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**Bureau Veritas Certification
North America, Inc.
SFI 2010:2014 Audit Report**

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Audit Summary

Introduction

Bureau Veritas Certification undertook a surveillance audit of the NewPage Corporation timberlands in Central Wisconsin July 24-25, 2012. The objective of the audit was to determine New Page's conformance to Sustainable Forest Initiative 2010-2014 standard.

Audit Scope, Objectives and Process

The audit scope includes 5,500 acres of forest owned by the Consolidated Water and Power Company (CWPCo). The CWPCo lands are managed by New Page (its parent company). The audit was conducted against the SFIS 2010-2014 standard. Specifically, two objectives of the SFI surveillance audit were to:

1. Verify that the Program Participant's SFI Program is in conformance with the SFI Objectives, Performance Measures, and Indicators, and any additional indicators that the Program Participant chooses, and
2. Verify whether the Program Participant has effectively implemented its SFI Standard program requirements on the ground.

For this recertification the entire SFI standard (2010-2014) was applied, performance measures and indicators related to all objectives were assessed. Standard Bureau Veritas Certification protocols and forms were applied throughout the audit as provided the latest version of the Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Auditor Handbook.

Audit Plan

An audit plan (SF67) was prepared outlining the planned audit activities. A copy of the audit plan is on file with Bureau Veritas Certification.

Company Information

NewPage Corporation is maker of coated and uncoated white papers. They have seven mills in the United States. The company is certified to both the Sustainable Forest Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council forestry and chain-of-custody standards. The company manages flowage lands

along the Wisconsin River owned by the Consolidated Water and Power Company (CWPCo)

Audit Results

A stage 1 audit of the Company's SFI system was undertaken in July 24, including reviews of the FERC Forest Management Plan, the EMS system, the monitoring systems and the documented procedures. Document review covered all objectives in the standard. The company was well prepared and has effectively addressed all aspects of the 2010-2014 standard.

Field visits were made to two pine thinning projects, an aspen clear cut, a newly constructed road, and 2 Forests of Exceptional Conservation Value. All aspects of timber harvesting were well executed on the sites examined. Residual stand damage was not evident nor was significant soil damage. Inspection of an old growth forest on Big Island showed the continued encroachment of Buckthorn and Japanese Barberry into the stand. Small Island, another protected island, showed no encroachment by invasive species.

During an examination of the allowable cut demonstrated that the current calculation using Grossenbaur's formula, may be inappropriate for this forest which is dominated by mature forests with little early successional forest. The result is that stand are growing past maturity as the harvest is limited to the level appropriate for a fully regulated forest.

Findings

Previous non-conformances:

Not Applicable

Non-conformances:

Not Applicable

Opportunities for Improvement:

- 1) Review the AAC for CWPCo and examine methods which better reflects the condition of the forest and the objectives of management. (PM 1.1, Ind. 2)

Notable Practices:

Not applicable

Internal Audit Program

NewPage operates an effective internal audit program with regular operational monitoring and annual internal audits of all jobs undertaken in the previous year.

Logo/label use:

The company does not intend to use the SFI trademark in relation to these lands. Under their separate chain-of-custody certifications the SFI trademark is used.

SFI reporting:

Report was found on the site.

Staff Interviewed

Gordy Mouw – EMS Manager
Ryan Schleifer - forester

Conclusions

The auditor found that all operations visited on the CWPCo lands were of superior quality. No residual stand damage was evident on any of the sites. Biodiversity protection was found to be excellent, an inspection of “Big Island” and “Small Island” showed the company protecting unique and valuable ecosystems. New Page’s land management program meets all the requirements of the SFI standard. A closing meeting was held in Wisconsin Rapids on July 27, 2012 in conjunction with the closing meetings to the FSC and ATFS audits.

Surveillance Audit Schedule

A surveillance audit will be conducted in July/August of 2013. Future audits will be coordinated with FSC Forest Management and American Tree Farm audits.

SEE SF61/SF71 FOR AUDIT NOTES

Summary of Audit Findings:						
Audit Date(s):	From: July 24, 2012			To: July 25, 2012		
Number of SF02's Raised:	Major:		0	Minor:		0
Is a follow up visit required:	Yes	No	Date(s) of follow up visit:			
Follow-up visit remarks:						
Team Leader Recommendation:						
Corrective Action Plan (s) Accepted	Yes	No	X	Date:		
Proceed to/Continue Certification	Yes	X	No	Date: July 27, 2012		
All NCR's Cleared	Yes	No	X	Date:		
Standard audit conducted against:						
1)	SFI 2010-2014	3)				
2)	FSC US FM	4)				
Team Leader (1):		Team Members (2,3,4...)				
Brian Callaghan		2)				
		3)				
		4)				
		5)				
Scope of Supply: (scope statement must be verified and appear in the space below)						
<i>Forest management on CWPCo lands in Central Wisconsin</i>						
Accreditation's	ANAB					
Number of Certificates	1					
Proposed Date for Next Audit Event						
Date	August 2012					
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Clause	Audit Report
<p>Opening Meeting</p> <p>7/24/12 8:00 am</p>	<p>Participants: Gordy Mouw</p> <p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introductions ➤ Scope of the audit ➤ Audit schedule/plan ➤ Nonconformance types – Major / Minor ➤ Review of previous nonconformances - 0. ➤ Process approach to auditing and audit sampling ➤ Confidentiality agreement ➤ Termination of the audit ➤ Appeals process ➤ Closing meeting timing
<p>Closing Meeting</p> <p>7/27/2012</p>	<p>Participants: Gordy Mouw</p> <p>Discussions: Introductions and appreciation for selecting Bureau Veritas Certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review of audit process - process approach and sampling. ➤ Review of OFIs and System Strengths ➤ Nonconformances - 0 ➤ Date for next audit. ➤ Reporting protocol and timing