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To: Any Operator constructing a Single-Family Detached Residential Structure

Re: Coverage under the VPDES Construction General Permit (VAR10)
Construction of a Single-Family Detached Residential Structure
Various locations throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia

Dear Permittee:

Any operator with a stormwater discharge associated with the construction of a single-family detached residential structure, within or outside a common plan of development or sale, is authorized to discharge under the General VPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities (VAR10) and is not required to submit a registration statement or the Department of Environmental Quality portion of the permit fee. The effective date of your coverage under this general permit is July 1, 2014 or the date of locality authorization to commence land disturbance, whichever is later. **The general permit will expire on June 30, 2019.**

A copy of the general permit can be obtained from DEQ's webpage at the following location:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/Water/Publications/CGP2014.pdf>.

The general permit contains the applicable Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements and other conditions of coverage. Please print the general permit and read it carefully as you will be responsible for compliance with all permit conditions.

If your land-disturbing activity will discharge to a surface water identified as impaired or for which a TMDL wasteload allocation has been established and approved prior to the term of the general permit for (i) sediment or a sediment-related parameter or (ii) nutrients the following general permit (Part I.B.4) and SWPPP requirements (Part II.A.5) must be implemented:

- Permanent or temporary soil stabilization shall be applied to denuded areas within seven (7) days after final grade is reached on any portion of the site;
- Nutrients (e.g., fertilizers) shall be applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or an approved nutrient management plan and shall not be applied during rainfall events;
- Inspections shall be conducted at a frequency of (i) at least once every four (4) business days or (ii) at least once every (5) business days and no later than 48 hours following a measurable storm event. In the event that a measurable storm event occurs when there are more than 48 hours between business days, the inspection shall be conducted on the next business day; and
- Representative inspections used by utility line installation, pipeline construction, or other similar linear construction activities shall inspect all outfalls.

If a new land-disturbing activity will discharge to an exceptional water identified in Section 30 of the Water Quality Standards, 9VAC25-260, the following general permit (Part I.B.5) and SWPPP requirements (Part II.A.5) must be implemented:

- Permanent or temporary soil stabilization shall be applied to denuded areas within seven (7) days after final grade is reached on any portion of the site;
- Nutrients (e.g., fertilizers) shall be applied in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or an approved nutrient management plan and shall not be applied during rainfall events;
- Inspections shall be conducted at a frequency of (i) at least once every four (4) business days or (ii) at least once every (5) business days and no later than 48 hours following a measurable storm event. In the event that a measurable storm event occurs when there are more than 48 hours between business days, the inspection shall be conducted on the next business day; and
- Representative inspections used by utility line installation, pipeline construction, or other similar linear construction activities shall inspect all outfalls.

Any operator with an existing (i.e., previously permitted) stormwater discharge associated with the construction of a single-family detached residential structure, within or outside a common plan of development or sale, must update their SWPPP to incorporate the changes that the Department made for this permit reissuance. Please update your SWPPP as soon as possible but no later than sixty (60) days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions about this permit, please contact the DEQ Office of Stormwater Management at ConstructionGP@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



Frederick K. Cunningham, Director
Office of Water Permits