

## **A general procedure for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) and NPDES permits to discharge storm water from construction sites:**

There have been changes in the permitting for construction sites for contractors, developers, municipalities and other public agencies.

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### **General procedure to follow:**

#### **Site has a soil disturbance of 1 to <5 acres:**

Apply for Soil Erosion Sediment Control permit from either the county enforcement agency (CEA) or municipal enforcement agency (MEA).

The NPDES discharge permit for this site is covered by the "permit by rule", no permit or application needs to be filled out for the state. FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

[https://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3311\\_4113---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3311_4113---,00.html)

**Note:** If the agency is an APA (authorized public agency for soil erosion and sediment control) they still must follow the permit by rule, they do not need a SESC Permit as they have procedures approved by MDEQ. The APA must notify the CEA or MEA of the project's location. If you have questions go to the above referenced site.

#### **Site has a soil disturbance of 5 or more acres:**

Apply for Soil Erosion Sediment Control permit from either the county enforcement agency (CEA) or municipal enforcement agency (MEA) first.

Then fill out the NPDES Notice of Coverage form for discharges from the construction site attach the proper fee and send it to the State at the address listed on the form. Once the state receives the form the site is covered.

**Note:** If the agency is an APA (authorized public agency for soil erosion and sediment control) they still must obtain and fill out the NPDES Notice of Coverage to discharge storm water from a construction site; they do not need a SESC Permit as they have procedures approved by MDEQ. The APA should notify the appropriate CEA or MEA of the project.

If the Local SESC permit expires so does the NPDES permit for the site. Typically, local SESC permits are only good for one year. You can get a two-year permit, but that is usually the extent of it. So, on a construction project put the expiration date of the SESC permit in your OUTLOOK calendar and get an NOC RENEWAL form and send in if your site is not completely vegetated and stabilized.

#### **Determine inspection responsibilities:**

Make sure that SESC issues regarding site inspections during and after construction are maintained until the site is stabilized. Remember, the owner of the project is ultimately the responsible party for the site.