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February 19, 2020

Ms. Christine J. Loeffler, Environmental Team Lead Domtar – Port Huron Mill 1700 Washington Avenue Port Huron, Michigan 48060

Dear Ms. Loeffler:

SUBJECT: Notification of Voiding of Self-Declared Inert Designation

In 1998, Domtar – Port Huron Mill, formerly known as E.B. Eddy Paper, Inc., (Domtar) self-declared the paper mill sludge they produced as an inert material for the express purpose of composting it at the Techni-Comp Compost Facility (Techni-Comp) located at 4152 Dove Road, Port Huron. The notification was made pursuant to Rule 114(2)(g) of the administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 115). Rule 114 has since been rescinded.

Recent testing performed by Domtar on the sludge indicates the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the sludge. In addition, recent testing (results enclosed) performed by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division (MMD), on surface water, paper mill sludge, and finished compost containing paper mill sludge at Techni-Comp indicates that management of your paper mill sludge at this site has contributed to PFAS contaminant impact to surface waters. Based on the above referenced testing data, EGLE has determined that the paper mill sludge generated by Domtar no longer meets the Part 115 criteria for inertness and that your historical self-declared inert designation is no longer valid. Therefore, the sludge produced by your mill must be managed as a regulated solid waste under Part 115.

Domtar is advised to immediately discontinue sending sludge to Techni-Comp and to ensure that it is disposed into a licensed municipal solid waste landfill and/or otherwise managed in compliance with other applicable provisions of Part 115. EGLE will be notifying the owner of Techni-Comp that they must remediate any surface water impacts at the site; investigate any potential groundwater impacts; and properly dispose the compost, sludge, and any impacted soils containing elevated levels of PFAS at a licensed solid waste disposal area. If any impacts are found at Techni-Comp related to the sludge brought to the site from Domtar, you may be liable for the cost of any environmental remediation needed. Please provide a written response to EGLE by March 12, 2020, documenting the new disposal location for the paper mill sludge generated by Domtar. Please send the written response to:

Duane Roskoskey Sustainable Materials Management Unit Solid Waste Section Materials Management Division Department of Environment, Great lakes, and Energy P.O. Box 30241 Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Duane Roskoskey, Sustainable Materials Management Unit, Solid Waste Section, MMD, at 517 582 3445; roskoskeyd@michigan.gov; or EGLE, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan, 48909.

Sincerely,

Rhonda S. Oyer, Manager Solid Waste Section Materials Management Division 517-897-1395

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Steven Sliver, MPART Ms. Tracy Kecskemeti, EGLE – Warren Mr. Jeff Spencer, EGLE Ms. Melinda Stiffler, EGLE – Warren Mr. Duane Roskoskey/File, EGLE



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26 December 2019

Work Order: 1911302 Price: \$1,596.00

Micky Leonard EGLE-WRD-LANSING 525 W. Allegan, P.O. Box 30242 Lansing, MI 48909-7742 RE: TECHNI-COMP

This is the official environmental laboratory report for testing conducted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Analyses performed by the laboratory were conducted using methods published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, ASTM, or other published or approved reference methods.

Kirby Shane Laboratory Director



EGLE-WRD-LANSING	Project: TECHNI-COMP	
525 W. Allegan, P.O. Box 30242	Site Code: MI00	<b>Reported:</b>
Lansing MI, 48909-7742	Project Manager: Micky Leonard	12/20/2019

#### **Analytical Report for Samples**

Sample ID	Laboratory ID	Matrix	Date Sampled	Date Received Qualifier
UP1	1911302-01	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
UP2	1911302-02	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
DWN1	1911302-03	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
DWN2	1911302-04	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
DWN3	1911302-05	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
DWN3-DUP	1911302-06	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019
p	1911302-07	Water	11/21/2019	11/21/2019

#### **Notes and Definitions**

X3 Spike recovery is not applicable due to large target analyte concentration in the source sample.

I Dilution required due to matrix interference; reporting limit (RL) raised.

A04 Result is estimated due to high matrix spike recovery.

ND Indicates compound analyzed for but not detected at or above the reporting limit (RL).

RL Reporting Limit

NA Not Applicable



#### Client ID: UP1 Lab ID: 1911302-01

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	0.02	0.01	mg/L	1	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	120	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	ND	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	34	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	440	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	Total Phosphorus-P	0.022	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	Total Suspended Solids	ND	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2209	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	tals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	35	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	1.2	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/19/19	B9L1610	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	ND	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	



#### Client ID: UP2 Lab ID: 1911302-02

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	0.01	0.01	mg/L	1	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	8.2	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	ND	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	33	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	170	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	Total Phosphorus-P	0.025	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	Total Suspended Solids	ND	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2209	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	tals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	37	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	1.2	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	1.1	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/19/19	B9L1610	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	8.7	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	



#### Client ID: DWN1 Lab ID: 1911302-03

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	0.06	0.01	mg/L	1	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	120	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	0.091	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	38	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	460	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	<b>Total Phosphorus-P</b>	0.024	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	Total Suspended Solids	ND	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2210	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	tals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	36	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	1.3	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/19/19	B9L1610	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	ND	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	



#### Client ID: DWN2 Lab ID: 1911302-04

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ger	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	16	0.10	mg/L	10	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	260	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	ND	0.10	mg/L	10	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	Ι
18785-72-3	Sulfate	160	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	1600	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	<b>Total Phosphorus-P</b>	0.92	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	21	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2210	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	tals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	8.1	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	230	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	5.2	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	12	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	2.3	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	2.2	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/19/19	B9L1610	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	12	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	



#### Client ID: DWN3 Lab ID: 1911302-05

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	0.16	0.01	mg/L	1	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	120	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	0.091	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	42	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	460	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	<b>Total Phosphorus-P</b>	0.031	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	Total Suspended Solids	ND	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2210	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	etals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	38	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	1.4	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/19/19	B9L1610	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	ND	5.0	ug/L	1	12/13/19	B9L0211	200.8	



#### Client ID: DWN3-DUP Lab ID: 1911302-06

CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Analyzed Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	eneral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	0.15	0.01	mg/L	1	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	120	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	0.099	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	38	5	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	460	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	<b>Total Phosphorus-P</b>	0.030	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	Total Suspended Solids	ND	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2210	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	etals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	36	5.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	1.4	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	ND	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	ND	5.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	



#### Client ID: P Lab ID: 1911302-07

						Analyzed			
CAS #	Analyte	Result	RL	Units	Dilution	Date	QC Batch	Method	Qualifier
Inorganics-Ge	neral Chemistry								
7664-41-7	Ammonia-N	2.7	0.10	mg/L	10	12/02/19	B9L0202	350.1	
16887-00-6	Chloride	120	1.0	mg/L	1	11/25/19	B9K2515	4500 Cl- E	
	Nitrate/Nitrite-N	0.077	0.010	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2201	353.2	
18785-72-3	Sulfate	240	50	mg/L	10	11/26/19	B9K2603	375.2	
TDS	<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	1000	20	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2211	2540 C	
7723-14-0	<b>Total Phosphorus-P</b>	0.15	0.010	mg/L	1	11/26/19	B9K2604	365.1	
TSS	<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	28	4	mg/L	1	11/22/19	B9K2210	2540 D	
Inorganics-Me	tals								
7440-38-2	Arsenic	4.3	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-39-3	Barium	230	5.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-43-9	Cadmium	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-47-3	Chromium	3.0	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-50-8	Copper	8.0	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7439-92-1	Lead	4.8	1.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7439-97-6	Mercury	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	11/27/19	B9K2504	245.1	
7782-49-2	Selenium	1.1	1.0	ug/L	1	12/18/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-22-4	Silver	ND	0.2	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	
7440-66-6	Zinc	12	5.0	ug/L	1	12/17/19	B9L0310	200.8	

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Laboratory Services Section

## Analysis Request Sheet

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# TECHNI-COMP COMPOSTING: PFAS INVESTIGATION & WATER QUALITY CHARACTERIZATION POST SAMPLING REPORT

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### Introduction

On Thursday, November 21, 2019 staff of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy gathered for a sampling inspection of Techni-Comp composting. The Quality Assurance Project Plan was approved by District Supervisor, Melinda Steffler, on November 20, 2019 and is titled Techni-Comp QAPP 11FY19.

This sampling report will serve to document any deviations from the approved QAPP. Herein also is displayed the results of onsite monitoring activities, sampling times, and sample labels.

#### Attendees

Micky Leonard PSM, Eric Moore WRD, Wendy Lukianoff MMD, Duane Roskoskey MMD, Alexander Whitlow MMD and Ed Forton of Techni-Comp

#### **Onsite Results**

Table 1. Aqueous sample label, time, DO, pH

Sample Label	Sample Time	Dissolved Oxygen	pH (S.U.))	Notes
		(mg/L)		
UP 1	10:45	10.07	7.48	
UP 2	11:20	4.11	6.56	No flow
Dwn 1	11:05	10.02	7.79	
Dwn 2	11:30	1.93	7.41	Very low flow
Dwn 3	12:00	10.13	8.03	
Dwn3-DUP	12:05	NA	NA	
Р	12:20	4.66	7.68	Used dip pole
FIELD BLANK	12:10	NA	NA	

Field Blank and Duplicate samples were collected in conjunction with sampling "Dwn 3" which was the downstream combined drain sampling location. See Figure 1 for approximate actual sampling locations.

## **Compost Sampling Method**

Compost samples were obtained from three different rows/piles. Sample "1" was obtained from a pile consisting mainly of recently deposited paper mill waste sludge. Sample "2" was obtained from a pile consisting mainly of old compost and sample "3" represented a middle aged compost. For each sample, different equipment was used, though all sampling equipment was decontaminated prior to the sample event and triple DI rinsed immediately before sample collection. For solids collection 3-4 scoops from different areas of the pile were mixed in a bucket and placed in the sample container. Compost aliquots were obtained using plastic scoopers and came from immediately beneath the outer most layer of the piles.

Table 2. Compost sample label, time, description

Sample Label	Sample Time	Sample Description	Equipment
1	12.00	Recently deposited	HDPE scooper +
L	15.00	paper mill waste sludge	stainless steel bucket
2	12.45	Old/Einished compost	HDPE scooper +
2	12.45	Old/Finished compose	stainless steel bucket
2	12.25	Middle aged compost	HDPE scooper + HDPE
5	12.55	windule-aged composi	bucket



Figure 1. Approximate actual sample locations

#### **Other Parameters**

Other parameters were collected at all water sample locations in addition to PFAS. Other parameters included Michigan 10 Metals, Total Suspended Solids, Total Dissolved Solids, CBOD<sub>5</sub>, Total Phosphorus, Ammonia, Nitrate, Nitrite, Chloride, and Sulfate. It was intended that Fecal Coli samples be collected from each location as well however a shortage of Fecal Coli sampling bottles resulted in these samples being collected only from "Dwn 2," "Dwn 1," "UP 1," and "P."

Duplicate samples were obtained at "Dwn 3" and were run for all parameters but Fecal Coli. No Field Blank was collected for these parameters.

#### Sample Dropoff

All samples were dropped off at the labs on the same day as collection all within hold time. PFAS Samples were dropped off at the Brighton Eurofins TestAmerica Service Center at approximately 14:40 and the rest of the samples were dropped off at the EGLE Environmental Laboratory located in Lansing,

MI at approximately 16:45. Chain of Custody was maintained and the signed forms can be found in Appendix I of this report below.

#### Conclusion

It is anticipated analysis will take approximately 4-6 weeks. Upon receipt, results will be reviewed by WRD and MMD staff and course of further action (if any) will be determined in conjunction with supervisory staff including Melinda Steffler DS-WRD and Tracy Kecskemeti DS-MMD.

# Appendix I: Signed Chain of Custody Forms







