

ON BEHALF OF MIKE ROLBAND

To: Interested members of the public

Re: Pre-publication copies of two stormwater-related guidance documents

The attached two guidance documents will be published in the Virginia Register on Aug. 1, 2022, for 30-day public comment. The purpose is to improve the quality of stormwater plans submitted to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and improve the review and permitting process by clarifying requirements and providing a completeness checklist to be used on a standard cover sheet. It also details requirements for solar projects, as promised in DEQ's April 14, 2022, letter, and incentives the redevelopment of brownfields and reclaimed coal fields. Finally it utilizes these clarifications to provide for a more streamlined review process if the plans are complete and certified by appropriately qualified people.

DEQ has also commenced work with a stakeholders' advisory group to prepare a new manual. These documents are meant to improve the plan preparation and review and permitting process in the interim while said manual is being prepared.

The purpose of distributing these advance pre-publication copies is to provide the public with more review time while the documents are going through ADA compilation and the Virginia Register publication process.

Please find attached:

1. [Guidance Memo No. 22-2011](#) - Streamlined Plan Review for Construction Stormwater Plans and Erosion and Sediment Control Plans submitted by a Professional Engineer and reviewed by a Dual Combined Administrator for Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management
2. [Guidance Memo No. 22-2012](#) - Stormwater Management and Erosion & Sediment Control Design Guide
3. A related 24 x 36 inch cover sheet in [PDF](#) and [AutoCAD](#) that contains the checklist from both GMs – so all plans are consistently formatted for review – which should also help owners and plan preparers.

Please review the attached documents. A 30-day public comment period on the guidance is being held as required by [§ 2.2-4002.1](#) of the Administrative Process Act before the guidance becomes effective. In the meantime, some may find it useful to employ these materials to improve the plan preparation and review process.

Thanks,
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