

Chapter 102 – Erosion & Sediment Control Regulations

QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

SCOPE AND PURPOSE:

What is regulated? The regulations require persons proposing or conducting earth disturbance activities to develop, implement and maintain Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize the potential for accelerated erosion and sedimentation. Chapter 102 regulates the discharge of stormwater from construction activities, timber harvesting, agricultural plowing and tilling and road maintenance activities.

What is an earth disturbance activity? A construction or other human activity which disturbs the surface of the land, i.e., clearing and grubbing, grading, excavations, embankments, land development and moving, depositing, stockpiling or storing of soil, rock or earth materials.

What are BMPs? BMPs or “Best Management Practices” are activities, facilities, measures or procedures used to minimize accelerated erosion and sedimentation.

Why are earth disturbance activities regulated? The BMPs shall be undertaken to protect, maintain, reclaim and restore water quality and the existing and designated uses of waters of this Commonwealth.

REQUIREMENTS:

Chapter 102 minimum requirements: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be implemented and maintained for all earth disturbance activities.

If the project will disturb greater than 5,000 square feet: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be implemented and maintained **AND** a written Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be developed.

If the project is being conducted in a HQ or EV watershed: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be implemented and maintained **AND** a written Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be developed, *regardless of the total amount of earth disturbed over the life of the project.*

If the project will disturb 1 acre or more: Erosion and sediment control BMPs must be implemented and maintained, a written Erosion and Sediment Control (E&S) Plan must be developed **AND** the project may require a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. **CONTACT THE FULTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT 717-485-3547!!!**