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Subject: Virginia Community College System – Annual Standards and Specifications for Erosion & Sediment Control and Stormwater Management (AS&S for ESC and SWM)

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") hereby approves the Annual Standards and Specifications for Erosion & Sediment Control and Stormwater Management for Virginia Community College System (VCCS) dated 3/12/2021. This coverage is effective from August 20, 2021 through August 19, 2022.

To ensure compliance with approved specifications, the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law and the Virginia Stormwater Management Act, DEQ staff will conduct random site inspections, respond to complaints, and provide on-site technical assistance with specific erosion and sediment control and stormwater management measures and plan implementation.

Please note that your approved Annual Standards and Specifications include the following requirements:

1. Variance, exception, and deviation requests must be submitted separately from this Annual Standards and Specifications submission to DEQ. DEQ may require project-specific plans associated with requests to be submitted for review and approval.
2. The following information must be submitted to DEQ for each project at least two weeks in advance of the commencement of regulated land-disturbing activities. Notifications shall be sent by email to: [StandardsandSpecs@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:StandardsandSpecs@deq.virginia.gov)
  - i: Project name or project number;
  - ii: Project location (including nearest intersection, latitude and longitude, access point);
  - iii: On-site project manager name and contact info;

- iv: Responsible Land Disturber (RLD) name and contact info;
  - v: Project description;
  - vi: Acreage of disturbance for project;
  - vii: Project start and finish date; and
  - viii: Any variances/exceptions/waivers associated with this project.
3. Project tracking of all regulated land disturbing activities (LDA) must be submitted to the DEQ on a bi-annual basis. Project tracking records shall contain the same information as required in the two week e-notifications for each regulated LDA.
  4. Erosion & Sediment Control and Stormwater Management plans must be reviewed by DEQ-Certified Plan Reviewers. VCCS as the AS&S holder, retains the authority to approve plans and must do so in writing. Should an AS&S holder contract out to a third party to fulfill the Plan Reviewer certification, this certified Plan Reviewer may recommend approval of the plan but final approval must come from the AS&S holder.

To ensure an efficient information exchange and response to inquiries, the DEQ Central Office is your primary point of contact. Central Office staff will coordinate with our Regional Office staff as appropriate.

Please contact Nathan Crowther at 804-698-4585 or [nathaniel.crowther@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:nathaniel.crowther@deq.virginia.gov) if you have any questions about this letter.

Thank you very much for your submission and continued efforts to conserve and protect Virginia's precious natural resources.

Sincerely,



Erin Ervin Belt, Manager  
Office of Stormwater Management

Case Decision Information:

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have thirty days from the date of service (the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a notice of appeal in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia with the Director, Department of Environmental Quality. In the event that this decision is served on you by mail, three days are added to that period.