

Stabilization Policy Change 6/15/2023

The City of Albuquerque will no longer require sites that have been seeded and hydro mulched to establish uniform perennial vegetation evenly distributed with no bare spots to satisfy the Final Stabilization Criteria of CGP 2.2.14.C.i. prior to terminating coverage. Instead it will be the property owner/operator's sole responsibility to determine when the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 are satisfied and then for filing their Notice of Termination (NOT) with the EPA. The City will base a Determination of Stabilization primarily on the property owner's certification of the NOT and the other documentation sent to the EPA without accepting any responsibility for the accuracy of that information.

Final Stabilization and Notice of Termination

In accordance with City Ordinance § 14-5-2-11(C)(1), self-inspections must continue until the site is "determined as stabilized by the city." The property owner/operator is responsible for determining when the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 are satisfied and then for filing their Notice of Termination (NOT) with the EPA. Each operator may terminate CGP coverage only if one or more of the conditions in Part 8.2.1, 8.2.2, or 8.2.3 has occurred. After filing the NOT with the EPA, the property owner is responsible for requesting a Determination of Stabilization from the City.

Determination of Stabilization

A request for the site to be determined as stabilized by the city per city ordinance § 14-5-2-11(C)(1) must be emailed to the Principal Engineer in charge of the Construction Stormwater Quality Section, jhughes@cabq.gov. It should include:

1. An up-to-date copy of the SWPPP Map with a Certification per CGP Appendix G.11.4 showing the location of each of the "Conditions for Terminating CGP Coverage" per CGP Part 8.2 and a specific explanation of those conditions.
2. Photographs and supplementary explanation in compliance with CGP 8.2.1.a where applicable.
3. Notice of Termination (NOT) certified per Appendix G11.1. Provide documentation of acceptance by the EPA.

Following a Determination of Stabilization by the City, the property owner must comply with the CGP and city ordinance § 14-5-2-11 prior to any further earth disturbance on the site. Furthermore the City may require additional stabilization if non-vegetative erosion controls have been applied to satisfy CGP Part 2.2.14c.iii.a, and if they fail to provide cover for at least three years as required.

§ 14-5-2-11 CONSTRUCTION SITE RESPONSIBILITY BY PROPERTY OWNER.

(A) For projects that disturb one acre or more, or less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development exceeding one acre, the property owner is to provide the Construction General Permit (CGP) Electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) documentation that contains the property owner name and contact information a minimum of 14 days prior to earth disturbance and prior to obtaining Work Order or Building Permit approval. To be accepted, the eNOI is to be properly filled out and certified. If the eNOI is a Low Erosivity Waiver by the contractor, then an Erosion and Sediment Control Permit per § [14-5-2-11](#)(B) is to be approved by the city.

(B) For projects that are less than one acre and are not part of a larger common plan of development, but meet the criteria as specified in § [14-5-2-12](#)(B)(6), an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Permit is required prior to earth disturbance, Work Order approval and Building Permit approval.

(1) The Erosion and Sediment Control Permit or eNOI holder must be either the owner of the property or an authorized agent of the owner in order for the permit to legally cover the activities occurring at the site. If the permit holder is other than the owner, evidence of delegation of authority acceptable to the city shall be provided prior to issuance of a permit by the city.

(2) A project will be approved for earth disturbance, work order, or building permit only upon approval of plans and conditions by the City Engineer.

(C) Construction site inspections and quality controls shall include:

(1) Self-inspections by permittee. At a minimum a routine compliance self-inspection is required to review the project for compliance with the Construction General Permit once every 14 days and after any precipitation even of 1/4 inch or greater until the site construction has been completed and the site determined as stabilized by the city. Reports of these inspections shall be kept by the person or entity authorized to direct the construction activities on the site and shall be conducted during progress of the work, during work suspensions, and until final acceptance of site stabilization by the city. An owner's or his/her agent's failure to properly maintain records shall subject that owner to the penalty provisions of §§ [14-5-2-1](#) et seq.

(2) City compliance inspections. The city will conduct routine compliance inspections of projects for compliance with the Construction General Permit. The city will conduct routine compliance inspections of all construction projects cumulatively disturbing one acre or more or as specified in § [14-5-2-12](#)(B)(6) for compliance with the Construction General Permit. Site inspections will be followed by any necessary compliance or enforcement action to ensure corrective action has occurred. Corrective action is to be completed within seven days or the owner is subject to escalation per §§ [14-5-2-1](#) et seq. All projects will be inspected at completion for confirmation of stabilization.

(a) Construction site compliance. If the city finds that the site is not in compliance with the Construction General Permit and that stormwater controls will not prevent sediment and waste from entering the city's drainage system and/or leaving the

construction site the city may direct the owner or his/her agent by written order to come into compliance. If deficiencies are required to be mitigated, the owner or his/her agent shall be verbally notified with a follow-up written confirmation occurring later. It shall be the duty of the owner or his/her agent to immediately take all necessary steps to prevent such migration of sediment and waste off the premises or from entering receiving waters. Delivery of an order by the city to the owner or his/her agent shall be deemed to be notice thereof, and binding upon the owner. An owner's or his/her agent's failure to substantially comply with the order shall subject that owner to the penalty provisions of §§ [14-5-2-1](#) et seq.

(b) Maintenance of control measures. The property owner or the owner's agent carrying out the Construction General Permit requirements shall maintain all control measures, retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices. Should the applicant or any other subsequent property owners fail to maintain the temporary control facilities, retaining walls, structures, plantings, and other protective devices, the city reserves the authority to enter affected property, provide needed maintenance, and to charge the owner for the work performed by the city or its contractors and to place a lien on the property to cover the costs of said actions. Such municipal lien shall be a statutory lien against the real property. This provision is in addition to the city's ability to assess penalties or pursue any other remedies as necessary to effectuate the purpose of §§ [14-5-2-1](#) et seq.

1. The maintenance of facilities constructed at private expense on public property is the responsibility of the owner or owner's agent until permanent facilities are in place.

2. The developer shall be responsible for maintaining or replacing temporary crossing structures for a period of six years or until a permanent structure is built, whichever comes first. The city shall maintain temporary crossings which are designed and built such that they may be directly incorporated into the ultimate facilities.

(3) The city will utilize sanctions and penalties to enforce upon violations of permit requirements. Progressive enforcement escalation procedures will be used and strictly enforced for recalcitrant or repeat offenders.

- (a) Immediately initiate and, within 14 calendar days, complete the installation of temporary non-vegetative stabilization measures to prevent erosion;
 - (b) Complete all soil conditioning, seeding, watering or irrigation installation, mulching, and other required activities related to the planting and initial establishment of vegetation as soon as conditions or circumstances allow it on your site; and
 - (c) Document in the SWPPP the circumstances that prevent you from meeting the deadlines in Part 2.2.14a and the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing stabilization.
- iii. Discharges to a sediment- or nutrient-impaired water or to a water that is identified by your State, Tribe, or EPA as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes.** Complete stabilization as soon as practicable, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.
- c. Final Stabilization Criteria** (for any areas not covered by permanent structures):
- i.** Establish uniform, perennial vegetation (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) to provide 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas; and/or
 - ii.** Implement permanent non-vegetative stabilization measures⁴⁶ to provide effective cover of any areas of exposed soil.
 - iii. Exceptions:**
 - (a) Arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas** (as defined in Appendix A). Final stabilization is met if the area has been seeded or planted to establish vegetation that provides 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas within three (3) years and, to the extent necessary to prevent erosion on the seeded or planted area, non-vegetative erosion controls have been applied to provide cover for at least three years without active maintenance.
 - (b) Disturbed areas on agricultural land that are restored to their preconstruction agricultural use.** The Part 2.2.14c final stabilization criteria do not apply.
 - (c) Areas that need to remain disturbed.** In limited circumstances, stabilization may not be required if the intended function of a specific area of the site necessitates that it remain disturbed, and only the minimum area needed remains disturbed (e.g., dirt access roads, utility pole pads, areas being used for storage of vehicles, equipment, materials).

2.3 POLLUTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS⁴⁷

You must implement pollution prevention controls in accordance with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater and to prevent the discharge of pollutants from spilled or leaked materials from construction activities.

⁴⁶ Examples of permanent non-vegetative stabilization measures include riprap, gravel, gabions, and geotextiles.

⁴⁷ Under this permit, you are not required to minimize exposure for any products or materials where the exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or product poses little risk of stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use).

For projects that receive coverage under this permit prior to February 17, 2023, any personnel conducting site inspections pursuant to Part 4 on your site must, at a minimum, be a person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention, who possesses the appropriate skills and training to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, and the appropriate skills and training to assess the effectiveness of any stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of this permit.⁸¹

6.4 STORMWATER TEAM'S ACCESS TO PERMIT DOCUMENTS

Each member of the stormwater team must have easy access to an electronic or paper copy of applicable portions of this permit, the most updated copy of your SWPPP, and other relevant documents or information that must be kept with the SWPPP.

7 STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP)

7.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All operators associated with a construction site under this permit must develop a SWPPP consistent with the requirements in Part 7 prior to their submittal of the NOI.^{82, 83, 84} **The SWPPP must be kept up-to-date throughout coverage under this permit.**

If a SWPPP was prepared under a previous version of this permit, the operator must review and update the SWPPP to ensure that this permit's requirements are addressed prior to submitting an NOI for coverage under this permit.

7.2 SWPPP CONTENTS

At a minimum, the SWPPP must include the information specified in this Part and as specified in other parts of this permit.

7.2.1 All Site Operators. Include a list of all other operators who will be engaged in construction activities at the site, and the areas of the site over which each operator has control.

⁸¹ If you receive coverage for a project prior to February 17, 2023, and construction activities for the same project will continue after February 17, 2023, the personnel conducting inspections do not need to take the additional training specified in Parts 6.3a and 6.3b for inspections conducted on the project site. If the same operator obtains coverage for a different project on or after February 17, 2023, personnel conducting inspections would be required to meet the requirements for a qualified person by completing the training in either Part 6.3a or Part 6.3b.

⁸² The SWPPP does not establish the effluent limits and/or other permit terms and conditions that apply to your site's discharges; these limits, terms, and conditions are established in this permit.

⁸³ Where there are multiple operators associated with the same site, they may develop a group SWPPP instead of multiple individual SWPPPs. Regardless of whether there is a group SWPPP or multiple individual SWPPPs, each operator is responsible for compliance with the permit's terms and conditions. In other words, if Operator A relies on Operator B to satisfy its permit obligations, Operator A does not have to duplicate those permit-related functions if Operator B is implementing them such that both operators are in compliance with the permit. However, Operator A remains responsible for permit compliance if Operator B fails to take actions necessary for Operator A to comply with the permit. In addition, all operators must ensure, either directly or through coordination with other operators, that their activities do not cause a violation or compromise any other operators' controls and/or any shared controls. See also footnote 60.

⁸⁴ There are a number of commercially available products to assist operators in developing the SWPPP, as well as companies that can be hired to help develop a site-specific SWPPP. The permit does not state which are recommended, nor does EPA endorse any specific products or vendors. Where operators choose to rely on these products or services, the choice of which ones to use to comply with the requirements of this Part is a decision for the operator alone.

7.2.2 Stormwater Team. Identify the personnel (by name and position) that you have made part of the stormwater team pursuant to Part 6.1, as well as their individual responsibilities, including which members are responsible for conducting inspections.

Include verification that each member of the stormwater team has received the training required by Part 6.2. Include documentation that members of the stormwater team responsible for conducting inspections pursuant to Part 4 have received the training required by Part 6.3. If personnel on your team elect to complete the EPA inspector training program pursuant to Part 6.3a, you must include copies of the certificate showing that the relevant personnel have completed the training and passed the exam. If personnel on your team elect to complete a non-EPA inspector training program pursuant to Part 6.3b, you must include documentation showing that these persons have successfully completed the program and their certification or license is still current. You must also confirm that the non-EPA inspector training program satisfies the minimum elements for such programs in Part 6.3b.

7.2.3 Nature of Construction Activities. Include the following:

- a. A description of the nature of your construction activities, including the age or dates of past renovations for structures that are undergoing demolition;
- b. The size of the property (in acres or length in miles if a linear construction site);
- c. The total area expected to be disturbed by the construction activities (to the nearest quarter acre or nearest quarter mile if a linear construction site);
- d. A description of any on-site and off-site construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c);
- e. The maximum area expected to be disturbed at any one time, including on-site and off-site construction support activity areas;
- f. A description and projected schedule for the following:⁸⁵
 - i. Commencement of construction activities in each portion of the site, including clearing and grubbing, mass grading, demolition activities, site preparation (i.e., excavating, cutting and filling), final grading, and creation of soil and vegetation stockpiles requiring stabilization;
 - ii. Temporary or permanent cessation of construction activities in each portion of the site;
 - iii. Temporary or final stabilization of exposed areas for each portion of the site; and
 - iv. Removal of temporary stormwater controls and construction equipment or vehicles, and the cessation of construction-related pollutant-generating activities.

⁸⁵ If plans change due to unforeseen circumstances or for other reasons, the requirement to describe the sequence and estimated dates of construction activities is not meant to "lock in" the operator to meeting these dates. When departures from initial projections are necessary, this should be documented in the SWPPP itself, or in associated records, as appropriate.

- g.** A list and description of all pollutant-generating activities⁸⁶ on the site. For each pollutant-generating activity, include an inventory of pollutants or pollutant constituents (e.g., *sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, paints, caulks, sealants, fluorescent light ballasts, contaminated substrates, solvents, fuels*) associated with that activity, which could be discharged in stormwater from your construction site. You must take into account where potential spills and leaks could occur that contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges, and any known hazardous or toxic substances, such as PCBs and asbestos, that will be disturbed or removed during construction;
- h.** Business days and hours for the project;
- i.** If you are conducting construction activities in response to a public emergency (see Part 1.4), a description of the cause of the public emergency (e.g., *mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, widespread disruption in essential public services*), information substantiating its occurrence (e.g., *State disaster declaration or similar State or local declaration*), and a description of the construction necessary to reestablish affected public services.

7.2.4 Site Map. Include a legible map, or series of maps, showing the following features of the site:

- a.** Boundaries of the property;
- b.** Locations where construction activities will occur, including:
 - i.** Locations where earth-disturbing activities will occur (note any phasing), including any demolition activities;
 - ii.** Approximate slopes before and after major grading activities (note any steep slopes (as defined in Appendix A));
 - iii.** Locations where sediment, soil, or other construction materials will be stockpiled;
 - iv.** Any receiving water crossings;
 - v.** Designated points where vehicles will exit onto paved roads;
 - vi.** Locations of structures and other impervious surfaces upon completion of construction; and
 - vii.** Locations of on-site and off-site construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c).
- c.** Locations of any receiving waters within the site and all receiving waters within one mile downstream of the site's discharge point(s). Also identify if any of these receiving waters are listed as impaired or are identified as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water;
- d.** Any areas of Federally listed critical habitat within the action area of the site as defined in Appendix A;
- e.** Type and extent of pre-construction cover on the site (e.g., vegetative cover, forest, pasture, pavement, structures);
- f.** Drainage patterns of stormwater and authorized non-stormwater before and after major grading activities;

⁸⁶ Examples of pollutant-generating activities include paving operations; concrete, paint, and stucco washout and waste disposal; solid waste storage and disposal; and dewatering activities.

- g.** Stormwater and authorized non-stormwater discharge locations, including:
 - i.** Locations where stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater will be discharged to storm drain inlets, including a notation of whether the inlet conveys stormwater to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control;⁸⁷
 - ii.** Locations where stormwater or authorized non-stormwater will be discharged directly to receiving waters (i.e., not via a storm drain inlet); and
 - iii.** Locations where turbidity benchmark monitoring will take place to comply with Part 3.3, if applicable to your site.
- h.** Locations of all potential pollutant-generating activities identified in Part 7.2.3g;
- i.** Designated areas where construction wastes that are covered by the exception in Part 2.3.3e.ii because they are not pollutant-generating will be stored;
- j.** Locations of stormwater controls, including natural buffer areas and any shared controls utilized to comply with this permit; and
- k.** Locations where polymers, flocculants, or other treatment chemicals will be used and stored.

7.2.5 Non-Stormwater Discharges. Identify all authorized non-stormwater discharges in Part 1.2.2 that will or may occur.

7.2.6 Description of Stormwater Controls.

- a.** For each of the Part 2.2 erosion and sediment control requirements, Part 2.3 pollution prevention requirements, and Part 2.4 construction dewatering requirements, as applicable to your site, you must include the following:
 - i.** A description of the specific control(s) to be implemented to meet these requirements;
 - ii.** The design specifications for controls described in Part 7.2.6a.i (including references to any manufacturer specifications and/or erosion and sediment control manuals/ordinances relied upon);⁸⁸
 - iii.** Routine stormwater control maintenance specifications; and
 - iv.** The projected schedule for stormwater control installation/implementation.
- b.** You must also include any of the following additional information as applicable.
 - i. Natural buffers and/or equivalent sediment controls** (see Part 2.2.1 and Appendix F). You must include the following:
 - (a) The compliance alternative to be implemented;
 - (b) If complying with alternative 2, the width of natural buffer retained;

⁸⁷ The requirement to show storm drain inlets in the immediate vicinity of the site on your site map only applies to those inlets that are easily identifiable from your site or from a publicly accessible area immediately adjacent to your site.

⁸⁸ Design specifications may be found in manufacturer specifications and/or in applicable erosion and sediment control manuals or ordinances. Any departures from such specifications must reflect good engineering practice and must be explained in the SWPPP.

- (c) If complying with alternative 2 or 3, the erosion and sediment control(s) you will use to achieve an equivalent sediment reduction, and any information you relied upon to demonstrate the equivalency;
 - (d) If complying with alternative 3, a description of why it is infeasible for you to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size;
 - (e) For "linear construction sites" where it is infeasible to implement compliance alternative 1, 2, or 3, a rationale for this determination, and a description of any buffer width retained and/or supplemental erosion and sediment controls installed; and
 - (f) A description of any disturbances that are exempt under Part 2.2.1 that occur within 50 feet of a receiving water.
- ii. Perimeter controls for a "linear construction site"** (see Part 2.2.3d). For areas where perimeter controls are not feasible, include documentation to support this determination and a description of the other practices that will be implemented to minimize discharges of pollutants in stormwater associated with construction activities.
- Note: Routine maintenance specifications for perimeter controls documented in the SWPPP must include the Part 2.2.3c.i requirement that sediment be removed before it has accumulated to one-half of the above-ground height of any perimeter control.
- iii. Sediment track-out controls** (see Parts 2.2.4b and 2.2.4c). Document the specific stabilization techniques and/or controls that will be implemented to remove sediment prior to vehicle exit.
- iv. Inlet protection measures** (see Part 2.2.10a). Where inlet protection measures are not required because the storm drain inlets to which your site discharges are conveyed to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control, include a short description of the control that receives the stormwater flow from the site.
- v. Sediment basins** (see Part 2.2.12). In circumstances where it is infeasible to utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface, include documentation to support this determination, including the specific conditions or time periods when this exception will apply.
- vi. Treatment chemicals** (see Part 2.2.13), you must include the following:
- (a) A listing of the soil types that are expected to be exposed during construction in areas of the project that will drain to chemical treatment systems. Also include a listing of soil types expected to be found in fill material to be used in these same areas, to the extent you have this information prior to construction;
 - (b) A listing of all treatment chemicals to be used at the site and why the selection of these chemicals is suited to the soil characteristics of your site;
 - (c) If the applicable EPA Regional Office authorized you to use cationic treatment chemicals for sediment control, include the specific controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic

treatment chemicals will not lead to a discharge that does not meet water quality standards;

- (d) The dosage of all treatment chemicals to be used at the site or the methodology to be used to determine dosage;
- (e) Information from any applicable Safety Data Sheet (SDS);
- (f) Schematic drawings of any chemically enhanced stormwater controls or chemical treatment systems to be used for application of the treatment chemicals;
- (g) A description of how chemicals will be stored consistent with Part 2.2.13c;
- (h) References to applicable State or local requirements affecting the use of treatment chemicals, and copies of applicable manufacturer's specifications regarding the use of your specific treatment chemicals and/or chemical treatment systems; and
- (i) A description of the training that personnel who handle and apply chemicals have received prior to permit coverage, or will receive prior to use of the treatment chemicals at your site.

vii. Stabilization measures (see Part 2.2.14). You must include the following:

- (a) The specific vegetative and/or non-vegetative practices that will be used;
- (b) The stabilization deadline that will be met in accordance with Part 2.2.14;
- (c) If complying with the deadlines for sites in arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas, the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally dry period (as defined in Appendix A)⁸⁹ and the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing vegetative stabilization; and
- (d) If complying with deadlines for sites affected by unforeseen circumstances that delay the initiation and/or completion of vegetative stabilization, document the circumstances and the schedule for initiating and completing stabilization.

viii. Spill prevention and response procedures (see Parts 1.3.5, 2.3.3c, 2.3.3d, and 2.3.6). You must include the following:

- (a) Procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up spills, leaks, and other releases. Identify the name or position of the employee(s) responsible for detection and response of spills or leaks; and
- (b) Procedures for notification of appropriate facility personnel, emergency response agencies, and regulatory agencies where a leak, spill, or other release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity consistent with Part 2.3.6 and established under either 40 CFR part 110, 40 CFR part 117, or 40 CFR part 302, occurs

⁸⁹ See footnote 44.

- ii. A description of the controls that will be used to meet such requirements.
 - e. To reflect any revisions to applicable Federal, State, Tribal, or local requirements that affect the stormwater controls implemented at the site; and
 - f. If applicable, if a change in chemical treatment systems or chemically enhanced stormwater control is made, including use of a different treatment chemical, different dosage rate, or different area of application.
- 7.4.2** You must maintain records showing the dates of all SWPPP modifications. The records must include the name of the person authorizing each change (see Part 7.2.9 above) and a brief summary of all changes.
- 7.4.3** All modifications made to the SWPPP consistent with Part 7.4 must be authorized by a person identified in Appendix G, Part G.11.b.
- 7.4.4** Upon determining that a modification to your SWPPP is required, if there are multiple operators covered under this permit, you must immediately notify any operators who may be impacted by the change to the SWPPP.

8 HOW TO TERMINATE COVERAGE

Until you terminate coverage under this permit, you must comply with all conditions and effluent limitations in the permit. To terminate permit coverage, you must submit to EPA a complete and accurate Notice of Termination (NOT), which certifies that you have met the requirements for terminating in Part 8.

8.1 MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIRED IN NOT

- 8.1.1** NPDES ID (i.e., *permit tracking number*) provided by EPA when you received coverage under this permit;
- 8.1.2** Basis for submission of the NOT (see Part 8.2);
- 8.1.3** Operator contact information;
- 8.1.4** Name of site and address (or a description of location if no street address is available); and
- 8.1.5** NOT certification.

8.2 CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATING CGP COVERAGE

You may terminate CGP coverage only if one or more of the conditions in Parts 8.2.1, 8.2.2, or 8.2.3 has occurred. Until your termination is effective consistent with Part 8.5, you must continue to comply with the conditions of this permit.

- 8.2.1** You have completed all construction activities at your site and, if applicable, construction support activities covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c), and you have met all of the following requirements:
- a. For any areas that (1) were disturbed during construction, (2) are not covered by permanent structures, and (3) over which you had control during the construction activities, you have met the requirements for final vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization in Part 2.2.14c.

To document that you have met these stabilization requirements, you must take either ground or aerial photographs that show your site's compliance with the Part 2.2.14 stabilization requirements and submit them with your NOT. If any portion of your

site is covered by one of the exceptions in Part 2.2.14c.iii, indicate which exception applies and include a supplementary explanation with your photographs that provides the necessary context for why this portion of the site is in compliance with the final stabilization criteria even though it appears to be unstabilized. You are not required to take photographs of every distinct part of your site that is being stabilized, however, the conditions of the site portrayed in any photographs that are submitted must be substantially similar⁹⁴ to those of the areas that are not photographed. You must also comply with the following related to these photographs:

- i. Take photographs both before and after the site has met the final stabilization criteria in Part 2.2.14c;
 - ii. All photographs must be clear and in focus, and in the original format and resolution; and
 - iii. Include the date each photograph was taken, and a brief description of the area of the site captured by the photograph (e.g., photo shows application of seed and erosion control mats to remaining exposed surfaces on northeast corner of site).
- b. You have removed and properly disposed of all construction materials, waste and waste handling devices, and have removed all equipment and vehicles that were used during construction, unless intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage;
 - c. You have removed all stormwater controls that were installed and maintained during construction, except those that are intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage or those that are biodegradable (as defined in Appendix A); and
 - d. You have removed all potential pollutants and pollutant-generating activities associated with construction, unless needed for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage; or

8.2.2 You have transferred control of all areas of the site for which you are responsible under this permit to another operator, and that operator has submitted an NOI and obtained coverage under this permit; or

8.2.3 Coverage under an individual or alternative general NPDES permit has been obtained.

8.3 HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOT

You must use EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) to electronically prepare and submit an NOT for the 2022 CGP.

To access NeT, go to <https://cdx.epa.gov/cdx>.

Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted as specified in Part 1.4.2. If the EPA Regional Office grants you approval to use a paper NOT, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in Appendix I.

⁹⁴ Stabilization conditions that are substantially similar would include areas that are using the same type of stabilization measures and that have similar slopes, soils, and topography, and have achieved the same level of stabilization.

8.4 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE NOT

You must submit an NOT within 30 calendar days after any one of the conditions in Part 8.2 occurs.

8.5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Your authorization to discharge under this permit terminates at midnight of the calendar day that a complete NOT is submitted to EPA.

9 PERMIT CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC STATES, INDIAN COUNTRY LANDS, OR TERRITORIES

The provisions in this Part provide additions to the applicable conditions of this permit to reflect specific additional conditions required as part of the State or Tribal CWA Section 401 certification process, or the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) certification process, or as otherwise established by the permitting authority. The specific additional revisions and requirements only apply to activities in those specific States, Indian country, and areas in certain States with Federal Facilities or areas subject to construction projects by Federal Operators. States, Indian country, and other areas not included in this Part do not have any additions to the applicable conditions of this permit.

9.1 EPA REGION 1**9.1.1 NHR100000 State of New Hampshire**

- a.** Should the permit coverage for an individual applicant be insufficient to achieve water quality standards, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) may prepare additional 401 certification conditions for that applicant. Any additional 401 certification conditions will follow all required NHDES public participation requirements.
- b.** If you disturb 100,000 square feet or more of contiguous area, you must also comply with RSA 485-A:17 and Env-Wq 1500, and, unless exempt, apply for an Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit from NHDES. This requirement also applies to a lower disturbance threshold of 50,000 square feet or more when construction occurs within the protected shoreline under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (see RSA 483-B and Env-Wq 1400). A permit application must also be filed if your project disturbs an area of greater than 2,500 square feet, is within 50 feet of any surface water, and has a flow path of 50 feet or longer disturbing a grade of 25 percent or greater. Project sites with disturbances smaller than those discussed above, that have the potential to adversely affect state surface waters, are subject to the conditions of an AoT General Permit by Rule (Env-Wq 1503.03).
- c.** You must determine that any excavation dewatering discharges are not contaminated before they will be authorized as an allowable non-stormwater discharge under this permit (see Part 1.2.2 of the Construction General Permit or CGP). In the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, the water is considered uncontaminated if there is no groundwater contamination within 1,000 feet of the groundwater dewatering location. Information on groundwater contamination can be generated over the Internet via the NHDES web site <http://des.nh.gov/> by using the One Stop Data Mapper. For a toxic substance included in the New Hampshire surface water quality standards, see Env-Wq 1703.21 (see <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/Env-Wg>

G.10.3.4 The individual(s) who performed the analyses;

G.10.3.5 The analytical techniques or methods used; and

G.10.3.6 The results of such analyses.

G.10.4 Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.

G.10.5 The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.

G.11 Signatory Requirements.

G.11.1 All applications, including NOIs and NOTs, must be signed as follows:

G.11.1.1 For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this subsection, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

G.11.1.2 For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

G.11.1.3 For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this subsection, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA).

G.11.2 Your SWPPP (including changes to your SWPPP inspection reports), corrective action log, turbidity monitoring report, site inspection and dewatering inspection reports, and any other compliance documentation required under this permit, must be signed by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1 above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

G.11.2.1 The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1;

G.11.2.2 The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental

matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

G.11.2.3 The signed and dated written authorization is included in the SWPPP. A copy must be submitted to EPA, if requested.

G.11.3 Changes to Authorization. If an authorization under this permit is no longer accurate because a different operator has responsibility for the overall operation of the construction site, a new NOI must be submitted to EPA. See Table 1 in Part 1.4.3 of the permit. However, if the only change that is occurring is a change in contact information or a change in the facility's address, the operator need only make a modification to the existing NOI submitted for authorization.

G.11.4 Any person signing documents in accordance with Appendix G, Subsections G.11.1 or G.11.2 above must include the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information contained therein. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information contained is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

G.11.5 For persons signing NOIs electronically, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements in Appendix G, Subsection G.11, such signatures must meet the same signature, authentication, and identity-proofing standards set forth at 40 CFR § 3.2000(b) for electronic reports (including robust second-factor authentication).

G.11.6 The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both.

G.12 Reporting Requirements.

G.12.1 Planned changes. You must give notice to EPA as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:

G.12.1.1 The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or

G.12.1.2 The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.42(a)(1).

G.12.2 Anticipated noncompliance. You must give advance notice to EPA of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

G.12.3 Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to EPA. Where a facility wants to change the name of the permittee, the original permittee (the first owner or operators) must submit a Notice of Termination pursuant to Part 8. The new