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The Water Pollution Control Authority issued a permit on 5-15-61 for the discharges from Robinson Plant (Unit 1) into Lake Robinson. At that time the "flow in Black Creek below the lake is to be maintained at or above normal rate at all times".

Permit (issued 6-24-64) was revised to state "Discharge from Lake Robinson dam to be maintained at or above 1.47 times flow measured by USGS gauge on Black Creek near McBee, South Carolina. Flow ratio subject to review at 5-year intervals as data accumulates, or as major construction may indicate a need."

First NPDES permit issued by EPA effective 2-18-75 had no verbiage concerning flow releases from Lake Robinson dam. I could find no documentation that EPA was concerned with the flow releases from the dam.

First NPDES permit issued by SC DHEC effective in 1982 also had no verbiage concerning flow releases from Lake Robinson dam.

It appears that the limits within the Robinson Plant's operating procedure are a carryover from a gentleman's agreement with Sonoco. If you need more information please let me know.