

Having the Baileyville, Maine (Domtar) facility idled for a period of time beginning in May along with other pulp & paper facilities throughout the State that have been forced to take downtime or completely close their doors should have opened the eyes of our public elected officials that there is a need to help the Industry in the State of Maine anyway they can.

This tax credit, which was designed to incentivize production of fish oil – a substance very similar in makeup to black liquor -, is critical for maintaining the facilities viability in this extraordinarily challenging economic environment.

Speaking about the Woodland facility only, we fulfill over 70 percent of our power needs from burning black liquor – a residual of the pulping process comprised of lignin, the organic “glue” or liquid biomass that binds wood fibers together.

This tax credit has helped by allowing our mill to be reopened in June which put 300+ employees back to work and off the unemployment line.

I ask for your support in preserving the current Alternative Fuel Mixture Credit until the end of the year when it is set to expire.

Betty Morrison