



## St. Mary's Soil Conservation District

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# Memo

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From: Bruce Young

RE: Implementation of the General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity

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Effective July 13, 2009, the Maryland Department of the Environment began implementing the General Permit for construction related stormwater discharges. A condition of the new general permit requires all erosion and sediment control/stormwater management plans, that are not currently covered under an earlier version of the general permit, to include a written explanation on the erosion and sediment control plan that addresses eight (8) points. The eight (8) points that need to be addressed are:

- ◇ *Utilization of environmental site design*
- ◇ *Maintenance of limits of disturbance to protect natural areas*
- ◇ *Control of construction equipment and vehicles*
- ◇ *Evaluation and appropriate limitation of site clearing*
- ◇ *Evaluation and designation of site area for phasing or sequencing*
- ◇ *Identification of soils at high risk for erosion and advanced stabilization techniques to be used*
- ◇ *Identification of steep slopes and designation of limitations on clearing them*
- ◇ *Evaluation and designation of stabilization requirements and time limits and protection measures for discharges to the Chesapeake Bay, impaired waters, or waters with established Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)*

There is no other guidance as to how these eight (8) items are to be addressed. Therefore, St. Mary's SCD will entertain all reasonable responses to the eight (8) points, until such time that a model or standard is developed for use. The narrative addressing these eight (8) points should be included on your erosion and sediment control notes and detail sheet(s) with a heading of General Permit Requirements. Keep in mind that this is Maryland Department of the Environment requirement for all projects that propose to disturb one (1) acre or more. All questions regarding the General Permit should be directed to the Water Management Administration Compliance Program at 410-537-3510.

A fact sheet developed by the MDE can be found at the website below explaining the new discharge permit requirements.

<http://www.mde.maryland.gov/Permits/WaterManagementPermits/mdr10.asp>

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