

# NEW RULES FOR STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES

Effective September 1, 2006, operators of construction sites may experience delays and unanticipated costs due to DHEC's new permitting rules for storm water runoff. To comply, primary contractors on job sites 1 or more acres must obtain a permit before any land disturbance occurs. The following is general step-by-step guideline of the process.

## 1. Prepare the Notice of Intent and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

- Required for sites that disturb 1+ acre; or > ½ acre in the coastal zone
- Storm water pollution prevention plans must be prepared and endorsed by an engineer

## 2. Calculate Your Fees

- Initial fee of \$125 + \$100/disturbed acre with a maximum fee of \$2125 per project

## 3. Submit Your Application

- Can submit to local delegation or SCDHEC
- Review period of 7-20 business days

## 4. Receive Approval

- Must maintain the permit approval package on the job site

## 5. Hold Pre-Construction Meeting(s)

- All contractors and subcontractors who will conduct work must attend
- Must document meeting(s) for sites 10+ acres

## 6. Conduct Project Site Inspections

- Every 7 days or 14 days and within 24 hours of a ½ inch rainfall
- Must be completed by an engineer or a SCDHEC Certified Erosion Control Inspector

## 7. Submit Site Inspection Reports

- For sites 10+ acres, the contractor must submit a monthly inspection report to DHEC

## 8. Submit a Notice of Termination (NOT)

- Upon final stabilization through 70% permanent cover on the site
- For sites >2 acres, an engineer must submit a certified statement that compliance with environmental regulations was maintained during the project

DHEC places the responsibility for ensuring compliance with storm water pollution prevention rules, as well as other applicable regulations, on the primary contractor. For example, if a waterbody, wetland or stream is within 100' of the site, delineation by a wetlands consultant is required.

For more information on DHEC regulations, contact Compliance Centre at 800-257-8199. We are licensed and insured with offices in Orangeburg, SC and Charlotte, NC. Our registered engineers, DHEC Certified Erosion Control Inspectors and environmental professionals provide expert services through one-on-one contact throughout a large geographical area.

## COMPLIANCE CENTRE

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