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To: Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Preparers

Re: James City County, Virginia  
Erosion & Sediment Control Program  
Notification of Administrative Change

The Environmental Division of James City County is pleased to announce an administrative change to the County's Erosion and Sediment Control program. As part of a general program update and in an effort to provide greater flexibility to the development community, the standard County Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SC) Notes were comprehensively reviewed and certain portions revised. Changes to the standard notes are effective October 1st 2009.

The standard County E&SC notes are used in combination with an erosion and sediment control (site) plan and narrative for erosion and sediment control compliance purposes. The notes are usually placed within the plan drawing set and are usually found on general note or detail sheets. They are required for all plan of development submittals which require an erosion and sediment control plan or land-disturbing permit. This includes submittals to the Planning Division, as part of the site or subdivision plan of development process, or for those minor erosion and sediment control plans which are submitted directly to our Division for review and approval. The last major overhaul of the standard notes was July 6, 2001.

Modifications of the standard County Erosion and Sediment Control notes were performed to achieve the following:

1. Remove the requirement for the use of erosion control blanket and matting on all (graded and constructed) slopes steeper than 3H:1V -and- the requirement that no slope shall be created steeper than 2H:1V. These requirements were previously found in Standard Note # 14. Removal of this note/requirement does not absolve the need to comply with applicable Minimum Standards & Specifications of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook (VESCH), including Minimum Standards & Specs. 3.29 through 3.36 or to properly consider the use of mattings, slope stability techniques and soil stabilization as part of any site design.
2. Remove standard notes which repeated information commonly found within Minimum Standard # 1 through # 19 of the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control regulations (4VAC50-30).
3. Reflect program changes since 2001, including the Commonwealth of Virginia requirements under the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMR) and County Stormwater Division requirements for stormwater facility inspections and certifications.

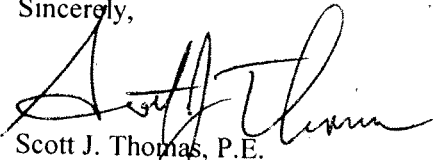
4. Ensure the notes reflected more of a "construction" note set rather than iterating planning or design items.

Again, the effective date for implementation and use of the revised notes is October 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. Please remember the standard County E&SC notes become a part of every erosion and sediment control plan once approved. The notes are not required on single-family plans which follow established Agreement-in-Lieu of Plan requirements.

A copy of the revised standard County Standard E&SC notes are attached, either in electronic or hard copy form. They can also be accessed electronically by visiting the County's Environmental Division website at [www.jccec.gov](http://www.jccec.gov). Just click on "Environmental Information" on the left side of the home page or go to Environmental Division under the Department heading. The notes can be found on the Division's website under the heading "Erosion and Sediment Control Notes" in the development section. You can also contact our Division directly at 757-253-6670 for assistance to provide the notes in standard accepted electronic formats.

Thank you for your efforts to protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries from the effects of non-point source pollution associated with land use activities. Please contact me at 253-6639 if you have any questions about the revised notes or the County's Erosion and Sediment Control program.

Sincerely,



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