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To: Construction Project Owner or Contractor (Operator)

From: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Environmental Permits Division, General Permits Branch

Subject: Storm Water Requirements for Small Construction Activities that Disturb One (1) Acre to Less Than Five (5) Acres

There are two different storm water general permits that cover construction activities in Mississippi. Construction activities that disturb one acre to less than five acres require coverage under the Small Construction General Permit issued January 3, 2008. Construction activities that disturb five acres and greater require coverage under the Large Construction General Permit issued January 11, 2011. The "larger common plan of development or sale" requirement, where the total acreage is based on cumulative planned disturbance, is applicable to both general permits.

The requirements of the Small Construction General Permit are similar to the Large Construction General Permit. However, there is one fundamental difference. **There will be no submittals to MDEQ unless specifically requested.** The owner or operator must follow the requirements of the Small Construction General Permit. The entire permit should be carefully read and understood, but the basic requirements are:

- Complete the Small Construction Notice of Intent (SCNOI) application form found in the Forms Section at the end of the General Permit and keep the form on the project site or have it locally available.
- Develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as described and required by ACT 5 of the General Permit. The SWPPP is required to stop or reduce the amount of pollutants in storm water discharges. In addition, a guidance manual that can help in developing a SWPPP can be found on our web site. This plan must be made available to the contractor.
- Inspect the site weekly for a minimum of four inspections per month to make sure the sediment and erosion controls are still working. This information must be recorded on the Inspection Form found on page 28 of the General Permit. Again, these forms are to be kept on site or they must be locally available.

Once the requirements of the Small Construction General Permit are followed the owner or operator is authorized to discharge storm water associated with construction activity. If you have any questions or need help in completing any of the forms or developing the SWPPP please contact the EPD Construction Branch at 601/961-5171. This information can also be found on our web site at www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/epd_epdgeneral.

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