



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Deputy Under Secretary for
Oceans and Atmosphere
Washington, D.C. 20230

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Department of Administration
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Re: Consistency Appeal of Stora Enso North America (formerly known as Consolidated Papers, Inc. and Niagara Paper of Wisconsin)

Dear Mr. Snyder:

On May 5, 1997, Stora Enso North America (formerly known as Consolidated Papers, Inc. and Niagara Paper of Wisconsin) (Appellant), appealed the Wisconsin Department of Administration's (State) objection to the federal hydropower license for the Little Quinnesec Falls project. Action on this appeal has been stayed by this office, pending the resolution of judicial proceedings before the Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and negotiations between the Parties.

The State and the Appellant have reached an agreement on Appellant's proposed project and the State has determined that the activity is now consistent with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. By letter to Appellant dated December 11, 2001, the State withdrew its objection to the project. Accordingly, on December 18, 2001, the Appellant has requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

NOAA grants this request and the appeal is hereby dismissed. This is a final agency action for purposes of judicial review.

Sincerely,

Scott B. Gudes

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