



Land Development Services

Technical Bulletin

Subject: Required Format for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP)

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Summary: This Technical Bulletin introduces the required format to use in the preparation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for active construction sites within Fairfax County with coverage under the General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Construction Activities (Construction General Permit).

Effective Date: March 2, 2020

Background: The Construction General Permit (CGP) requires that the construction activity operator obtaining permit coverage, develop and implement a site-specific SWPPP. The SWPPP must be prepared **prior to** submitting a registration statement for permit coverage to Fairfax County. The SWPPP must be retained at the construction site along with a copy of the CGP and the general permit coverage letter issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The permitted operator is responsible for development, implementation and maintenance of the SWPPP. Further, the permit holder must commit the resources necessary to prevent pollution. The SWPPP must be available by request for review by county or state inspectors.

The SWPPP outlines the steps and techniques that the operator will take to comply with the terms and conditions of the permit to reduce pollutants in the stormwater runoff from the construction site, including water quality and quantity requirements, consistent with the VSMP permit regulations. The SWPPP specifies potential pollutant sources that could leave the construction site and covers the methods to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff, including the special conditions for *Impaired Waters and TMDL Limitations*. A complete list of SWPPP requirements is contained in Part II of the [CGP](#).

Policy: Operators of the CGP must now prepare their site-specific SWPPP using the new format, found at this link: [Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan \(SWPPP\) Required Format](#). Following this standard format will ensure speed, predictability and consistency in the review and inspection of the SWPPP, allowing for a more efficient process.

This new SWPPP format applies to all SWPPPs for regulated construction activities resulting in land disturbance equal to or greater than one acre; or less than one acre and part of a larger common plan of development or sale that ultimately disturbs one or more acres.

This format does **not** apply to single-family detached residential construction. Operators for new single-family detached residential construction may continue to use the [Single-Family Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Template](#), provided by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

If you have any questions, please contact the LDS Environmental Compliance Coordinator at 703-324-5175, TTY 711.

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