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MeadWestvaco

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March 25, 2005

David J. Collins
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Re: Sale of MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc. (Specific License 19-00373-02)

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Dear Mr. Collins:

MeadWestvaco Corporation has reached a definitive agreement to sell the stock of MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc., which owns the Luke pulp and paper mill, to NewPage Corporation, a company controlled by Cerberus Capital Management L.P. This notice and other information are being provided to support this request for "prior authorization" for transfer of control of devices under the facility's Specific License to reflect the new ownership. Please proceed with making the appropriate revisions to the license in accordance with the information listed in Attachment 1 to this notice.

In support of this request, please note that no immediate changes are planned for the Luke mill operations. The management of the Luke mill will remain essentially the same as it is now. The Radiation Safety Officers listed on the Specific License will continue their current duties in supervising, administering and controlling equipment under the subject license. Simply put, MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc. will continue to operate as before, except that it will have a new name, the Luke Paper Company, and a new parent, NewPage Corporation.

This request for "prior authorization" is being made by a duly authorized management representative of MeadWestvaco Corporation and MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc. (transferor) that is reasonably expected to hold similar management positions in NewPage Corporation and Luke Paper Company (transferee) after the transaction.

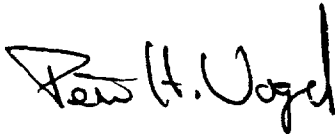
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The companies have not set a final date for the formal transfer of ownership of MeadWestvaco **Maryland Inc.** However, the companies currently are working towards a transfer date on or about April 30, 2005. We will provide notice of the actual transfer date as soon as practicable after the transaction is concluded.

The purpose of this letter is to give you timely notice of the transaction and request in advance your assistance in assuring as smooth a transition as possible. We want to be certain that we correctly understand and meet our obligations with respect to the transfer or amendment of various licenses, registrations, permits and authorizations governing the mill's operations.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call Steven Burke, RSO at (301) 359-3311 ext. 3385, or e-mail Mr. Burke at spb5@meadwestvaco.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Vogel". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "P" and a cursive "Vogel".

Peter H. Vogel
Vice-President, MeadWestvaco Corporation, and
President, MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc.

Encl: Information Needed for Transfer of Control

Attachment 1

Request for Agency Consent on Transfer of Control of Specifically Licensed Devices

License Number	19-00373-02
Licensee (Corporate Name: Appearing on Existing License)	MeadWestvaco Maryland, Inc.
Address (Existing License)	300 Pratt Street Luke, Maryland 21540-1099
Expiration Date	November 30 2013
Docket Number	030-04525
Radiation Safety Officer(s)	Steven Burke Ross Castles Vern Beachum

In accordance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulation NUREG 1556, Vol 15, Appendix F, or agreement states regulations, we request the NRC's (or Agreement State's) written consent to transfer control of industrial gauges devices containing by-product material regulated under the referenced Specific License.

Information Needed for Transfer of Control

Licensees must provide full information and obtain NRC's *prior written consent* before transferring control of the license. Provide the following information concerning changes of control by the applicant (transferor and/or transferee, as appropriate). If any items are not applicable, so state.

1. Provide a complete description of the transaction (transfer of stocks or assets, or merger). Indicate whether the name has changed and include the new name. Include the name and telephone number of a licensee contact whom the NRC may contact if more information is needed.

Refer to the attached letter that describes transaction that will require amending the license to reflect the new name of the legal entity on the specific license:

Request to amend or otherwise change the reference license to reflect the name of the legal entity on the subject license as follows:

New Name: Luke Paper Company
Address: 300 Pratt Street
Luke, Maryland 21540-1099

Phone Number: (301) 359-3311

Contact Name ^(*): Steven Burke
Phone Number: (301) 359-3311 ext. 3385

^(*) Contact Name for NRC or Agreement State Agency to request additional information, if needed.

2. Describe any changes in personnel or duties that relate to the licensed program. Include training and experience for new personnel.

There Radiation Safety Officer (s) listed on the current license will continue their current duties in supervising, administering and controlling licensed materials under the subject license.

3. Describe any changes in the organization, location, facilities, equipment or procedures that relate to the licensed program.

The organization, facilities, equipment or procedures that relate to the referenced license's program will not change.

4. Describe the status of the surveillance program (surveys, wipe tests, quality control) at the present time and the expected status at the time that control is to be transferred.

Surveys, wipe tests, or other surveillance programs requirements under the current license program will continue to be completed on schedule in accordance license requirements.

5. Confirm that all records concerning the safe and effective decommissioning of the facility will be transferred to the transferee or to NRC, as appropriate. These records include documentation of surveys of ambient radiation levels, and fixed and/or removable contamination, including methods and sensitivity.

All required records and documentation concerning the licensed program will continue to be maintained.

6. Confirm that the transferee will abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments of the transferor, or that the transferee will submit a complete description of the proposed licensed program.

[There] will be no changes in the licensed program. The licensee will continue to abide by all constraints, conditions, requirements and commitments under the existing specific license.

Source: NUREG 1556, Vol 15, Appendix F.