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Mr. Jeff Perry
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Subject: Henrico County's Erosion and Sediment Control Alternative Inspection
Program

Dear Mr. Perry:

The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board at its June 28, 2012 meeting approved the proposed Alternative Inspection Program (AIP) for Henrico County. Upon the recommendation by the Department of Conservation and Recreation staff, the Board found the AIP to be consistent with the requirements of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and Regulations.

Please contact me at (804) 371-7440 regarding any questions you may have about the Board's action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John R. McCutcheon".

John R. McCutcheon
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Erosion and Sediment Control Alternative Inspection Program for the County of Henrico

PURPOSE:

The alternative inspection program described herein for the County of Henrico is designed to provide for oversight of urban land-disturbing activities by effectively utilizing local staff to meet specific urbanization trends while addressing specific environmental conditions within the locality.

AUTHORIZATION:

10.1-566 of Title 10.1 Chapter 5, Article 4 of the Code of Virginia and 4VAC50-30-60 of the Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations.

POLICY:

To most effectively utilize local staff and protect the resources of the County of Henrico and the Commonwealth, the County of Henrico will implement an alternative inspection program based on a system of priorities. The system of priorities will be based upon the amount of disturbed project area, site conditions, stages of construction, and site conditions noted on previous inspections.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The erosion and offsite environmental impact potential of regulated projects shall be determined by an evaluation of the acreage disturbed, site conditions, and stage of construction.
2. After plan review and a site visit, Henrico County Public Works staff will assign a classification number to the project.
3. Classification numbers will be assigned to projects which address site specific erosion potential and offsite environmental impact. These classification numbers will be used to determine the frequency of inspections. The classification numbers will range from one to three, one (1) requiring a less frequent inspection schedule and three (3) requiring a more frequent inspection schedule.
4. The classification of a project may be adjusted to a higher or lower classification by Henrico County Public Works staff based upon complaints, violations, inspections, and stages of construction.
5. The classification number shall be included on the approved plan, written on the file folder, and made a part of the project database.

BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION:

The following classifications shall be assigned to projects based on a preliminary site visit and plan review:

- CLASS 1** Projects resulting in up to an acre of land disturbance; slopes less than 1%; and in the final stage of construction.
- CLASS 2** Projects resulting in greater than an acre of land disturbance; slopes less than 1%; and in any stage of construction other than final.
- CLASS 3** Projects resulting in 2,500 square feet or more of land disturbance; slopes greater than 0%; and in any stage of construction other than final.

FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS:

1. All permitted land-disturbing activities will be inspected at a minimum frequency according to the following schedule:
 - CLASS 1** At the beginning and completion of the project and every eight weeks.
 - CLASS 2** At the beginning and completion of the project and at least every five weeks.
 - CLASS 3** At the beginning and completion of the project and at least every two weeks.
2. All inspections will be documented on an inspection log maintained as a part of each project file. Project owners will receive copies of inspection reports with noted violations.
3. Inspection return frequency is not limited to the above schedule and may increase in frequency due to runoff producing storm events or documented violations.
4. In the absence of a specific class designation, all projects are deemed to be Class III (the default classification).