

FINAL
Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification
For the Proposed 2023 Modified Federal NPDES Permit
To Onyx Specialty Papers, Inc. and WestRock CP, LLC
For Laurel Mill
MA Permit No. MA0001716

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), having reviewed the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 1’s draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit (MA Permit No. MA0001716) for Onyx Specialty Papers, Inc. and WestRock CP, LLC’s Laurel Mill issued January 19, 2023, and considered the public comments received on MassDEP’s proposed Modified Clean Water Section 401 Certification for the draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES Permit for the Laurel Mill, and in consideration of the relevant water quality considerations, hereby certifies that the proposed 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit for Laurel Mill, assures compliance with the applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and with appropriate requirements of State law, including, without limitation, the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53 and the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards published at 314 CMR 4.00.

If any condition in the draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit for Laurel Mill is changed during EPA’s review in any manner inconsistent with this certification, the Department reserves the right to modify this certification in consideration of the relevant water quality considerations. In addition, the Department reserves the right to modify this certification if there is a change in Massachusetts law or regulation upon which this certification is based, or if a court of competent jurisdiction or MassDEP Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution stays, vacates or remands this certification, as provided by 40 C.F.R. § 124.55.

Signed this 20th day of March, 2023



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