

# The State of Water Permits: Managing Water Permits and Common Stumbling Blocks



# Diane Rosseter

Director, Environmental  
Georgia-Pacific

[diane.rosseter@gapac.com](mailto:diane.rosseter@gapac.com)



But fi



# And more importantly.....



*We Are*



**Georgia-Pacific**

# So Who Is Georgia-Pacific???

*One of the world's leading makers of tissue, pulp, cellulose, packaging, and building products*

- 30,000+ employees
- Over 180 facilities
- Located in over 30 states

DIXIE

GP  
PLYTANIUM<sup>®</sup>  
PLYWOOD

QUILTED  
NORTHERN  
*Ultra Plush*

STAINMASTER<sup>™</sup>

GP Georgia-Pacific  
Gypsum

innovia  
HOME INNOVATION

GP Georgia-Pacific  
DensArmor Plus<sup>®</sup>  
High-Performance Interior Panel

AngelSoft

Sparkle

enMotion

SmartStock<sup>™</sup>  
CUTLERY DISPENSER

vanityfair

GP  
Cellulose<sup>®</sup>  
growing smarter<sup>™</sup>

BRAWNY<sup>®</sup>

GP Georgia-Pacific  
Recycling

# Managing Water Permits



Challenging under the best of circumstances

Takes a lot of attention to detail – and deciphering skills

# Challenges

- Single facility juggling multiple permits - differing requirements, differing regulatory oversight
- It's a different world!
- Evolving workforce – universal
- Laboratory quality and capacity
- Emerging contaminants, analytical methods



# Broader Challenges

- Differences and inconsistencies between states
- States are under a lot more scrutiny – but this has a positive side
- Rapid-fire pace of proposed or changing rules/regulations
- Whip-lash effect



Big picture [Astro Alex](#) Attribution-ShareAlike 2.0 Generic (CC BY-SA 2.0)  
Credits: ESA/A.Gerst, CC BY-SA 3.0 IGO ID: 364M1341

# A few things that can trip you up

- Monitor and report-only constituents can still = NOV
- One-time hit and you're all in
- Draft permits – look out!
- Matrix interference vs. the world
- Method sensitivity vs. the world
- Labs, labs, labs



Waferboard - broken brick  
The end of Burrard Inlet, Port Moody. 141013-60  
Attribution 2.0 Generic (CC BY 2.0)

# And how to avoid them...



READ YOUR PERMIT(S)!

PRIOR PROPER PLANNING

GOOD SYSTEMS

REMAIN VIGILENT & DILIGENT

TALK TO YOUR REGULATORS!

**QUESTIONS?**



**Thank you!**