



Statement from New-Indy

September 3, 2021

“On Thursday, September 2nd, the hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) monitor located adjacent to Holding Pond # 1 detected levels of H₂S in excess of the 30-minute limit set forth in our consent order with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We immediately investigated this event and determined that these levels were the likely result of an unexpected release of process liquid from the paper mill into the wastewater treatment system. Since the current H₂S monitoring stations were first installed at the facility in May, we have learned that H₂S levels detected at Monitoring Station 1 are frequently elevated when wind blows across Holding Pond # 1 from the North at a velocity greater than 8 miles per hour. Our engineers are currently developing a system to detect and prevent unexpected process water releases from entering the wastewater treatment system in the future. We expect to have that solution in place within the next 180 days. Other than this event, the wastewater treatment system continues to function well and improve each day.

“As soon as we became aware of this issue, we immediately informed the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and EPA of this occurrence and about our plans to address it. We also scheduled a conference call the following day with the CEG to discuss the situation. We will continue to work with these agencies and post any updates on the situation to our website along with our daily monitoring results.”