Part IV. EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN

A SITE-SPECIFIC EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN (PLAN) SHALL BE DESIGNED, INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED FOR THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY COVERED BY THIS PERMIT. THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN MUST BE PREPARED BY A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AS DEFINED BY THIS PERMIT. ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN PLAN PREPARATION SHALL HAVE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION COURSE, PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. 12-7-19 (b), APPROVED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION. THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL PREPARING THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION IN THE PLAN.

"I CERTIFY THAT THE PERMITTEE'S EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PROVIDES FOR AN APPROPRIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REQUIRED BY THE GEORGIA WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT AND THE DOCUMENT "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" (MANUAL) PUBLISHED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED, PROVIDES FOR THE SAMPLING OF THE RECEIVING WATER(S) OR THE SAMPLING OF THE STORM WATER OUTFALLS AND THAT THE DESIGNED SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND SAMPLING METHODS IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL NPDES PERMIT NO. GAR 100001."

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I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED AFTER A SITE VISIT TO THE LOCATIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN BY MYSELF OR MY AUTHORIZED AGENT, UNDER MY SUPERVISION.

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THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE, AS A MINIMUM, BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING SOUND CONSERVATION AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO PREVENT AND MINIMIZE EROSION AND RESULTANT SEDIMENTATION, WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH, AND NO LESS STRINGENT THAN, THOSE PRACTICES CONTAINED IN THE "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" (MANUAL) PUBLISHED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED AND O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING:

(i). EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.(iii). BELOW, NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 25 FOOT BUFFER ALONG THE BANKS OF ALL STATE WATERS, AS MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM THE POINT WHERE VEGETATION HAS BEEN WRESTED BY NORMAL STREAM FLOW OR WAVE ACTION, EXCEPT WHERE THE DIRECTOR HAS DETERMINED TO ALLOW A VARIANCE THAT IS AT LEAST AS PROTECTIVE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, OR WHERE A DRAINAGE STRUCTURE OR ROADWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED, PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED:

(1) PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS,
(2) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR WATER LINES AND SEWER LINES, PROVIDED THAT THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER
(3) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR ANY UTILITY LINES OF ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTION 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, (B) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (C) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT,
(4) BUFFER CROSSING FOR FENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER
(5) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR AERIAL UTILITY LINES, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE NEW UTILITY LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH DOES NOT EXCEED 100 LINEAR FEET, (B) UTILITY LINES ARE ROUTED AND CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF STREAM CROSSINGS AND DISTURBANCES TO THE BUFFER, (C) ONLY TREES AND TREE DEBRIS ARE REMOVED FROM WITHIN THE BUFFER RESULTING IN ONLY MINOR SOIL EROSION (I.E., DISTURBANCE TO UNDERLYING VEGETATION IS MINIMIZED), AND (D) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE DESCRIPTION OF THE STREAM CROSSINGS WITH DETAILS OF THE BUFFER DISTURBANCE, ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TIME OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, AND JUSTIFICATION,
(6) RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-WIRES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDERTAKEN OR FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE GEORGIA HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OR THE STATE ROAD AND TOLLWAY AUTHORITY OR UNDERTAKEN BY ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 100 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT (NOT GRUBBED) DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
(7) RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-WIRES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDERTAKEN BY ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTION 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, (B) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (C) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT,
(4) BUFFER CROSSING FOR FENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER
(5) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR AERIAL UTILITY LINES, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE NEW UTILITY LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH DOES NOT EXCEED 100 LINEAR FEET, (B) UTILITY LINES ARE ROUTED AND CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF STREAM CROSSINGS AND DISTURBANCES TO THE BUFFER, (C) ONLY TREES AND TREE DEBRIS ARE REMOVED FROM WITHIN THE BUFFER RESULTING IN ONLY MINOR SOIL EROSION (I.E., DISTURBANCE TO UNDERLYING VEGETATION IS MINIMIZED), AND (D) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE STREAM CROSSINGS WITH DETAILS OF THE BUFFER DISTURBANCE INCLUDING AREA AND LENGTH OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TIME OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, AND JUSTIFICATION;
(6) RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-WIRES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDERTAKEN OR FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE GEORGIA HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OR THE STATE ROAD AND TOLLWAY AUTHORITY OR UNDERTAKEN BY ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 100 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT (NOT GRUBBED) DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
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(8) MAINTENANCE (EXCLUDING DREDGING), REPAIR AND/OR UPGRADE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATERSHED DAMS WHEN UNDER THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

(ii). NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 50 FOOT BUFFER, AS MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM THE POINT WHERE VEGETATION HAS BEEN WRESTED BY NORMAL STREAM FLOW OR WAVE ACTION, ALONG THE BANKS OF ANY STATE WATERS CLASSIFIED AS 'TROUT STREAMS' EXCEPT WHEN APPROVAL IS GRANTED BY THE DIRECTOR FOR ALTERNATE BUFFER REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A 12-7-6, OR WHERE A ROADWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SMALL SPRINGS AND STREAMS CLASSIFIED AS 'TROUT STREAMS' WHICH DISCHARGE AN AVERAGE ANNUAL FLOW OF 25 GALLONS PER MINUTE OR LESS SHALL HAVE A 25 FOOT BUFFER OR THEY MAY BE PIPED, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PERMITTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A RULE PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL VARIANCE PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF SUCH TO EPD AND THE LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY OF THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PIPING AND PRESCRIBED METHODOLOGY FOR MINIMIZING THE IMPACT OF SUCH PIPING AND FOR MEASURING THE VOLUME OF WATER DISCHARGED BY THE STREAM. ANY SUCH PIPE MUST STOP SHORT OF THE DOWNSTREAM PERMITTEE'S PROPERTY, AND THE PERMITTEE MUST COMPLY WITH THE BUFFER REQUIREMENT FOR ANY ADJACENT TROUT STREAMS. THE BUFFER SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED:

(1) PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS,
(2) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR WATER LINES AND SEWER LINES, PROVIDED THAT THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER
(3) STREAM CROSSINGS FOR ANY UTILITY LINES OF ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTION 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT: (A) THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, (B) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (C) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT,
(4) BUFFER CROSSING FOR FENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER, AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE OR DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER
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(8) MAINTENANCE (EXCLUDING DREDGING), REPAIR AND/OR UPGRADE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATERSHED DAMS WHEN UNDER THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

(iii). EXCEPT AS PROVIDED ABOVE, FOR BUFFERS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PART IV. (i). AND (ii)., NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A BUFFER AND A BUFFER SHALL REMAIN IN ITS NATURAL, UNDISTURBED, STATE OF VEGETATION UNTIL ALL LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ARE COMPLETED. DURING COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT, A BUFFER CANNOT BE THINNED OR TRIMMED OF VEGETATION AND A PROTECTIVE VEGETATIVE COVER MUST REMAIN TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND AQUATIC HABITAT AND A NATURAL CANOPY MUST BE LEFT IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO KEEP SHADE ON THE STREAM BED.

THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL IDENTIFY ALL POTENTIAL SOURCES OF POLLUTION WHICH MAY REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO AFFECT THE QUALITY OF STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN SHALL DESCRIBE AND THE APPLICABLE PERMITTEE SHALL ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICES WHICH WILL BE USED TO REDUCE THE POLLUTANTS IN STORM WATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT THE SITE AND TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT. THE APPLICABLE PERMITTEE MUST IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS PART AS A CONDITION OF THIS PERMIT.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.A.2., A SINGLE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN MUST BE PREPARED BY THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE FOR THE STAND ALONE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

A. DEADLINES FOR PLAN PREPARATION AND COMPLIANCE

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.A.2., AND PART IV.A.6., THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOI AND PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY ANY PERMITTEE.

2. FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITES THAT BEGAN ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT AND WERE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PREVIOUS PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE(S) SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER THE EXISTING PLAN.

3. FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT BEGIN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT, THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE THE PLAN FOR THAT PHASE OF THE STAND ALONE DEVELOPMENT THAT CORRESPONDS WITH THE NOI BEING SUBMITTED AND THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE(S) SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PLAN ON OR BEFORE THE DAY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

4. ADDITIONAL PLAN SUBMITTALS.

a. FOR ALL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED UNDER PART I.C.1.b., WHICH BEGIN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT, IN A JURISDICTION WHERE THERE IS NO CERTIFIED LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY REGULATING THAT PROJECT, A SINGLE COPY OF THE PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EPD WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH AND A SECOND COPY OF THE PLAN MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE PRIOR TO OR CONCURRENT WITH THE NOI SUBMITTAL. THE SECOND COPY OF THE PLAN MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE AS A PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT (PDF) FILE ON CD-ROM OR OR OTHER STORAGE DEVICE. THE EPD WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH WILL REVIEW PLANS FOR DEFICIENCIES USING THE APPLICABLE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN CHECKLIST ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED.

b. FOR SITES THAT ARE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 50 ACRES OF DISTURBED AREA, REGARDLESS OF THE EXISTENCE OF A CERTIFIED LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY IN THE JURISDICTION, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SUBMISSIONS IS ALSO REQUIRED:

(i). FOR ALL PROJECTS WHICH BEGIN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT A SINGLE COPY OF THE NOI AND A SINGLE COPY OF THE PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE. THIS COPY OF THE PLAN MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE AS A PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT (PDF) FILE ON CD-ROM OR OTHER STORAGE DEVICE.

(ii). FOR ALL PROJECTS WHICH BEGAN ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT A SINGLE COPY OF THE NOI AND A SINGLE COPY OF THE PLAN, IF AMENDED, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE. THIS COPY OF THE PLAN MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE EPD DISTRICT OFFICE AS A PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT (PDF) FILE ON CD-ROM OR OTHER STORAGE DEVICE.

c. FOR ALL PROJECTS WHERE THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AS INDICATED ON THE EXISTING NOI HAS CHANGED, THE AMENDED PLANS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART IV.A.4.a. IN ADDITION, THE PERMITTEE MUST FILE A CHANGE OF INFORMATION NOI IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART II.

5. FOR STAND ALONE PROJECTS THAT BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT, THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE MUST RETAIN THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL WHO PREPARED THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN, OR AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL APPROVED BY EPD IN WRITING, TO INSPECT THE INSTALLATION OF THE INITIAL SEDIMENT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND PERIMETER CONTROL BMPs WHICH THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL DESIGNED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER INSTALLATION. THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL DETERMINE IF THESE BMPs HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND ARE BEING MAINTAINED AS DESIGNED. THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION TO THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS AND THE PERMITTEE MUST CORRECT ALL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE INSPECTION REPORT FROM THE DESIGN PROFESSIONAL UNLESS WEATHER RELATED SITE CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED.

6. FOR STORM- OR EMERGENCY-RELATED REPAIR WORK, THE PERMITTEE SHALL IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE BMPs AND CERTIFIED PERSONNEL (PROVIDED BY THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE) SHALL INSPECT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS AND WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE END OF A STORM THAT IS 0.5 INCHES RAINFALL OR GREATER. IF THE STORM- OR EMERGENCY-RELATED REPAIR WORK WILL NOT BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY, A SINGLE COPY OF THE PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO EPD AND THE PERMITTEE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PERMIT ON THE SIXTY-FIRST (61st) DAY.

B. SIGNATURE AND PLAN REVIEW

1. THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL BE SIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART IV., AND BE RETAINED ON THE SITE (OR, IF NOT POSSIBLE, AT A READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION) WHICH GENERATES THE STORM WATER DISCHARGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART IV.F. OF THIS PERMIT.

2. THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL MAKE PLANS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO THE EPD; TO DESIGNATED OFFICIALS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWING SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PLANS, GRADING PLANS, OR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS; OR IN THE CASE OF A STORM WATER DISCHARGE ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WHICH DISCHARGES THROUGH A MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM WITH AN NPDES PERMIT, TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM.

3. EPD MAY NOTIFY THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE AT ANY TIME THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART. WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF SUCH NOTIFICATION (OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY EPD) THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL MAKE THE REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAN AND SHALL SUBMIT TO EPD EITHER THE AMENDED PLAN OR A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE REQUESTED CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.

C. KEEPING PLANS CURRENT.

THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE(S) SHALL AMEND THEIR PLAN WHENEVER THERE IS A CHANGE IN DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE, WHICH HAS A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON BMPs WITH A HYDRAULIC COMPONENT (I.E., THOSE BMPs WHERE THE DESIGN IS BASED UPON RAINFALL INTENSITY, DURATION AND/OR VOLUME OF STORMWATER) OR IF THE PLAN PROVES TO BE INEFFECTIVE IN ELIMINATING OR SIGNIFICANTLY MINIMIZING POLLUTANTS FROM SOURCES IDENTIFIED UNDER PART IV.D.3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AS PROVIDED IN THIS PERMIT.

D. CONTENTS OF PLAN.

THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL INCLUDE, AS A MINIMUM, BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING SOUND CONSERVATION AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO PREVENT AND MINIMIZE EROSION AND RESULTANT SEDIMENTATION, WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH, AND NO LESS STRINGENT THAN, THOSE PRACTICES CONTAINED IN THE "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" (MANUAL) PUBLISHED BY THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING:

1. CHECKLIST.
EACH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLA