**Relevant Sections of the Construction General Permit**

**2.1.3 Complete installation of stormwater controls by the time each phase of construction activities has begun.**

By the time construction activity in any given portion of the site begins, install and make operational any downgradient sediment controls (e.g., buffers, perimeter controls, exit point controls, storm drain inlet protection) that control discharges from the initial site clearing, grading, excavating, and other earth-disturbing activities.[16](#_bookmark37)

 Following the installation of these initial controls, install and make operational all stormwater controls needed to control discharges prior to subsequent earth- disturbing activities.

# Install sediment controls along any perimeter areas of the site that are downslope from any exposed soil or other disturbed areas.[20](#_bookmark51)

The perimeter control must be installed upgradient of any natural buffers established under Part [2.2.1,](#_bookmark41) unless the control is being implemented pursuant to Part [2.2.1a.ii](#_bookmark42)-iii;

 To prevent stormwater from circumventing the edge of the perimeter control, install the perimeter control on the contour of the slope and extend both ends of the control up slope (e.g., at 45 degrees) forming a crescent rather than a straight line;

After installation, to ensure that perimeter controls continue to work effectively:

 Remove sediment before it has accumulated to one-half of the above-ground height of any perimeter control; and

 After a storm event, if there is evidence of stormwater circumventing or undercutting the perimeter control, extend controls and/or repair undercut areas to fix the problem.

**2.2.14.c Final Stabilization Criteria** (for any areas not covered by permanent structures)**:**

 Establish uniform, perennial vegetation *(*i.e.*, evenly distributed, without large bare areas)* to provide 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas; and/or

 Implement permanent non-vegetative stabilization measures[46](#_bookmark90) to provide effective cover of any areas of exposed soil.

 **Exceptions:**

* 1. **Arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas** (as defined in Appendix A). Final stabilization is met if the area has been seeded or planted to establish vegetation that provides 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas within three (3) years and, to the extent necessary to prevent erosion on the seeded or planted area, non-vegetative erosion controls have been applied to provide cover for at least three years without active maintenance.
	2. **Disturbed areas on agricultural land that are restored to their preconstruction agricultural use.** The Part [2.2.14c](#_bookmark87) final stabilization criteria do not apply.
	3. **Areas that need to remain disturbed.** In limited circumstances, stabilization may not be required if the intended function of a specific area of the site necessitates that it remain disturbed, and only the minimum area needed remains disturbed *(*e.g., *dirt access roads, utility pole pads, areas being used for storage of vehicles, equipment, materials).*