



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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GOVERNOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHRIS WELLS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

February 10, 2026

CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED #7019 1120 0000 4785 6940

Mr. James Howard
Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemicals LLC
4374 Nashville Ferry Road East
Columbus, Mississippi 39702

**Re: Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemicals LLC
Agreed Order No. 7662 26**

Dear Mr. Howard:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Agreed Order No. 7662 26, which has been executed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Chris Wells, on behalf of the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

The enclosed Order assesses a civil penalty. The penalty payment, when due, should be made by check payable to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope to the MDEQ Accounts Receivable at P.O. Box 2339, Jackson, MS 39225.

If you have any questions regarding your obligations under the enclosed order, please contact Geoffrey Martin at (601) 961-5024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Clark".

Michelle Clark, P.E., BCEE, Chief
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

Enclosure
cc: Geoffrey Martin

Agency Interest No. 4950
ENF20240002

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

COMPLAINANT

VS.

ORDER NO. 7662 26

NOURYON PULP AND PERFORMANCE CHEMICALS LLC
4374 NASHVILLE FERRY ROAD EAST
COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI 39702

RESPONDENT

AGREED ORDER

COME NOW the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), acting through the staff and Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Complainant, and Nouryon Pulp and Performance Chemicals LLC, Respondent, in the above captioned cause and agree as follows:

1.

By letters dated September 25, 2024, and July 7, 2025, Respondent was contacted by Complainant and notified of the following violations of NPDES Permit No. MS0040215 (the Permit) at its facility located at 4374 Nashville Ferry Road East, Columbus, MS in Lowndes County:

- A. Respondent violated the Total Nitrogen discharge limitation during the February, March, May, and June monitoring periods in 2024.
- B. Respondent violated the Total Residual Chlorine discharge limitations during the March 2024 monitoring period.
- C. Respondent violated the Total Recoverable Chromium discharge limitation during the December 2024 monitoring period.
- D. Respondent violated the maximum pH discharge limitation during the January 2025 monitoring period.

Through the submittal of Discharge Monitoring Reports since the January 2025 monitoring period, Respondent has demonstrated compliance with the discharge limitations required by the Permit.

2.

In lieu of a formal enforcement hearing concerning the violations listed above, Complainant and Respondent agree to settle this matter as follows:

- A. Respondent agrees to pay, and Complainant agrees to accept a civil penalty in the amount of \$37,500.00. Respondent shall pay this penalty to MDEQ within forty-five (45) days after this Agreed Order has been executed by the MDEQ Executive Director or his designee. The settlement payment shall be submitted to:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 2339
Jackson, MS 39225

3.

Nothing in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission in the event Respondent fails to comply with this Agreed Order. The Agreed Order shall be strictly construed to apply to those matters expressly resolved herein.

4.

Nothing contained in this Agreed Order shall limit the rights of MDEQ or the Commission to take enforcement or other actions against Respondent for violations not addressed herein and for future violations of environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

5.

The parties agree that, by entering into this Agreed Order and agreeing to the terms and conditions set forth herein, Respondent does not admit any of the allegations listed above and nothing contained herein shall be in any way construed as an admission of liability by Respondent. Without admitting any liability, Respondent consents to entry of this Agreed Order, which the

parties agree shall serve as the full resolution of the violations alleged above. The parties further agree that the Commission continues to assert that the matters set forth above were violations of the environmental laws, regulations and/or permits applicable to Respondent.

6.

Respondent understands and acknowledges that it is entitled to an evidentiary hearing before the Commission pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-31, and that it has made an informed waiver of that right.

ORDERED, this the 10th day of February, 2026.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BY: [Signature]
CHRIS WELLS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED, this the 4th day of February, 2026.

NOURYON PULP AND PERFORMANCE CHEMICALS LLC

BY: [Signature]
JAMES HOWARD
SITE DIRECTOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF LOWNDES

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named JAMES HOWARD who first being duly sworn, did state upon his oath and acknowledge to me that he is the SITE DIRECTOR of NOURYON PULP AND PERFORMANCE CHEMICAL LLC and is authorized to sign and enter this Agreement.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 4th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.



[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
MICHELLE MITCHELL

My Commission expires JULY 10, 2026