

STATE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
Permit Number: AR0001830C

Permittee:

Green Bay Packaging Inc.
Arkansas Kraft Division
338 Highway 113 South
Morrilton, AR 72110

Consulting Engineer:

Brad Wingfield, P.E.
Pollution Management, Inc.
3512 S Shackleford Road
Little Rock, AR 72205

This permit allows the permittee listed above to modify the wastewater treatment system in accordance with the permit application and plans and specifications which were received on September 8, 2025, and all additional information received by February 27, 2026, under authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-101 et seq. and Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-201 et seq.) and the following terms and conditions.

1. The treatment system shall be modified in accordance with the final plans and specifications as submitted to the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In case any statement or representation in the aforementioned documents is found to be incorrect, this approval may be revoked.
2. There shall be no deviation from the permitted plans and specifications unless the revisions have been submitted for review and written approval is received.
3. Within thirty (30) days of completion of the construction the permittee shall submit a Notice of Completion of Construction to the Division (Permits Branch of the Office of Water Quality) that the facility has been modified in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The certification shall be signed by the Responsible Official as well as stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer (P.E.) licensed in the state of Arkansas. The Notice of Completion of Construction form is located at the following web link:

<https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/npdes/individual/pdfs/state-construction-permit-completion-of-construction.pdf>

4. This permit is issued in reliance upon the statements and representations made in the application and the plans and specifications. Issuance of this State Construction Permit does not guarantee satisfactory performance of the treatment system. The permittee shall ensure that water quality standards are not violated. Any modifications to the treatment facility necessary to meet water quality standards are the responsibility of the permittee and would require a modification to this State Construction Permit.
5. A State Construction Permit for the modification of an existing wastewater treatment facility does not constitute an NPDES permit. Issuance of a State Construction Permit for modification of a treatment system in no way guarantees or assumes that an application for an NPDES permit to operate the system will be approved or an NPDES permit will be issued.
6. A complete "Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual" of the wastewater treatment system shall be updated by the facility consultant for the operator's use before the plant is in operation.
7. Failure to begin construction within one (1) year of the effective date may result in termination of this permit if a request for an extension is not submitted to the Division in a timely manner.
8. The permittee must submit notification of the start of construction within fifteen (15) days after construction has begun.

9. If a construction site will disturb greater than or equal to one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres, the permittee shall comply with the requirements in PC&EC Rule 6.203 for Stormwater discharge associated with a small construction site, as defined in PC&EC Rule 6. If the construction site will disturb five (5) acres or more, the permittee shall comply with the terms of the Stormwater Construction General Permit Number ARR150000 prior to the start of construction. BMPs must be implemented regardless of the size.
10. This facility is located as follows: Latitude: 35° 05' 48.36" N; Longitude: 92° 44' 22.48" W in Conway County, Arkansas.
11. The receiving waters for this facility are the Arkansas River in Segment 3F of the Arkansas River Basin. The outfall is located at the following coordinates: Outfall 001: Latitude: 35° 05' 35" N; Longitude: 92° 43' 56.99" W.
12. The construction will include: installation of a levee to divide Polishing Pond 1 (PP 1) into 2 (two) ponds (PP 1A and PP 1B); enlarging PP 1A by excavation and addition of a levee; installing weir boxes and pipes between the aerated stabilization lagoon and PP 1A, and between PP 1A and PP 1B; installing 2 (two) baffle curtains in Polishing Pond 2; and increasing the capacity of the Long Pond by raising the lower portion of the levee by 2 feet. These modifications will not affect the average flow of 8.86 MGD. The existing treatment system consists of: a bar screen, primary clarifier, aerated stabilization lagoon, and polishing pond, and a sanitary wastewater package plant (which discharges into the polishing pond).
13. Polishing Pond 1A must have a pond bottom liner with a maximum permeability of 1×10^{-7} cm/sec and a thickness of at least one (1) foot or equivalent before the start of operation.
14. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. The complete application shall be submitted at least 180 days before the expiration date of this permit. The Director may grant permission to submit an application less than 180 days in advance but no later than the permit expiration date. Conditions of this permit will continue in effect past the expiration date pending issuance of a new permit if:
 - a. The permittee has submitted a timely and complete application as described in Rule 6.202(B); and
 - b. The Director, through no fault of the permittee, does not issue a new permit prior to the expiration date of this permit.

Effective Date: May 1, 2026

Expiration Date: April 30, 2031

Stacie R. Wassell
Deputy Director, Office of Water Quality
Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment
Division of Environmental Quality

April 28, 2026

Issue Date

STATEMENT OF BASIS

For State Construction Permit Number AR0001830C.

The issuing office is:

Division of Environmental Quality
5301 Northshore Drive
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118

The applicant is:

Green Bay Packaging Inc.
Arkansas Kraft Division
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1. BASIS FOR PERMIT AND CONDITIONS

This permit is your authority to modify the wastewater treatment system in accordance with the permit application and plans and specifications which were received on September 8, 2025, and all additional information received by February 27, 2026. The issuance of this permit and conditions are based on the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-101 et seq. and Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-201 et seq.), Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (PC&EC) Rule 6.202, codified at 8 CAR § 25-202, NPDES Discharge permit AR0001830, and 40 C.F.R. § 122.26.

Specific permit conditions and their sources are listed as follows:

Conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are self-explanatory. Condition 9 is based on 40 C.F.R. § 122.26. Conditions 10, 11, and 12 are based on the submitted application and Plans and Specifications. Condition 13 is based on Section 93.42 of 2014 Edition of Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities (Ten State Standards) and generally accepted scientific knowledge and engineering practices. Condition 14 is based on Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-203(a).

2. PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with PC&EC Rule 8, codified at 8 CAR Part 11, the public notice of the draft permit was published for public comment on March 22, 2026. The last day of the comment period was thirty (30) days after the publication date. No public comments were received on the draft permit.

3. PERMIT FEE

In accordance with PC&EC Rule 9.402(A), codified at 8 CAR § 12-302(b)(2), the fee for issuance of a state construction permit is \$500.

4. SOURCES

1. Application Form 1 and Plans and Specifications dated September 8, 2025, with all additional information received by February 27, 2026.
2. 2014 Edition of Recommended Standards for Wastewater Facilities (Ten State Standards).

3. PC&EC Rules 6, 8, and 9, codified at 8 CAR Parts 25, 11, and 12, respectively.
4. A.C.A. § 8-4-217(b)(1)(C).
5. 40 C.F.R. § 122.26.

5. CONTACT PERSON

The DEQ contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information, or obtaining copies of the application, permit, and the Statement of Basis is:

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Division of Environmental Quality
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