the Blimp Tank. |
| 9. Knot/Screening Entrained * Filtrate | Knots/screenings press | 160,000 | 300 - 400 Estimate | Pursuing other alternatives |
| 10. Misc. Spills | Computerized sewer conductivity display (Related to mill 2001 Fiber Loss Effort) | minimal | | Instrumentation / PI displays Install weir box in "B" Pulp General Developing detailed scope |
| 11. Improved delignification * | O ₂ Delig. operational improvements. A. Additional mixer B. Feed system improvements | | 70 45 | Delig improvements / peroxide? UMaine/GLV evaluation..... Nuclear Level Transmitter Quoterecieved-resolving mounting issues. |

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|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 12. Washing Improvements * | <p>A. Diagonal Wash & Extract. Screens</p> <p>B. "B" Hot water pump/g</p> <p>C. "A" Decker dilution balance</p> <p>D. Dandy Roll - Brown Stock Washer</p> | | <p>140</p> <p>140</p> <p>25</p> <p>70</p> <p>100</p> | <p>Complete "B" Dig May - 01</p> <p>Complete "A" Dig - Wash screens May - 01</p> <p>Complete Jan - 01</p> <p>Perform COD carry-over analysis. investigate</p> |
| 13. Sewered condensates | Evaluate lowering vaportator conductivity divert set-points. | | | Evaporator operational concerns |

Tiffany Petrie provided a review of the recently completed millwide sewer survey. The survey consisted of collecting composite samples at various mill locations over a three day period. The tests completed consisted of the following:

- BOD (filtered and unfiltered)
- COD (filtered and unfiltered)
- color
- toxicity
- conductivity
- pH
- TSS
- TDS
- Photographs of select sewer sources

The sample points were for the most part the same as those completed during the previous survey with the exception that samples at the following locations were not collected and tested: woodrooms, SMI, recaust, landfill, ring debarker and groundwood. In addition, some new points were added that could be high loading sources. The survey will be discussed in greater detail, along with recommendations for future projects, at the next technical team meeting.

Joe provided a review of the Effluent Reduction by Process Closure course that he and Ben attended. Provided is a summary of the material:

The class was held in Ashville, NC on June 25 - 27, and was attended bt Joe Genco and Ben Leber. The focus of the class was on reductions in water usage and minimization of sewer losses and included a visit to a Blue Ridge Paper Company in Canton, NC. Considerations for closing a kraft mill include:

- Capital money
- Effluent monitoring
- Spill control methods (spill ponds, filtrate buffer tanks, etc.)
- Extended delignification
- Oxygen delignification
- Effective brown stock washing
- Segregation of non-process water

Provided is a summary table of wastewater charecteristics from the facility:

| | <i>Pre-Modernization</i> | <i>After</i> |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Flow | 45 mgd | 29 mgd |
| Color | 115 kg/tonne of pulp | 20 - 25 kg/tonne of pulp |
| BOD | 1.6 kg/tonne of pulp | 0.5 - 0.8 kg/tonne of pulp |
| AOX | NA | 0.04 - 0.12 kg/tonne of pulp |

Additional details of the course will be discussed at future meetings as necessary.

Adriann provided a review of possible modifications that could be completed to the oxygen delignification system that could decrease wastewater loading. Provided is a summary of the material:

A typical oxygen delignification system will perform the following:

Reduces effluent
Lowers BOD & COD
Lowers AOX
Lowers dioxin
Reduces landfill solids

The reductions achieved are in proportion to the reduction in the kappa number. The process variables that have an effect on oxygen delignification include:

Time and temperature
Alkali charge and consistency
Oxygen charge
Viscosity protectors

Additional details of the presentation will be discussed at future meetings as necessary.

The group requested that both Doug Johnson and Jeff Pike attend the next technical team meeting. John will follow-up on this item.

The group discussed improving the communications efforts of this and other XL projects that have been successful. Steve Groves suggested that the EPA should look into ways to improve the communications efforts that have taken place since the XL program was initiated.

The next meeting dates were set as follows:

Technical team meeting:

- 10:00am on November 14, 2001 at the Augusta offices of the DEP. Sterling to schedule a room for the meeting.

Collaborative team meeting:

- The next meeting was not scheduled at this time. It will be scheduled after completion of the next technical team meeting.