Port Townsend Paper Corporation

Local people sustainably making international products since 1927

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Port Townsend Paper Corporation

(Almost) 100 Years of History

national Paper Products

PT. Townsend Wash april



1927 – National Paper Company begins construction of new Paper Mill in Glen Cove





Buildings

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Initial Goal - Build everything required to run #1 Paper Machine



 Product storage warehouse and shipping docks

> NATIONAL PAPER PRODUCTS C. PT. TOWNSEND WASH JOLY 15 1928



Boilers for steam production





Power generation





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Pulp Digesters to cook wood chips







• The "Beaters"





The #1 Paper Machine - Linerboard





Production starts October 6th, 1928.

ATTONAL PAPER PRODUCTS CO T. TOWASENO WASH NOVA U192



 Before PM1 was completed, work began to expand the mill for #2 Paper Machine





The largest Kraft Paper Machine in the world (in 1929)







- 1929
 - produced 70,000 tons of paper
- 275 Employees
- \$325,000 Payroll







- 1933 Woodmill added to improve wood supply
- 375 employees







- 1935 Bag Plant opens
- 415 employees
- \$626,000 payroll







- 1948 "Multi-Wall" bag plant
- "Officially" Crown Zellerbach
- 630 employees,
- \$2,200,000 payroll



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- 1952 Ramped up bag production
- ~700,000,000 bags per year!
 - Grocery, lunch, sugar, multi-wall
- Mill production 125,000 tons paper per year



1955 – 820 Employees (pinnacle) \$3,800,000 payroll



- 1969-1977 Process and Environmental improvements
 - 1969 New CE Recovery Boiler
 - 1975 Modern lime kiln
 - 1977 New Biomass Boiler



• 1971- Primary Effluent Treatment (Clarifier)



 1978 – Secondary Treatment (ASB)





- 1979 Labor Unrest!
 - Business climate very challenging
 - Company wide labor strikes
 - Multi-wall bag plant closes permanently
 - Employee count drops to 720



1983 – Port Townsend Paper Corporation!



- Crown Zellerbach preparing to close the mill
- Haindl Paper GmbH (West Germany) buys mill
 - Restructure operations
 - Reduce employee count to 500



- Expansion years 1984-1996
 - 1984 Upgrade PM2 press section
 - -1986 (\$25,000,000)
 - Installed C Side pulping line
 - Replaced PM1 forming section
 - Installed E Set evaporators
 - Purchased Bag Plant in Portland, OR



- Expansion Years
 - 1991 Valmet rebuild PM2 (\$45 MM)
 - 1993 Install chip thickness screens
 - 1996 OCC Plant 300 tpd (\$25 MM)





The OCC Plant

Recycle old used cardboard and convert it into pulp that we can reuse.





- 1997 Yet Another Owner
- Haindl Paper prepares to close the mill
- Northwest Capital Appreciation buys the mill
 - Mill produces 227,000 tons paper per year
 - Restructures the business
 - Reduce employee count to 435



- 2001 More Changes
 - Close bag plant
 - Mill headcount shrinks to ~300
 - Mill produces 280,000 tons of paper
 - Buy Crown Packaging Ltd, BC Canada
 - Adds 4 box / sheet plants (\$61MM)

CROWN CORRUGATED COMPANY



- 2007 GoldenTree Assets acquires Crown Packaging and the Mill
 - Mill workforce stable ~280-300
 - Mill produces 320,000 tons



2008 – Conservation Easement

- Trust for Public Lands & Washington State Parks
- Eliminate future development of forest land and conserve 250 acres of critical habitat for the future
- Included transfer of 29 acres to Fort Townsend State Park





- 2015 New Owner
- Lindsay Goldberg forms Crown Paper Group – Life gets busy!





• 2015 – Environmental Improvement

Boiler MACT

Power Boiler #10 – Biomass (hogfuel) boiler

Installed new equipment and controls - \$10.5 MM

- reduced CO ~50%
- New venturi scrubber and Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP) reduced PM (TSM) by 70%

Package Boiler –

- Converted to Natural Gas, which meets all BMACT requirements





- 2016 A New Choice for Auxiliary Fuel
- Compressed Natural Gas deliveries
 - Xpress Natural Gas





• 2017 – PM2 Former Upgrade

– \$3MM – improve quality and expand product mix



2019 – Expand Recycle capacity – Design increase to 700 tons/day





RECYCLING - OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINER





MILL PRODUCTIVITY



MILL ANNUAL PAYROLL





- Economic Impact in the Community
 - Direct wages & benefits
 - \$325,000 in 1929
 - \$33,000,000 in 2020
 - Total Local Expenditures
 - \$123,000,000 in 2008
 - \$146,000,000 in 2016
 - Tax Impacts
 - \$2,500,000/yr (local & state, not counting income tax)



- PTPC Products
- "Paper" It's all the same, right?
 - Containerboard Liner & medium
 - Bag RKB/PTK
 - PSK
 - Specialties
 - "Other stuff"



- Packaging It's what we do
- Products we used to make





• Current products we make











Shipping

- We ship pulp by barge
- We fill about one barge of 920 units each week

- We ship paper by trucks
- We send out about 850 trucks each month







Buying the Fiber

- We buy fiber from various regions with emphasis on *SFI* and *FSC* certification
- We buy whole logs that are chipped up and chips from lumber manufacturers waste (Residuals)
- We buy recycled cardboard from throughout the NW and Canada – In 2013 we recycled 30% of the cardboard collected in the state
- OCC Expansion will increase
 recycle fiber usage about 50%+











How we got here - efficiency



Improvements in process optimization and reliability have allowed us to reduce our steam requirement while maintaining production.

As a result our total steam demand (k#/hr) has decreased and our steam efficiency (k#/ton product) have both decreased, using less energy to make the same product.

How we got here – fossil fuel displacement



Improvements in process controls and boiler system reliability have allowed us to displace fossil fuel with increased residual, renewable biomass fuel.

Odor Study - First Phase Evaluate Clean Condensate

- Under Cluster Rules PTPC implemented the "Clean Condensate Alternative"
 - Over collection of pulping condensates through "Hard Piping"
 - Treat condensates in a "Well operated biological treatment system"
 - Dredged ASB 1st run and upgraded aeration system – "Fine Bubble Diffusers"
- Consistently perform well for HAPS collection and destruction

Preliminary Goals

• For the Trial:

- Reduce community odors
- Develop Objective measurements
- Develop profile and history of H_2S in the surrounding area
- Learn how weather patterns influence odors

• For the Trial Review Panel:

- Understand the concepts and background being used
- Understand the work being done
- Understand the data and assessments
- Make recommendations for changes or ongoing work
- Improve mill/community interaction

Objectively Measuring Odors

- Community odor surveys using the Jerome meter
 - Monday-Friday at different times of day and weather conditions.
- The Jerome meter measures levels of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) from 3 (3 ppb) up to 10,000 ppb.
- The Jerome meter also detects other TRS compounds
 - (Doesn't indicate accurately for these compounds)
 - methyl mercaptan,
 - dimethyl sulfide and
 - dimethyl disulfide.





Community Observations



Questions and Recommendations

Questions:

- Does the Jerome read out only H₂S or does it read all reduced sulfides and report total as if H₂S?
- How does the meter physically perform the measurement?
- What is the relative effect of Mercaptan relative to H₂S?
- What possible effects could come from adding O₂?
 - What compounds are produced?
 - o Is it worse if you get rid of odor but other things are still there?

Recommendations:

-	Need REAL baseline data – about 50%	
-	Need data right off the pond for baseline and trial to see if a change there! – 5 during trial	
-	Wind rose for background	
-	Odor vectors hard to read.	
-	Validate chemicals produced by oxygenation (concern over worse things being formed)	
-	Test locations	
	0	Add more to the South
	0	Jacob-Miller between landfill & Hastings
	0	Safeway parking
	0	Chimacum Elem School or Jeffco Lib
	0	HJ Carroll park
	0	Fort Townsend Park
	0	6" St gate to landfill
	0	Discovery Rd directly West of mill
Crocs reference Oder calls with testingHuge undertaking []]		Inomas & Hastings
-	Cross reference Odor calls with testing – Huge undertaking!!!!	
-	Compare with Topography	
-	Try to target testing with wind (then retracted as "wind doesn't matter")	
-	 Reverse sample rotation (reduce systemic measurement error) 	
-	More night data and "wee hours"	
-	Time series data:	
	0	At highest hit locations
	0	Safeway parking
	0	Grant elem?
-	Correlate with weather conditions (impact of wind and temperature changes?) – Huge	
	undertaking	
	0	Seasonality?
-	Copies of other similar studies (group would like copies) – Very little info from Vend	
	0	Best practices
	0	Lessons learned

Weather Impacts



Phase One Summary

- No statistical difference in H₂S measurements
- Odors were "Qualitatively" better
 - Many comments from neighbors and visitors
 - "Less Rancid" with oxygen
- H₂S is not a good indicator of "Odor"
- Move to more involved (time & \$) measurement techniques
 - Collect bag samples via boat
 - Lab analyses (7-14 day turn around)
 - Single sampling point

What is "BioChar"?

- "Poor mans" activated carbon
- Generated in the biomass boiler as "flyash"
- Large particles of charred wood escape the furnace before being fully burned
- Biomass (hog fuel) contains 40-50% moisture so some pore development occurs
- Collected in multi-clones and generally fed back to the boiler to be burned as
- A local engineer/entrepreneur worked with a group to investigate its use for storm water treatment.

Not my research but in a "nutshell"



Biochar for Stormwater Treatment at the Port of Port Townsend



Simple trial system to rinse fines out of biochar



Francesco Tortorici (center) and compatriots with downspout tote at the Port