

Forest Certification UPDATE



Norbord Inc.

SFIS 2010 - 2014

BACKGROUND

Norbord Inc. operations are located in the United States and have a Central Office function for this certification located in Toronto, Ontario. During the period of March February 19 to March 4, 2015, Norbord Inc. underwent an audit to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI®) Standard 2010-2014. The registration cycle is over 3 years with surveillance audits conducted annually. Based on the Sampling Plan for 2015, the Central Office, Solway, MN Mill and Kinards, SC Mill were audited (24 month surveillance audit). This report summarizes the audit process and results of those audits by SAI Global.

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Procurement of fiber from the Southeast US and Minnesota - Objectives 8-20

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The SFI Program third-party audit was undertaken by SAI Global. SAI Global is an independent third party registrar that is accredited by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) for registrations to SFIS 2010-2014. This ensures the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

The audit assessed conformity by interviewing Norbord procurement foresters, contractors, and suppliers; as well as observing the results of harvesting, road maintenance and construction, and silvicultural activities, as applicable, on harvest operations associated with the Solway, MN and Kinards, SC mills. The audit also assessed the SFIS documentation and records at the two mill offices and Toronto, ON office (Central Office).

THE AUDITORS

The SAI Global audit team who performed the audit consisted of Daniel Simonds CF, EMS (LA).

KEY AREAS OF NON-CONFORMANCE

- None observed

KEY OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

- None observed

POSITIVE ASPECTS

- Direct and indirect support of regional logger training programs.
- Detailed tracking of wood sources and systematic use of risk-based criteria for BMP monitoring.

EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY

Evidence that was assessed to determine the Norbord Inc. conformity with the SFIS 2010-2014 standard, Objectives 8 - 20 appears below:

SFI-08 Land Outreach:

Distribution of Landowner Outreach documents and support of American Tree Farm system; Interviews

SFI-09 Use of Qualified Resource and Logging Professionals:

Norbord Wood Procurement Policy; Regional Training program websites; Interviews

SFI-10 Adherence to Best Management Practices:

Norbord Wood Procurement Policy; Master Timber Contracts and Timber Purchase Agreements; Adverse weather policies; State BMP monitoring data; Interviews (staff & contractors) and field inspections at 8 harvest sites in South Carolina and Minnesota

SFI-11 Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots and Major Tropical Wilderness Areas:

Norbord Inc. does not source fiber from outside North America

SFI-12 Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging:

Norbord Inc. does not source fiber from outside North America

SFI-13 Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Sources without Effective Social Laws:

Norbord Inc. does not source fiber from outside North America

SFI-14 Legal and Regulatory Compliance:

Internet access to applicable State BMPs; annual wood

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Periodic Assessments

Major non-conformances: 0
Minor non-conformances: 0
Opportunities for Improvement: 0
Positive Aspects: 2

Major Non-Conformances

Pervasive or critical to the achievement of the SFI objectives

All major non-conformances require an action plan to be implemented by the auditee within 90 days of an initial audit and subsequently 60 days or registration cannot be achieved/maintained.

Minor Non-Conformances

Isolated incidents that are non-critical but must be addressed before the next surveillance audit to maintain compliance to the SFI standard.

Opportunity for Improvement

Are not non-conformances but are comments on specific areas where improvements can be made.

Positive Aspects

Areas that are deemed to be of best practices.

procurement meeting; internal audit records; Regional legal code references (MN & SC), Government compliance and enforcement records; Norbord Environmental Policy; Norbord Wood Procurement Policy; Norbord Values and Beliefs; and Norbord Code of Business Conduct

SFI-15 Forestry Research & Technology:

Sample of funded research projects, cooperative research projects, and meeting notes and reports; Interviews

SFI-16 Training and Education:

Norbord Wood Procurement Policy; Training documentation for employees; Staff training records; regional logger training databases; Interviews and field inspections

SFI-17 Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry:

SIC meeting minutes; Financial support records, SIC annual reporting of inconsistent practices; Landowner Outreach documents; SIC SFI Brochures; Education/community involvement records; Interviews

SFI-18 Public Land Management Responsibilities:

Not Applicable

SFI-19 Communications and Public Reporting:

Annual SFI reports and supporting documentation; Interviews

SFI-20 Management Review and Continual Improvement:

Review meeting associated input/output records; internal audit records; Corrective Action Plans; Interviews

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