

Stormwater Permit Information For Highway Activities

NYSDEC Construction Stormwater Permit Exemptions for Highway Construction Activities:

- Road ditch maintenance - cleaning and shaping to maintain the hydraulic capacity and original line & grade
- Road ditch work completed to improve water quality and quantity controls
- Stone road shoulder replacement or repair
- Road paving and routine maintenance, unless pavement is removed to the gravel subbase and 1 acre or greater is disturbed
- Resurfacing of roadways
- Sediment removal to restore sheet flow drainage at edge of roadways

Frequently Asked Questions:

Which local highway department construction activities will require coverage under the stormwater permit?

- Highway projects requiring permit coverage can include any construction activity involving clearing, grading and excavating that results in a land (soil) disturbance of 1 or more acres of land.
- Exempt from this requirement is routine maintenance, where the total land disturbance is greater than 1 acre but less than 5 acres.
- Operators are reminded that discharges from this type of activity can still cause or contribute to a violation of Water Quality Standards punishable under State Law. For this reason, operators are encouraged to implement proper erosion & sediment control practices for any construction or maintenance activities that result in soil disturbance.

Gravel and dirt roads are often reconstructed (i.e. resurfaced, reggraded and compacted) every year. Is a permit required each time a gravel/dirt road undergoes such typical maintenance?

- No. This type of activity is considered routine maintenance and is exempt from the requirement to obtain a stormwater permit

Additional Stormwater Related Items or Issues:

- Soil spoil piles or stock piles
- Demolition sites are considered construction activities
- Salt Storage
- Technical assistance provided by NYSDEC and County SWCD
- Hydoseeding – Contact the local County SWCD
- Other land disturbance (i.e. ball fields or playing fields)
- Construction of buildings and parking areas
- DEC Stream Disturbance & Wetland permits and stormwater requirements



NYSDEC - Regional Stormwater Contacts

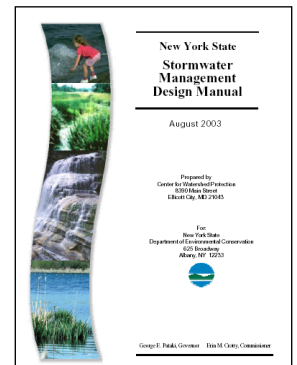
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Stormwater Publications

- New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29072.html>



- New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control (“Blue Book”)
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29066.html>

Also Available at:
Your County Soil and Water Conservation District office, or
Empire State Chapter
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<http://www.swcsnewyork.org/publications/resources/swcsorderform.pdf>

