

## **Press Release**



### **WEST LINN PAPER COMPANY IMPROVES WATER CONSERVATION BY OVER 20%**

West Linn, Oregon – **April 12, 2006** (Press Release) – West Linn Paper Company has upgraded their wastewater and water treatment processes to greatly improve water conservation while reducing energy consumption and overall environmental impact. By gradually implementing a series of new pipelines and pump systems, the mill was able to redirect white water flow resulting in a decrease in the amount of raw water intake. The mill has successfully replaced approximately 20% of its raw water intake with recycled water – achieving significant environmental and economic benefits.

Because the raw water is being replaced with warmer, recycled water, there is significant energy conservation. The mill estimates that it is saving roughly 220 mmBTUs each day or the equivalent of about 4% of the mill's overall usage. In addition to reducing fuel consumption, the project is reducing the air pollution associated with fossil fuel combustion.

Raw water consumption at the facility has been reduced by over a million gallons each day. "The decrease in water consumption and resulting reduction of effluent will result in substantial environmental benefits," states Penny Machinski, Environmental Engineer for West Linn Paper. "We anticipate that this overall reduction in flow will significantly improve the thermal discharge to the Willamette River."

Monitoring and improvement of the project will be ongoing.

#### **About West Linn Paper Company**

Headquartered in West Linn, Oregon, the West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated free-sheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the largest free-sheet manufacturer in the western United States. The high-quality Sonoma® and Capistrano® brands are well-known and well-respected in the printing industry for their print quality and runnability. West Linn Paper's Nature® line is an environmentally friendly recycled grade that offers 10% – 30% PCW content. West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, magazines, catalogs and book publishing. Sonoma, Capistrano and Nature Web are registered trademarks of West Linn Paper Company

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