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New Requirements for Small Construction Projects

Did you know that if your project disturbs one or more acres of land, you must have a permit for stormwater discharges from the site?

Why?

Excessive amounts of sediment and debris from construction sites are often washed into local waterbodies during a storm. Construction vehicles can leak fuel, oil, and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by stormwater as well.

What to Do?

Under a new regulation, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requires that before starting construction, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be developed. The SWPPP is a plan for erosion and sediment control, and possibly other management practices.

Before construction activity begins, a Notice of Intent must be filed with the DEC affirming that a SWPPP has been prepared and is being implemented.

If you begin construction before filing an NOI and obtaining coverage, you may be subject to a penalty of up to \$37,500 per violation per day.

Think Ahead!

It could take up to sixty (60) business days to get a permit, but often only takes five (5) business days. The length of time depends on the type of construction site involved. It also depends on the existing levels of pollution in the waterbodies to which stormwater from the site will discharge.

For More Information

Visit the DEC website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dow/mainpage.htm

If you don't have web access, you can obtain written material by calling 518-402-8265. Or call the local DEC regional office.

Tools Available from the DEC:

Permit

SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-02-01)

Guidance

Overview of the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities

Instruction Manual for Stormwater Construction Permit

Technical Information

New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual

NYS Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control (also known as the Blue Book)

New York Contractor's Erosion and Sediment Control Field Notebook

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