# **English, Chancellor**

From: English, Chancellor

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:33 PM

**To:** Hughes, James D.; gchristensen@snyder-const.com; zsnyder@snyder-const.com;

'Esparza, David'

Cc: Gaylen@814solutions.com; Eric Maez

Subject: 23.08.21 ESC Notice of Violation #2 Fine #1 Sunport Apartments - Mulberry St. SE -

M15E036 - NMR100385

Attachments: City ESC Ordinance 14-5-2-11.pdf; SWQ Info n fees\_Jun2023.pdf; Escalation Process for

Violations\_Dec2020.pdf; Stabilization & Termination Policy 23.06.16 & references.pdf;

M15E036 Violation 2 fine 1 - signed.pdf; Invoice - Fine #1.pdf

Mr. Snyder;

Please see the attached the Notice of Violation #2, Invoice for Fine #1, Escalation Process for Violations, and City Ordinance 14-5-2-11,. Please pay the fee and return the receipt showing it is paid. This is the link for the payment page. Enter the reference number beginning with "SI" and ensure to include the dashes.

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Please see the Notice of Violations for details, especially the "Required Mitigation."

To summarize, there are 2 options for mitigation.

- 1. Post your permit coverage, replace/repair BMPs, continue self-inspections, and make the SWPPP and self-inspection reports available for inspections, or
- 2. Permanently stabilize the site, terminate the permit coverage, and request a Determination of Stabilization.

You can meet with your Stormwater Team to discuss the best course of action in accordance to your plans. I have attached the Request for Stabilization and the instructions (Stabilization and Termination Policy) if the decision is to stabilize the site.

As noted in the Notice of Violation #2, the EPA has been included in this correspondence to notify them of the continued non-compliance of the CGP.

The City will perform another follow-up inspection in 7 days to verify compliance with the City Ordinance and CGP. If these violations have not been mitigated, it will result in a \$500 per day fine.

Sincerely,



Chancellor English
Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist
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# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

Planning Department Alan Varela, Director



Mayor Timothy M. Keller

August 25, 2023

Sunport Apartments, LLC - Zack Snyder - zsnydernm@gmail.com - 505-250-8595

Site: Mulberry Park Apartments at 2930 Mulberry St. SE (M15E036) NMR100385

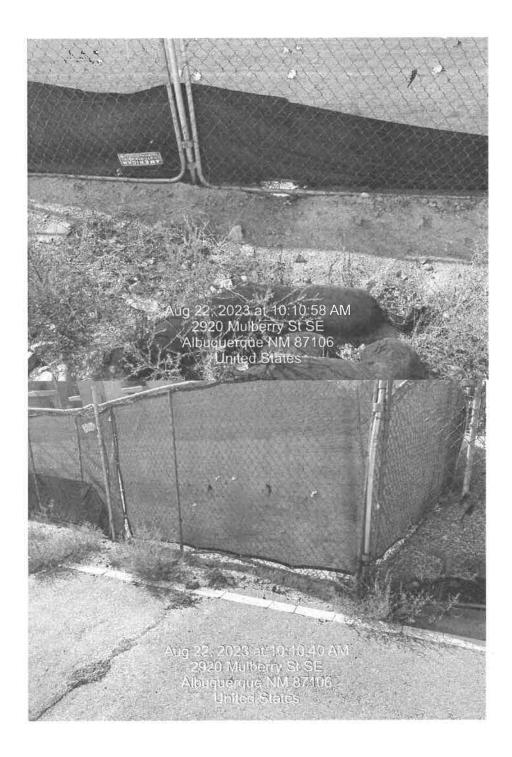
Re: Drainage Ordinance (14-5-2-11) Violations for Erosion and Sediment Control

A follow-up inspection was conducted on 8/21/23 to verify compliance with the City Ordinance and the CGP, especially the progress in mitigating the areas of concern sent in Notice of Violation (NOV) #1 on 8/4/23. The City observed that the same violations from the previous NOV on the follow-up inspection. There has been no effort to bring the site into compliance with the 2022 EPA CGP and City of Albuquerque Ordinance 14-5-2-11 (attached). The following violations were found during multiple inspections:

- 1. The SWPPP and self-inspection reports were not available on-site, again, at the time of inspection in violation of CGP Parts 4.7.3 and 7.3 and City Ordinance 14-5-2-11-C(1). The NOI has expired, causing the SWPPP to be out-of-date had it been available.
- 2. Your permit coverage posting was missing or not visible from a safe, publicly accessible location. It was not located so it is visible from the public road and the font was not legible due to font size and position on posting, in violation of CGP Part 1.5. It is also missing owner/operator contact information and location of the SWPPP if no personnel are onsite.



3. BMPs are in need of maintenance or repair. The perimeter silt fence has holes and gaps in multiple areas and the inlet protection that leads to the stormwater discharge is incorrectly installed, as it only covers part of the inlet. These are violations of CGP Parts 2.1.4, 2.2.3, and 2.2.10.



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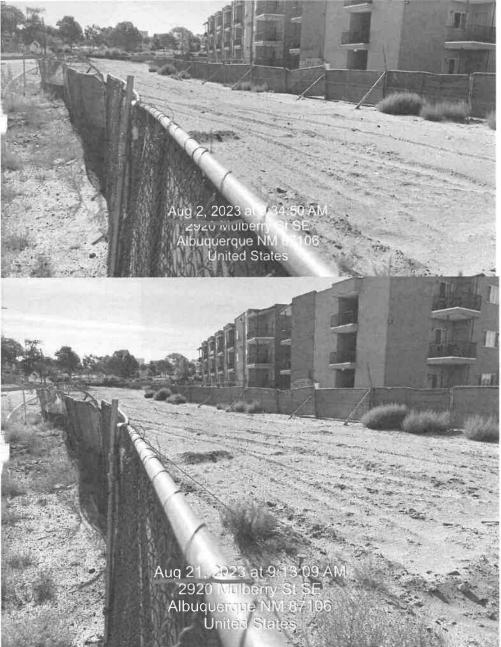


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4. The area of land disturbance has been inactive for more than 14 calendar days and remains un-stabilized in violation of CGP Part 2.2.14. The site has remained unchanged since the last inspection (8/2/23).\



Albuquerque's Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) ordinance § 14-5-2-11 at link <a href="https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897">https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897</a> requires the property owner to comply with the Construction General Permit (CGP) <a href="https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897">https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897</a> requires the property owner to comply with the Construction General Permit (CGP) <a href="https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897">https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque\_nm/0-0-0-19897</a> requires the property owner to comply with the Construction General Permit (CGP) <a href="https://codes/albuquerque/latest/albuquerque/lat

# Required Mitigation:

1. You must keep a current copy of your SWPPP and self-inspection reports at the site or at an easily accessible location so that they can be made available at the time of an on-site inspection as per CGP Parts 7.3 and 4.7.3. City Ordinance 14-5-2-11-C1 states that at a minimum a routine compliance self-inspection is required to review the project for compliance with the Construction General Permit once every 14 days and after any

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precipitation event of 1/4 inch or greater until the site construction has been completed and the site determined as stabilized by the city. Reports of these inspections shall be kept by the person or entity authorized to direct the construction activities on the site and shall be conducted during progress of the work, during work suspensions, and until final acceptance of site stabilization by the city.

- 2. You must post a sign or other notice of your permit coverage at a safe, publicly accessible location in close proximity to the construction site. The notice must be located so it is visible from the public road that is nearest to the active part of the construction site, and it must use a font large enough to be readily viewed from a public right-of-way per CGP 1.5.
- 3. Ensure all stormwater controls are maintained and remain in effective operating condition during permit coverage per CGP 2.1.4. Re-install stormwater controls properly.
- 4. Implement and maintain stabilization measures that minimize erosion from any areas of exposed soil. Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more consecutive calendar days, as per CGP 2.2.14.

### **History of Violations:**

Notice of the following types of violations was sent on the dates noted below:

- 1.  $NOI \frac{2}{27/23}$  (Level 1)
- 2. SWPPP 2/27/23, 8/4/23, 8/22/23 (Level 3)
- 3. Posting  $-\frac{2}{27/23}$ ,  $\frac{8}{4/23}$ ,  $\frac{8}{22/23}$  (Level 3)
- 4. BMPs -2/27/23, 8/4/23, 8/22/23 (Level 2)
- 5. Stabilization -8/4/23, 8/22/23 (Level 2)

The City Escalation Process (attached) describes four levels of escalation based on the number of repeats and/or recalcitrant violations of each type.

Per the previous Violation letter dated 8/4/23, the City is assessing a fine of \$500, and the non-compliance is being reported to the EPA. This fine is for one day, 8/25/23. Additional days may be added if the violation is not mitigated within seven days. Progressive enforcement escalation procedures will be used and strictly enforced for recalcitrant or repeat offenders.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 924-3325, cenglish@cabq.gov.

Sincerely,

Chancellor English
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Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist, Stormwater Quality

Planning Dept.



# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE **INVOICE**

#### SNYDER CONSTRUCTION

**5800 SAN FRANCISCO** 

Amount \$10.00

Reference NO: SI-2023-01444 Customer NO: CU-119897309

Date Description

8/28/23 2% Technology Fee

\$500.00 Storm Water Quality Fine

8/28/23

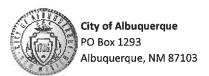
Due Date: 8/28/23 Total due for this invoice: \$510.00

# Options to pay your Invoice:

1. Online with a credit card: http://posse.cabq.gov/posse/pub/lms/Default.aspx

2. In person: Plaza Del Sol, 600 2nd St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

## PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS INVOICE NOTICE WITH PAYMENT



Date: 8/28/23 \$510.00 Amount Due:

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SNYDER CONSTRUCTION 5800 SAN FRANCISCO ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109

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- G.10.3.4 The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- G.10.3.5 The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- G.10.3.6 The results of such analyses.
- **G.10.4** Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- **G.10.5** The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.

## G.11 Signatory Requirements.

- G.11.1 All applications, including NOIs and NOTs, must be signed as follows:
- G.11.1.1 For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this subsection, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other, person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or, (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other, comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
- G.11.1.2 For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
- G.11.1.3 For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this subsection, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA).
- **G.11.2** Your SWPPP (including changes to your SWPPP inspection reports), corrective action log, turbidity monitoring report, site inspection and dewatering inspection reports, and any other compliance documentation required under this permit, must be signed by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1 above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
- G.11.2.1 The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1:
- G.11.2.2 The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental

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#### 1.4.4 Modifying your NOI

If after submitting your NOI you need to correct or update any fields, you may do so by submitting a "Change NOI" form using NeT. Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted as specified in Part 1.4.2. If the EPA Regional Office has granted you approval to submit a paper NOI modification, you may indicate any NOI changes on the same NOI form in Appendix H.

When there is a change to the site's operator, the new operator must submit a new NOI, and the previous operator must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form as specified in Part 8.3.

The following modifications to an NOI form will result in a 14-day review process:

- Changes to the name of the operator;
- Changes to the project or site name;
- Changes to the estimated area to be disturbed;
- Changes to the name of the receiving water<sup>10</sup>, or additions to the applicable receiving waters;
- Changes to eligibility information related to endangered species protection or historic preservation;
- Changes to information provided related to the use of chemical treatment at your site; and
- Changes to answers provided regarding the demolition of structures over 10,000 square feet of floor space built or renovated before January 1, 1980.

During the 14-day review process, you may continue to operate based on the information provided in your original NOI, but you must wait until the review period has ended before you may commence or continue activities on any portion of your site that would be affected by any of the above modifications, unless EPA notifies you that the authorization is delayed or denied.

#### 1.4.5 Your Official End Date of Permit Coverage

Once covered under this permit, your coverage will last until the date that:

- a. You terminate permit coverage consistent with Part 8; or
- **b.** You receive permit coverage under a different NPDES permit or a reissued or replacement version of this permit after expiring on February 16, 2027; or
- c. You fail to submit an NOI for coverage under a reissued or replacement version of this permit before the deadline for existing construction sites where construction activities continue after this permit has expired.

# 1.5 REQUIREMENT TO POST A NOTICE OF YOUR PERMIT COVERAGE

You must post a sign or other notice of your permit coverage at a safe, publicly accessible location in close proximity to the construction site. The notice must be located so it is visible from the public road that is nearest to the active part of the construction

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  As defined in Appendix A, a "receiving water" is "a "Water of the United States" as defined in 40 CFR  $\S$ 122.2 into which the regulated stormwater discharges.

site, and it must use a font large enough to be readily viewed from a public right-ofway. 11, At a minimum, the notice must include:

- a. (The NPDES ID (i.e., permit tracking number assigned to your NOI and the EPA webpage where a copy of the NOI can be found (https://permitsearch.epa.gov/epermit-search/ui/search));
- b. A contact name and phone number for obtaining additional construction site (information;
- c. (The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the SWPPP (if available), or the following (statement: "If you would like to obtain a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention) (Plan (SWPPP) for this site, contact the EPA Regional Office at [include the appropriate CGP Regional Office contact information found at https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional];" and
- d. (The following statement "If you observe indicators of stormwater pollutants in the discharge or in the receiving water, contact the EPA through the following website: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations.">https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations.</a>"

#### 2 TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

You must comply with the following technology-based effluent limitations in this Part for all authorized discharges.<sup>12</sup>

# 2.1 GENERAL STORMWATER CONTROL DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

You must design, install, and maintain stormwater controls required in Parts 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from construction activities. <sup>13</sup> To meet this requirement, you must:

#### 2.1.1 Account for the following factors in designing your stormwater controls:

- a. The expected amount, frequency, intensity, and duration of precipitation; 14
- b. The nature of stormwater runoff (i.e., flow) and run-on at the site, including factors such as expected flow from impervious surfaces, slopes, and site drainage features. You must design stormwater controls to control stormwater volume, velocity, and peak flow rates to minimize discharges of pollutants in stormwater and to minimize channel and streambank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of discharge points; and
- c. The soil type and range of soil particle sizes expected to be present on the site.

If the active part of the construction site is not visible from a public road, then place the notice of permit coverage in a position that is visible from the nearest public road and as close as possible to the construction site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For each of the effluent limits in Part 2, as applicable to your site, you must include in your SWPPP (1) a description of the specific control(s) to be implemented to meet the effluent limit; (2) any applicable design specifications; (3) routine maintenance specifications; and (4) the projected schedule for installation/implementation. See Part 7.2.6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The permit does not recommend or endorse specific products or vendors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Stormwater controls must be designed using the most recent data available to account for recent precipitation patterns and trends.

If your site is exposed to or has previously experienced major storms, such as hurricanes, storm surge, extreme/heavy precipitation, and flood events, you should also include consideration of and contingencies for whether implementing structural improvements, enhanced/resilient stormwater controls, and other mitigation measures may help minimize impacts from stormwater discharges from such major storm events.

- 2.1.2 Design and install all stormwater controls in accordance with good engineering practices, including applicable design specifications. 15
- 2.1.3 Complete installation of stormwater controls by the time each phase of construction activities has begun.
  - a. 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.<sup>16</sup>
  - **b.** Following the installation of these initial controls, install and make operational all stormwater controls needed to control discharges prior to subsequent earth-disturbing activities.
- 2.1.4 (Ensure all stormwater controls are maintained and remain in effective operating condition during permit coverage and are protected from activities that would reduce their effectiveness.
  - a. Comply with any specific maintenance requirements for the stormwater controls listed in this permit, as well as any recommended by the manufacturer. 17
  - b. (If at any time you find that a stormwater control needs routine maintenance (i.e., minor repairs or other upkeep performed to ensure the site's stormwater controls remain in effective operating condition, not including significant repairs or the need to install a new or replacement control), you must immediately initiate the needed work, and complete such work by the close of the next business day. If it is infeasible to complete the routine maintenance by the close of the next business day, you must document why this is the case and why the repair or other upkeep to be performed should still be considered routine maintenance in your inspection report under Part (4.7.1c and complete such work no later than seven (7) calendar days from the time of discovery of the condition requiring maintenance.
  - c. If you must repeatedly (i.e., three (3) or more times) make the same routine maintenance fixes to the same control at the same location, even if the fix can be completed by the close of the next business day, you must either:
    - i. Complete work to fix any subsequent repeat occurrences of this same problem under the corrective action procedures in Part 5, including keeping any records

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Design specifications may be found in manufacturer specifications and/or in applicable erosion and sediment control manuals or ordinances. Any departures from such specifications must reflect good engineering practices and must be explained in your SWPPP. You must also comply with any additional design and installation requirements specified for the effluent limits in Parts 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Note that the requirement to install stormwater controls prior to each phase of construction activities for the site does not apply to the earth disturbance associated with the actual installation of these controls. Operators should take all reasonable actions to minimize the discharges of pollutants during the installation of stormwater controls.

Any departures from such maintenance recommendations made by the manufacturer must reflect good engineering practices and must be explained in your SWPPP.

- of the condition and how it was corrected under Part 5.4; or
- ii. Document in your inspection report under Part 4.7.1c why the specific reoccurrence of this same problem should still be addressed as a routine maintenance fix under this Part. 18
- d. If at any time you find that a stormwater control needs a significant repair or that a new or replacement control is needed, you must comply with the corrective action deadlines for completing such work in in Part 5.2.1c.

#### 2.2 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

You must implement erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from construction activities.

- 2.2.1 Provide and maintain natural buffers and/or equivalent erosion and sediment controls for discharges to any receiving waters that is located within 50 feet of the site's earth disturbances.
  - a. Compliance Alternatives. For any discharges to receiving waters located within 50 feet of your site's earth disturbances, you must comply with one of the following alternatives:
    - i. Provide and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
    - ii. Provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer that is less than 50 feet and is supplemented by erosion and sediment controls that achieve, in combination, the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
    - iii. If infeasible to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size, implement erosion and sediment controls to achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer.

See Appendix F, Part F.2 for additional conditions applicable to each compliance alternative.

- b. Exceptions. See Appendix F, Part F.2 for exceptions to the compliance alternatives.
- 2.2.2 Direct stormwater to vegetated areas and maximize stormwater infiltration and filtering to reduce pollutant discharges, unless infiltration would be inadvisable due to the underlying geology (e.g., karst topography) and ground water contamination concerns, or infeasible due to site conditions. 19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Such documentation could include, for example, that minor repairs completed within the required timeframe are all that is necessary to ensure that the stormwater control continues to operate as designed and installed and that the stormwater control remains appropriate for the flow reaching it.

<sup>19</sup> Operators should consider whether factors such as specific contaminant concerns from the construction site, the underlying soils or geology, hydrology, depth to the ground water table, or proximity to source water or wellhead protection area(s) make the site unsuitable for infiltrating construction stormwater. Site conditions that may be of particular concern include proximity to: a current or future drinking water aquifer; a drinking water well or spring (including private/household wells); highly conductive geology such as karst; known pollutant hot spots, such as hazardous waste sites, landfills, gas stations, brownfields; an onsite sewage system or underground storage tank; or soils that do not allow for infiltration. Operators may find it helpful to consult EPA's <u>Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters (DWMAPS)</u>. DWMAPS is an online mapping tool that can be used to locate drinking water providers, potential sources of contamination, polluted waterways, and information on protection initiatives in the site area.

- f. Remove accumulated sediment to maintain at least one-half of the design capacity and conduct all other appropriate maintenance to ensure the basin or impoundment remains in effective operating condition.
- 2.2.13 If using treatment chemicals (e.g., polymers, flocculants, coagulants):
  - a. Use conventional erosion and sediment controls before and after the application of treatment chemicals. Chemicals may only be applied where treated stormwater is directed to a sediment control (e.g., sediment basin, perimeter control) before discharge.
  - b. Select appropriate treatment chemicals. Chemicals must be appropriately suited to the types of soils likely to be exposed during construction and present in the discharges being treated (i.e., the expected turbidity, pH, and flow rate of stormwater flowing into the chemical treatment system or area).
  - c. Minimize discharge risk from stored chemicals. Store all treatment chemicals in leak-proof containers that are kept under storm-resistant cover and surrounded by secondary containment structures (e.g., spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets), or provide equivalent measures designed and maintained to minimize the potential discharge of treatment chemicals in stormwater or by any other means (e.g., storing chemicals in a covered area, having a spill kit available on site and ensuring personnel are available to respond expeditiously in the event of a leak or spill).
  - **d.** Comply with State/local requirements. Comply with applicable State and local requirements regarding the use of treatment chemicals.
  - e. Use chemicals in accordance with good engineering practices and specifications of the chemical provider/supplier. Use treatment chemicals and chemical treatment systems in accordance with good engineering practices, and with dosing specifications and sediment removal design specifications provided by the provider/supplier of the applicable chemicals, or document in your SWPPP specific departures from these specifications and how they reflect good engineering practice.
  - f. Ensure proper training. Ensure all persons who handle and use treatment chemicals at the construction site are provided with appropriate, product-specific training prior to beginning application of treatment chemicals. Among other things, the training must cover proper dosing requirements.
  - g. Perform additional measures specified by the EPA Regional Office for the authorized use of cationic chemicals. If you have been authorized to use cationic chemicals at your site pursuant to Part 1.1.9, you must perform all additional measures as conditioned by your authorization to ensure the use of such chemicals will not result in discharges that do not meet water quality standards.
- (e.g., seeding protected by erosion controls until vegetation is established, 35 sodding, mulching, erosion control blankets, hydromulch, gravel) that minimize erosion from any areas of exposed soil on the site in accordance with Part.

 $<sup>^{35}</sup>$  If you will be evaluating the use of some type of erosion control netting to the site as part of your site stabilization, EPA encourages you to consider employing products that have been shown to minimize

#### a. Stabilization Deadlines:36

Table 2 Deadlines for Initiating and Completing Site Stabilization.

Total Amount of Land Disturbance Occurring At Any One Time <sup>37</sup>	Deadline			
i. Five acres or less (≤5.0)	<ul> <li>Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately<sup>38</sup> in any areas of exposed soil where</li> </ul>			
Note: this includes sites disturbing more	construction activities have permanently ceased or will			
than five acres (>5.0) total over the	be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days; <sup>39</sup>			
course of a project, but that limit	and			
disturbance at any one time (i.e., phase	<ul> <li>Complete the installation of stabilization measures as</li> </ul>			
the disturbance) to five acres or less	soon as practicable, but no later than 14 calendar days			
(≤5.0)				

impacts on wildlife. For instance, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service provides recommendations on the type of netting practices that are considered "wildlife friendly," including those that use natural fiber or 100 percent biodegradable materials and that use a loose weave with a non-welded, movable jointed netting, as well as those products that are not wildlife friendly including square plastic netting that are degradable (e.g., photodegradable, UV-degradable, oxo-degradable), netting made from polypropylene, nylon, polyethylene, or polyester. Other recommendations include removing the netting product when it is no longer needed. See

https://www.fws.gov/midwest/eastlansing/library/pdf/WildlifeFriendlyErosionControlProducts\_revised.pdf for further information. There also may be State, Tribal, or local requirements about using wildlife friendly erosion control products.

<sup>36</sup> EPA may determine, based on an inspection carried out under Part 4.8 and corrective actions required under Part 5.3, that the level of sediment discharge on the site makes it necessary to require a faster schedule for completing stabilization. For instance, if sediment discharges from an area of exposed soil that is required to be stabilized are compromising the performance of existing stormwater controls, EPA may require stabilization to correct this problem.

(3) Limiting disturbances to five (5) acres or less at any one time means that at no time during the project do the cumulative earth disturbances exceed five (5) acres. The following examples would qualify as limiting disturbances at any one time to five (5) acres or less:

- 1. (The total area of disturbance for a project is five (5) acres or less.
- 2. (The total area of disturbance for a project will exceed five (5) acres, but the operator ensures that no more than five (5) acres will be disturbed at any one time through implementation of stabilization (measures. In this way, site stabilization can be used to "free up" land that can be disturbed without exceeding the five (5)-acre cap to qualify for the 14-day stabilization deadline. For instance, if an operator completes stabilization of two (2) acres of land on a five (5)-acre disturbance, then two (2) additional acres could be disturbed while still qualifying for the longer 14-day stabilization deadline.

38. The following are examples of activities that would constitute the immediate initiation of stabilization:

- 1. (Prepping the soil for vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization as long as seeding, planting, and/or installation of non-vegetative stabilization products takes place as soon as practicable, but no later (than one (1) calendar day of completing soil preparation;
- 2. Applying mulch or other non-vegetative product to the exposed area;
- 3. Seeding or planting the exposed area;
- 4. Starting any of the activities in # 1 3 on a portion of the entire area that will be stabilized; and
- 5. (Finalizing arrangements to have stabilization product fully installed in compliance with the deadlines for completing stabilization.

The requirement to initiate stabilization immediately is triggered as soon as you know that construction work on a portion of the site is temporarily ceased and will not resume for 14 or more days, or as soon as you know that construction work is permanently ceased. In the context of this provision, "immediately" means as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the next business day, following the day when the construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased.

Total Amount of Land Disturbance Occurring At Any One Time <sup>37</sup>	Deadline			
	after stabilization has been initiated. <sup>40</sup>			
ii. More than five acres (>5.0)	Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately <sup>41</sup> in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days; <sup>42</sup> and			
	<ul> <li>Complete the installation of stabilization measures as soon as practicable, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.<sup>43</sup></li> </ul>			

# b. Exceptions:

- i. (Arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas (as defined in Appendix A). If it is the seasonally dry period (as defined in Appendix A) 44 or a period in which drought is occurring, and vegetative stabilization measures are being used:
  - (a) Immediately initiate and, within 14 calendar days of temporary or, permanent cessation of work in any portion of your site, complete the installation of temporary non-vegetative stabilization measures to the extent necessary to prevent erosion;
  - (b) As soon as practicable, given conditions or circumstances on the site, complete all activities necessary to seed or plant the area to be stabilized; and
  - (c) If construction is occurring during the seasonally dry period, indicate in your SWPPP the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally dry period and your site conditions. Also include the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing vegetative stabilization.
- ii. Unforeseen circumstances. Operators that are affected by unforeseen circumstances<sup>45</sup> that delay the initiation and/or completion of vegetative stabilization:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> If vegetative stabilization measures are being implemented, stabilization is considered "installed" when all activities necessary to seed or plant the area are completed, including the application of any non-vegetative protective cover (e.g., mulch, erosion control blanket), if applicable. If non-vegetative stabilization measures are being implemented, stabilization is considered "installed" when all such measures are implemented or applied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> See footnote 38.

<sup>42</sup> See footnote 39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See footnote 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> The term "seasonally dry period" as defined in Appendix A refers to a month in which the long-term average total precipitation is less than or equal to 0.5 inches. Refer to EPA's Seasonally Dry Period Locator Tool at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates">https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates</a> and supporting maps for assistance in determining whether a site is operating during a seasonally dry period for the area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Examples include problems with the supply of seed stock or with the availability of specialized equipment and unsuitability of soil conditions due to excessive precipitation and/or flooding.

- e. Whether or not any of the following indications of pollutant discharge were observed at the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features or storm drain inlets:<sup>75</sup>
  - i. a sediment plume, suspended solids, unusual color, presence of odor, decreased clarity, or presence of foam; and/or
  - ii. a visible sheen on the water surface or visible oily deposits on the bottom or shoreline of the receiving water; and
- f. Photographs of (1) the dewatering water prior to treatment by a dewatering control(s) and the final discharge after treatment; (2) the dewatering control(s); and (3) the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features, storm drain inlets, and other conveyances to receiving waters.

You must also comply with the Part 4.7.2, 4.7.3, and 4.7.4 requirements for signing the reports, keeping them available on site, and retaining copies.

- **4.6.4** Based on the results of your inspection:
  - **a.** Complete any necessary maintenance repairs or replacements under Part 2.1.4 or under Part 5, whichever applies; and
  - **b.** Modify your SWPPP site map in accordance with Part 7.4.1 to reflect changes to your stormwater controls that are no longer accurately reflected on the current site map.

# 4.7 INSPECTION REPORT

- 4.7.1 You must complete an inspection report within 24 hours of completing any site inspection. Each inspection report (except for dewatering inspection reports, which are covered in Part 4.6.3) must include the following:
  - a. The inspection date;
  - **b.** Names and titles of personnel making the inspection;
  - c. A summary of your inspection findings, covering at a minimum the observations you made in accordance with Part 4.6, including any problems found during your inspection that make it necessary to perform routine maintenance pursuant to Part 2.1.4b or corrective action pursuant to Part 5. Include also any documentation as to why the corrective action procedures under Part 5 are unnecessary to fix a problem that repeatedly occurs as described in Part 2.1.4c;
  - d. If you are inspecting your site at the frequency specified in Part 4.2.2, Part 4.3, or Part 4.4.1b, and you conducted an inspection because of a storm event that produced rainfall measuring 0.25 inches or more within a 24-hour period, you must include the applicable rain gauge or weather station readings that triggered the inspection. Similarly, if you conducted an inspection because of a snowmelt discharge from a storm event that produced 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period, you must include any measurements taken of snowfall at your site, or weather station information you relied on; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> If the operator observes any of these indicators of pollutant discharge, corrective action is required consistent with Parts 5.1.5b and 5.2.2.

- e. If you determined that it is unsafe to inspect a portion of your site, you must describe the reason you found it to be unsafe and specify the locations to which this condition applies.
- **4.7.2** Each inspection report must be signed by the operator's signatory in accordance with Appendix G, Part G.11 of this permit.
- (4.7.3) You must keep a copy of all inspection reports at the site or at an easily accessible docation, so that it can be made immediately available at the time of an on-site inspection or upon request by EPA. 76
- 4.7.4 You must retain all inspection reports completed for this Part for at least three (3) years from the date that your permit coverage expires or is terminated.

#### 4.8 INSPECTIONS BY EPA

You must allow EPA, or an authorized representative of EPA, to conduct the following activities at reasonable times. To the extent that you are utilizing shared controls, that are not on site, to comply with this permit, you must make arrangements for EPA to have access at all reasonable times to those areas where the shared controls are located.

- **4.8.1** Enter onto all areas of the site, including any construction support activity areas covered by this permit, any off-site areas where shared controls are utilized to comply with this permit, discharge locations, adjoining waterbodies, and locations where records are kept under the conditions of this permit;
- **4.8.2** Access and copy any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- 4.8.3 Inspect your construction site, including any construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c), any stormwater controls installed and maintained at the site, and any off-site shared controls utilized to comply with this permit; and
- **4.8.4** Sample or monitor for the purpose of ensuring compliance.

#### 5 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

#### 5.1 CONDITIONS TRIGGERING CORRECTIVE ACTION.

You must take corrective action to address any of the following conditions identified at your site:

- 5.1.1 A stormwater control needs a significant repair or a new or replacement control is needed, or, in accordance with Part 2.1.4c, you find it necessary to repeatedly (i.e., three (3) or more times) conduct the same routine maintenance fix to the same control at the same location (unless you document in your inspection report under Part 4.7.1c that the specific reoccurrence of this same problem should still be addressed as a routine maintenance fix under Part 2.1.4); or
- **5.1.2** A stormwater control necessary to comply with the requirements of this permit was never installed, or was installed incorrectly; or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Inspection reports may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form. For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of inspection report records, refer to the Fact Sheet discussion related to Part 4.7.3.

**c.** A copy of this permit (an electronic copy easily available to the stormwater team is also acceptable).

## 7.3 ON-SITE AVAILABILITY OF YOUR SWPPP

You must keep a current copy of your SWPPP at the site or at an easily accessible location so that it can be made available at the time of an on-site inspection or upon request by EPA; a State, Tribal, or local agency approving stormwater management plans; the operator of a storm sewer system receiving discharges from the site; or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).<sup>92</sup>

EPA may provide access to portions of your SWPPP to a member of the public upon request. Confidential Business Information (CBI) will be withheld from the public, but may not be withheld from EPA, USFWS, or NMFS.<sup>93</sup>

If an on-site location is unavailable to keep the SWPPP when no personnel are present, notice of the plan's location must be posted near the main entrance of your construction site.

#### 7.4 SWPPP MODIFICATIONS

- **7.4.1** You must modify your SWPPP, including the site map(s), within seven (7) days of any of the following conditions:
  - a. Whenever new operators become active in construction activities on your site, or you make changes to your construction plans, stormwater controls, or other activities at your site that are no longer accurately reflected in your SWPPP. This includes changes made in response to corrective actions triggered under Part 5. You do not need to modify your SWPPP if the estimated dates in Part 7.2.3f change during the course of construction:
  - **b.** To reflect areas on your site map where operational control has been transferred (and the date of transfer) since initiating permit coverage;
  - **c.** If inspections or investigations by EPA or its authorized representatives determine that SWPPP modifications are necessary for compliance with this permit;
  - **d.** Where EPA determines it is necessary to install and/or implement additional controls at your site in order to meet the requirements of this permit, the following must be included in your SWPPP:
    - i. A copy of any correspondence describing such measures and requirements; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> The SWPPP may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form. For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of the SWPPP, refer to the Fact Sheet discussion related to Part 4.7.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Information covered by a claim of confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent of, and by means of, the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2, Subpart B. In general, submitted information protected by a business confidentiality claim may be disclosed to other employees, officers, or authorized representatives of the United States concerned with implementing the CWA. The authorized representatives, including employees of other executive branch agencies, may review CBI during the course of reviewing draft regulations.

- ii. A description of the controls that will be used to meet such requirements.
- e. To reflect any revisions to applicable Federal, State, Tribal, or local requirements that affect the stormwater controls implemented at the site; and
- f. If applicable, if a change in chemical treatment systems or chemically enhanced stormwater control is made, including use of a different treatment chemical, different dosage rate, or different area of application.
- 7.4.2 You must maintain records showing the dates of all SWPPP modifications. The records must include the name of the person authorizing each change (see Part 7.2.9 above) and a brief summary of all changes.
- **7.4.3** All modifications made to the SWPPP consistent with Part 7.4 must be authorized by a person identified in Appendix G, Part G.11.b.
- **7.4.4** Upon determining that a modification to your SWPPP is required, if there are multiple operators covered under this permit, you must immediately notify any operators who may be impacted by the change to the SWPPP.

#### 8 HOW TO TERMINATE COVERAGE

Until you terminate coverage under this permit, you must comply with all conditions and effluent limitations in the permit. To terminate permit coverage, you must submit to EPA a complete and accurate Notice of Termination (NOT), which certifies that you have met the requirements for terminating in Part 8.

#### 8.1 MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIRED IN NOT

- **8.1.1** NPDES ID (i.e., permit tracking number) provided by EPA when you received coverage under this permit;
- **8.1.2** Basis for submission of the NOT (see Part 8.2);
- **8.1.3** Operator contact information;
- **8.1.4** Name of site and address (or a description of location if no street address is available); and
- 8.1.5 NOT certification.

## 8.2 CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATING CGP COVERAGE

You may terminate CGP coverage only if one or more of the conditions in Parts 8.2.1, 8.2.2, or 8.2.3 has occurred. Until your termination is effective consistent with Part 8.5, you must continue to comply with the conditions of this permit.

- (8.2.1 You have completed all construction activities at your site and, if applicable, construction support activities covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c), and you have met all of the following requirements:
  - a. (For any areas that (1) were disturbed during construction, (2) are not covered by permanent structures, and (3) over which you had control during the construction activities, you have met the requirements for final vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization in Part 2.2.14c.

To document that you have met these stabilization requirements, you must take either ground or aerial photographs that show your site's compliance with the Part 2.2.14 stabilization requirements and submit them with your NOT. If any portion of your

site is covered by one of the exceptions in Part 2.2.14c.iii, indicate which exception applies and include a supplementary explanation with your photographs that provides the necessary context for why this portion of the site is in compliance with the final stabilization criteria even though it appears to be unstabilized. You are not required to take photographs of every distinct part of your site that is being stabilized, however, the conditions of the site portrayed in any photographs that are submitted must be substantially similar? to those of the areas that are not photographed. You must also comply with the following related to these photographs:

- i. (Take photographs both before and after the site has met the final stabilization criteria in Part 2.2.14c;
- ii. (All photographs must be clear and in focus, and in the original format and resolution; and
- iii. Include the date each photograph was taken, and a brief description of the area of the site captured by the photograph (e.g., photo shows application of seed and erosion control mats to remaining exposed surfaces on northeast corner of site).
- b. You have removed and properly disposed of all construction materials, waste and waste handling devices, and have removed all equipment and vehicles that were used during construction, unless intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage:
- c. You have removed all stormwater controls that were installed and maintained during construction, except those that are intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage or those that are biodegradable (as defined in Appendix A); and
- d. You have removed all potential pollutants and pollutant-generating activities (associated with construction, unless needed for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage; or
- **8.2.2** You have transferred control of all areas of the site for which you are responsible under this permit to another operator, and that operator has submitted an NOI and obtained coverage under this permit; or
- 8.2.3 Coverage under an individual or alternative general NPDES permit has been obtained.

## 8.3 HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOT

You must use EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) to electronically prepare and submit an NOT for the 2022 CGP.

To access NeT, go to <a href="https://cdx.epa.gov/cdx">https://cdx.epa.gov/cdx</a>.

Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted as specified in Part 1.4.2. If the EPA Regional Office grants you approval to use a paper NOT, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in Appendix I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Stabilization conditions that are substantially similar would include areas that are using the same type of stabilization measures and that have similar slopes, soils, and topography, and have achieved the same level of stabilization.

# § 14-5-2-11 CONSTRUCTION SITE RESPONSIBILITY BY PROPERTY OWNER.

- (A) For projects that disturb one acre or more, or less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development exceeding one acre, the property owner is to provide the Construction General Permit (CGP) Electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) documentation that contains the property owner name and contact information a minimum of 14 days prior to earth disturbance and prior to obtaining Work Order or Building Permit approval. To be accepted, the eNOI is to be properly filled out and certified. If the eNOI is a Low Erosivity Waiver by the contractor, then an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit per § 14-5-2-11(B) is to be approved by the city.
- (B) For projects that are less than one acre and are not part of a larger common plan of development, but meet the criteria as specified in § 14-5-2-12(B)(6), an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Permit is required prior to earth disturbance, Work Order approval and Building Permit approval.
- (1) The Erosion and Sediment Control Permit or eNOI holder must be either the owner of the property or an authorized agent of the owner in order for the permit to legally cover the activities occurring at the site. If the permit holder is other than the owner, evidence of delegation of authority acceptable to the city shall be provided prior to issuance of a permit by the city.
- (2) A project will be approved for earth disturbance, work order, or building permit only upon approval of plans and conditions by the City Engineer.
  - (C) Construction site inspections and quality controls shall include:
- (1) Self-inspections by permittee. At a minimum a routine compliance self-inspection is required to review the project for compliance with the Construction General Permit once every 14 days and after any precipitation even of 1/4 inch or greater until the site construction has been completed and the site determined as stabilized by the city. Reports of these inspections shall be kept by the person or entity authorized to direct the construction activities on the site and shall be conducted during progress of the work, during work suspensions, and until final acceptance of site stabilization by the city. An owner's or his/her agent's failure to properly maintain records shall subject that owner to the penalty provisions of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq.
- (2) City compliance inspections. The city will conduct routine compliance inspections of projects for compliance with the Construction General Permit. The city will conduct routine compliance inspections of all construction projects cumulatively disturbing one acre or more or as specified in § 14-5-2-12(B)(6) for compliance with the Construction General Permit. Site inspections will be followed by any necessary compliance or enforcement action to ensure corrective action has occurred. Corrective action is to be completed within seven days or the owner is subject to escalation per §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq. All projects will be inspected at completion for confirmation of stabilization.
- (a) Construction site compliance. If the city finds that the site is not in compliance with the Construction General Permit and that stormwater controls will not prevent sediment and waste from entering the city's drainage system and/or leaving the

construction site the city may direct the owner or his/her agent by written order to come into compliance. If deficiencies are required to be mitigated, the owner or his/her agent shall be verbally notified with a follow-up written confirmation occurring later. It shall be the duty of the owner or his/her agent to immediately take all necessary steps to prevent such migration of sediment and waste off the premises or from entering receiving waters. Delivery of an order by the city to the owner or his/her agent shall be deemed to be notice thereof, and binding upon the owner. An owner's or his/her agent's failure to substantially comply with the order shall subject that owner to the penalty provisions of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq.

- (b) Maintenance of control measures. The property owner or the owner's agent carrying out the Construction General Permit requirements shall maintain all control measures, retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices. Should the applicant or any other subsequent property owners fail to maintain the temporary control facilities, retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices, the city reserves the authority to enter affected property, provide needed maintenance, and to charge the owner for the work performed by the city or its contractors and to place a lien on the property to cover the costs of said actions. Such municipal lien shall be a statutory lien against the real property. This provision is in addition to the city's ability to assess penalties or pursue any other remedies as necessary to effectuate the purpose of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq.
- 1. The maintenance of facilities constructed at private expense on public property is the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent until permanent facilities are in place.
- 2. The developer shall be responsible for maintaining or replacing temporary crossing structures for a period of six years or until a permanent structure is built, whichever comes first. The city shall maintain temporary crossings which are designed and built such that they may be directly incorporated into the ultimate facilities.
- (3) The city will utilize sanctions and penalties to enforce upon violations of permit requirements. Progressive enforcement escalation procedures will be used and strictly enforced for recalcitrant or repeat offenders.



# **Escalation Process for Drainage Ordinance Violations during the Construction Phase**

Mayor Tim Keller

The City Ordinance includes several specific means of enforcing the City's regulations including but not limited to § 14-5-2-11(C)(3).

The city will utilize sanctions and penalties to enforce upon violations of permit requirements. Progressive enforcement escalation procedures will be used and strictly enforced for recalcitrant or repeat offenders.

The four levels of escalation apply to each specific violation type (e.g. sediment in the street, BMP maintenance, waste, washout, self-inspection reports, posting, expired permit, stabilization, etc...). Each recalcitrant or repeat offence for a particular violation type results in escalation to the next level.

## 1st Level - Optional Informal Warning w/o Fine (not required by Ordinance) w

- E-mail with explanation of violation(s) with a corrective action date. Standard mitigation time is seven days. Additional time may be given at the City's discretion<sup>(1)</sup>.
- This step is skipped if land disturbance began without City approval and/or without BMPs, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Formal Warning w/o Fine (1<sup>st</sup>) Notice of Violation (NOV) Letter
  - A NOV letter will be sent to the property owner with an explanation of violation(s), the required mitigation, and an allowance of 7 days (min.) to mitigate. The NOV letter will state that the property owner is subject to a \$500 fine/day if the violations are not mitigated within the specified time frame (escalation to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level). Additional time to mitigate may be given at the discretion of the City<sup>(1)</sup>.
  - Level 2 applies to the second time a particular violation type is noted during a City inspection (first repeat violation).
  - Level 2 also applies to the first time for either of the following two egregious violation types: either starting land disturbance without approval from the City or starting land disturbance without BMPs.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Level – Formal Notice of Violation w/ Fine for 1 day - (2<sup>nd</sup> & up) NOV Letter

• A NOV letter will be sent to the property owner with an explanation of violation(s), the required mitigation, and an allowance of 7 days (min.) to mitigate. A fine will be issued to the property owner(s) per the Penalty provisions of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq. typically \$500 for the first day of violation. Failure to pay the fine may result in additional sanctions. The NOV letter will state that the property owner is subject to a \$500 fine/day if the violations are not mitigated within the specified time frame (escalation to 4<sup>th</sup> Level). Additional time may be given at the discretion of the City<sup>(1)</sup>.

# 4th Level - Formal Notice of Violation w/ Fine for each new day of violation since the last day of fine.

- A NOV letter will be sent to the property owner with an explanation of violation(s), the required mitigation, and an allowance of 7 days (min.) to mitigate. A fine will be issued to the property owner(s) per the Penalty provisions of §§ 14-5-2-1 et seq. typically \$500/day of violation since the last day of fine. The NOV letter will state that the property owner is subject to a \$500 fine/day and additional sanctions if the violations are not mitigated and the fine paid within the specified time frame.
- The EPA is typically notified when NOVs with fines are sent.
- 1) Additional time is typically not granted unless the owner is cooperative and makes significant progress mitigating the violations within the specified time frame (3 out of 4 violations mitigated).

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# Stabilization Policy Change 6/15/2023

The City of Albuquerque will no longer require sites that have been seeded and hydro mulched to establish uniform perennial vegetation evenly distributed with no bare spots to satisfy the Final Stabilization Criteria of CGP 2.2.14.C.i. prior to terminating coverage. Instead it will be the property owner/operator's sole responsibility to determine when the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 are satisfied and then for filing their Notice of Termination (NOT) with the EPA. The City will base a Determination of Stabilization primarily on the property owner's certification of the NOT and the other documentation sent to the EPA without accepting any responsibility for the accuracy of that information.

## Final Stabilization and Notice of Termination

In accordance with City Ordinance § 14-5-2-11(C)(1), self-inspections must continue until the site is "determined as stabilized by the city." The property owner/operator is responsible for determining when the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 are satisfied and then for filing their Notice of Termination (NOT) with the EPA. Each operator may terminate CGP coverage only if one or more of the conditions in Part 8.2.1, 8.2.2, or 8.2.3 has occurred. After filing the NOT with the EPA, the property owner is responsible for requesting a Determination of Stabilization from the City.

# Determination of Stabilization

A request for the site to be determined as stabilized by the city per city ordinance § 14-5-2-11(C)(1) must be emailed to the Principal Engineer in charge of the Construction Stormwater Quality Section, jhughes@cabq.gov. It should include:

- An up-to-date copy of the SWPPP Map with a Certification per CGP Appendix G.11.4 showing the location of each of the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 and a specific explanation of those conditions.
- 2. Photographs and supplementary explanation in compliance with CGP 8.2.1.a where applicable.
- 3. Notice of Termination (NOT) certified per Appendix G11.1. Provide documentation of acceptance by the EPA.

Following a Determination of Stabilization by the City, the property owner must comply with the CGP and city ordinance § 14-5-2-11 prior to any further earth disturbance on the site. Furthermore the City may require additional stabilization if non-vegetative erosion controls have been applied to satisfy CGP Part 2.2.14c.iii.a, and if they fail to provide cover for at least three years as required.

# Stormwater Quality Plan Information Sheet and Inspection Fee Schedule

Project Name:					
Project Location: (ad	dress or major cros	ss stree	ts/arroyo)		
Plan Preparer Inform	nation:				
Company:					
Contact:					
Address:					
Phone Number: (O)			Cell (optional))		
e-Mail:					
<b>Property Owner Info</b>	rmation:				
Company:					
Contact:					
Address:					
Phone:					
e-Mail:					
Note: More than one item c	an be checked for a su	bmittal	er Construction Plans T to obtain a Stabili		ion Determination
Stormwater Quality I		sed on de		ırbe	
Commercial BP	< 2 acres \$300	Н_	2 to 5 acres \$500		>5 acres \$800
Work Order (WO)	< 5 acres \$300	⊢⊢	5 to 40 acres \$500		>40 acres \$800
Multi – family BP Single Family Residential BP	< 5 acres \$500 <5 acres \$500		≥5 acres \$800 5 to 40 acres \$1000		> 40 acres \$1500
Plan Review fee is \$10	5 for the first subm	nittal [	and \$75.00 for a r	esu	bmittal
Total due equals the plant	an review fee plus	the Sto	rmwater Quality Insp	ect	ion fee.
Total Due \$					
If you have questions, pleas	e contact Doug Hughe	es, Storm	water Quality 924-3420,	jhus	ghes@cabq.gov

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