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SUBJECT NPDES General Permit No.GAR100002 (Storm-water Discharge Permit)

On August 1, 2008, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division (EPD), reissued the NPDES General Permit No.GAR100002 for Infrastructure Construction Projects in Georgia. The permit has several new requirements that must be addressed within all future sets of erosion control plans developed by/for the Georgia Department of Transportation. The new requirements involve the following subjects.

1. Best Management Practices (BMP) Phased Installation
2. Sediment storage without sediment basins
3. Revised Erosion-Sediment-Pollution-Control-Plans (ESPCP) General Notes Template
4. Revised Specifications
5. Biota Impaired Stream Segments (compliance required January 1, 2009)
6. New BMP's
7. Plan Revisions
8. Notice-Of-Intent (NOI)

After coordination with EPD, additional guidelines have been developed by the Department's hydraulic engineers to ensure erosion control plans adequately address the new requirements and comply with the current permit. These guidelines, in addition to other supporting guidelines, are attached and will be posted on the Department's R.O.A.D.S webpage. Be advised that the NPDES Permit supersedes any guidelines published by the Georgia DOT on this subject, and that use of GDOT guidelines do not release the Certified Design Professional from their responsibility to certify the ESPCP and ensure full compliance with the Permit.

All projects Let to construction after August 1, 2008, must comply with the current NPDES General Permit No.GAR100002. Compliance with Part III, C., of the permit, Biota Impaired Stream Segments, is not required until January 1, 2009. The current NPDES General Permit No.GAR100002 is published on the EPD's website at: http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/construction_stormwater.html.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact the Department's hydraulic engineers, Eugene Hopkins, P.E., or Brad Ehrman, P.E., at (404) 631-1978.

Attachments: Summary of New Requirements (GDOT Guidelines)
Certification Statements (effective 8/26/08)
General Notes Template
"Draft Erosion Control Section" of the Plan Presentation Guide
Storage volume calculations for check dams

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