

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**NOTICE OF SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE**  
**APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION**

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received an application for a renewal of a Surface Water Discharge (SWD) permit from the following applicant:

APPLICANT NAME: International Paper Co. (Wheeler Lumber)

PERMIT NUMBER: SD0026867

FACILITY LOCATION: Located southeast of the city of Whitewood in the northwest ¼ of Section 27, Township 6 North, Range 4 East, in Lawrence County, South Dakota (Latitude 44.458389°, Longitude -103.626111°)

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 8  
Whitewood, SD 57793

The renewal of the Surface Water Discharge permit will not allow the discharge of pollutants from International Paper's facility except in accordance with the bypass or emergency release provisions of the permit. This facility's North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is 321114 for wood preservation. Any discharge from this facility will enter Whitewood Creek, which has been assigned the following beneficial uses:

- (3) Coldwater marginal fish life propagation waters;
- (7) Immersion recreation waters;
- (8) Limited contact recreation waters;
- (9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
- (10) Irrigation waters.

Approximately 0.25 miles downstream, the classification of Whitewood Creek changes to the following beneficial uses:

- (4) Warmwater permanent fish life propagation waters;
- (8) Limited contact recreation waters;
- (9) Fish and wildlife propagation, recreation, and stock watering waters; and
- (10) Irrigation waters.

An antidegradation review was conducted in accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Chapter 74:51:01. Results show an insignificant change in water quality and no further review is required.

Tentative determinations regarding the effluent limitations and permit conditions have been made by DANR. The SWD permit specifies the limitations and conditions developed to protect the uses of the receiving waterbody. The draft discharge permit and supporting document are available from DANR at the address listed below.

In accordance with the ARSD, Chapter 74:52:05, any person desiring to comment on the Department's recommendation for the conditional issuance of this permit must submit written comments to the below address within the specified thirty (30) day comment period. Comments may be directed to the following address:

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Water Quality Program

Joe Foss Building  
523 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Comments may also be provided within the specified thirty (30) day comment period using the online comment form, accessible via the "Comment Deadline" links provided at <http://danr.sd.gov/public>. Any person desiring a public hearing must file a petition which complies with the ARSD Chapter 74:52:05. If no objections are received within the specified 30-day period, the Secretary will issue final determinations within sixty days of the date of this notice.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Tom Anderson, with DANR, at (605) 773-3351, or by writing to the address listed above.

Hunter Roberts  
Secretary

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