NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. GAR100001 V2018

NOTE: IF THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE CHANGES DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT, THE NEW PRIMARY PERMITTEE MUST SUBMIT COPIES OF THE NOI AND TO THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION.

I. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

REFER TO NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. GAR100001.

II. NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENTS

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III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS, MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERMIT VIOLATIONS AND OTHER LIMITATIONS

A. PROHIBITION ON NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART I.C.2, AND 11.A.3, ALL DISCHARGES COVERED BY THIS PERMIT SHALL BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF STORMWATER.
2. THE FOLLOWING NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THIS PERMIT PROVIDED THE NON-STORMWATER COMPONENT OF THE DISCHARGE IS EXPLICITLY LISTED IN THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH PART IV. (1) DISCHARGES FROM FIRE FIGHTING ACTIVITIES; (2) FLUSHING AND HYDROSTATIC TESTING WATER; (3) PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGES; (4) SPRINGS; (5) UNCONTAMINATED GROUND WATER AND FOUNDATION OR FOOTING DRAINS WHERE FLOWS ARE NOT CONTAMINATED WITH PRODUCTS OR RAW MATERIALS OR POLLUTANTS.
3. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE: THE DISCHARGE OF SOAPS OR SOLVENTS USED IN VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WASHING.
4. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER FROM WASHOUT AND CLEANOUT OF STUCCO PAINT, FORM RELEASE OILS, CURING COMPOUNDS AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

B. RELEASES IN EXCESS OF REPORTABLE QUANTITIES

1. THE DISCHARGE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR OIL IN THE STORMWATER DISCHARGE(S) FROM A SITE SHALL BE PREVENTED. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT RELIEVE THE PERMITTEE OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF 40 CFR PART 110 FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS OR RELEASES ACT (CCGA.A. §§ 12-14-2, ET SEQ.) 40 CFR PART 117 AND 40 CFR PART 302. WHERE A RELEASE CONTAINING A HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR EXCEEDING A REPORTABLE QUANTITY ESTABLISHED UNDER EITHER GEORGIA'S (O) OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS OR RELEASES ACT (CCGA.A. §§ 12-14-2, ET SEQ.) 40 CFR 117 OR 40 CFR 302 OCCURS DURING A 24-HOUR PERIOD, THE PERMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY EPD AT 404-656-4863 OR 888-241-4113 AND THE NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER (NRC) AT 800-424-8802 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF GEORGIA'S OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS OR RELEASES ACT (CCGA.A. §§ 12-14-2, ET SEQ.) 40 CFR 117 AND 40 CFR 302 AS SOON AS HE/SHE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISCHARGE.
2. THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES OR OIL RESULTING FROM AN ON-SITE SPILL.

C. DISCHARGES INTO, OR HYDROLOGICALLY INTERFACING WITH, ANY WATERS DESIGNATED AS A BEACH PURSUANT TO GEORGIA'S RULES

REFER TO EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL GENERAL NOTES SHEET FOR MORE INFORMATION.

D. MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PERMIT VIOLATION

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IV. EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN

CERTIFICATIONS

EROSION, SEDIMENTATION, AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN CERTIFICATION

(1)

I CERTIFY THAT THE PERMITTEE'S EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PROVIDES FOR AN APPROPRIATE AND COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES REQUIRED BY THE GEORGIA STORM WATER QUALITY CONTROL ACT AND THE GOVERNMENT MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA AS AMENDED BY THE GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED, PROVIDES FOR THE SAMPLING OF THE RECEIVING WATER(S) OR THE SAMPLING OF THE STORMWATER OUTFALLS AND THAT THE DESIGNED SYSTEM OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND SAMPLING METHODS IS EXPECTED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL NPDES PERMIT NO. GAR 100001.

(2)

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THAT THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED AFTER A SITE VISIT TO THE LOCATIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN BY MYSELF OR MY AUTHORIZED AGENT, UNDER MY SUPERVISION.

POLLUTION PREVENTION CERTIFICATION

THE STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN REFLECTS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES REQUIREMENTS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL. TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE, THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED BY A GEORGIA REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL (DESIGN PROFESSIONAL) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA, LATEST EDITION", PUBLISHED BY THE GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (GSWCC). AS NECESSARY AND APPLICABLE, STATE WATER BUFFER ENCROACHMENT VARIANCES, USACE WETLAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS, ETC., HAVE BEEN PREPARED, REVISED, AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES. THERE ARE NO OTHER APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT SITE PLANS OR PERMITS, OR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SITE PLANS OR PERMITS.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: REFER TO DATE ON PLAN

CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL: MICHAEL BREEDLOVE

GSWCC CERTIFICATION NO. #0000002565

EXPIRATION DATE: 12-02-2020

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.1.1.D BELOW, NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 25 FOOT BUFFER ALONG THE BANKS OF ALL STATE WATERS, AS MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM THE POINT WHERE VEGETATION HAS BEEN WRESTED BY NORMAL STREAM FLOW OR WAVE ACTION, EXCEPT WHERE THE DIRECTOR HAS DETERMINED TO ALLOW A VARIANCE THAT IS AT LEAST AS PROTECTIVE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. §§ 12-7-6. DURING CONSTRUCTION, NO STORMWATER CONVEYANCE DRAINAGE STRUCTURE THAT IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN A BUFFER UNLESS THE CONVEYANCE STRUCTURE IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT EROSION AND PROVIDES THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED IN THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE IMPLEMENTED ON ALONG ANY EPHEMERAL STREAM, OR WHERE BULKHEADS AND SEAWALLS MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT THE EROSION OF THE SHORELINE ON LAKE COVERS AND LAKE ENCLAVES, THE BUFFER SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:
   a. PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS;
   b. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR WATER LINES AND SEWER LINES, PROVIDED THAT THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER;
   c. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR UTILITY LINES OF ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTIONS OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTION 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
   d. BUFFER CROSSING FOR FENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER;
   e. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR AERIAL UTILITY LINES, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE NEW UTILITY LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH DOES NOT EXCEED 100 LINEAR FEET, (B) UTILITY LINES ARE ROUTED AND CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF STREAM CROSSINGS AND DISTURBANCES TO THE BUFFER, (C) ONLY TREES AND TREE DEBRIS ARE REMOVED FROM WITHIN THE BUFFER RESULTING IN ONLY MINOR SOIL EROSION (I.E. DISTURBANCE TO UNDERLYING VEGETATION IS MINIMIZED), AND (D) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE STREAM CROSSINGS WITH DETAILS OF THE BUFFER DISTURBANCE INCLUDING AREA AND LENGTH OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TIME OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, AND JUSTIFICATION;
   f. RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-LINES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDERTAKEN OR FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE GEORGIA HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OR THE STATE ROAD AND TOLLWAY AUTHORITY OR UNDERTAKEN BY ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 500 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
   g. RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-LINES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY BY ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTIONS 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 500 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
   h. MAINTENANCE (EXCLUDING DREDGING), REPAIR AND/OR UPGRADE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATERSHED DAMS WHICH ARE UNDER THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

II. NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 50 FOOT BUFFER, AS MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM THE POINT WHERE VEGETATION HAS BEEN WRESTED BY NORMAL STREAM FLOW OR WAVE ACTION, ALONG THE BANKS OF ANY STATE WATERS CLASSIFIED AS "TROUT STREAMS" EXCEPT WHEN APPROVAL IS GRANTED BY THE DIRECTION FOR A TENANT BUFFER REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, OR WHERE A ROADWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED, HOWEVER, THAT A 25 FOOT BUFFER SHALL APPLY FOR SMALL PERENNIAL STREAMS AND HEADWATERS (AVERAGE ANNUAL FLOW OF 25 GALLONS PER MINUTE OR LESS) SHALL HAVE A 25 FOOT BUFFER OR THEY MAY BE PIPED, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PERMITTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A RULE PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL VARIANCE PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING NOTIFICATION OF SUCH TO EPD AND THE LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY OF THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE PIPING AND PRESCRIBED METHODOLOGY FOR MINIMIZING THE IMPACT OF SUCH PIPING AND FOR MEASURING THE VOLUME OF WATER DISCHARGED BY THE STREAM. ANY SUCH PIPE MUST STOP SHORT OF THE DOWNSTREAM PERMITTEE'S PROPERTY, AND THE PERMITTEE MUST COMPLY WITH THE BUFFER REQUIREMENT FOR ANY ADJACENT TROUT STREAMS. THE BUFFER SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED:
   a. PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEM RESERVOIRS;
   b. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR WATER LINES AND SEWER LINES, PROVIDED THAT THE STREAM CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER;
   c. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR UTILITY LINES THAT CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER.
   d. ANY LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONTINUED MAINTENANCE TO DISTURBING PERMIT ISSUED SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL 22, 2014, PURSUANT TO DECEMBER 31, 2010.
   e. ANY LOT OF WHICH THE PRELIMINARY PLAT HAS BEEN APPROVED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2010 IF ROADWAYS, BRIDGES, OR CULVERTS ARE WHICH HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO BE NOT PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT AND IF THE REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN A 25 FOOT BUFFER WOULD CONSUME AT LEAST 50% OF THE HIGH GROUND OF THE PLATTED LOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT.
   f. BUFFER CROSSING FOR FENCES, PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSINGS OCCUR AT AN ANGLE, AS MEASURED FROM THE POINT OF CROSSING, WITHIN 25 DEGREES OF PERPENDICULAR TO THE STREAM AND CAUSE A WIDTH OF DISTURBANCE OF NOT MORE THAN 50 FEET WITHIN THE BUFFER AND NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER;
   g. STREAM CROSSINGS FOR AERIAL UTILITY LINES, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE NEW UTILITY LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH DOES NOT EXCEED 100 LINEAR FEET, (B) UTILITY LINES ARE ROUTED AND CONSTRUCTED SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF STREAM CROSSINGS AND DISTURBANCES TO THE BUFFER, (C) ONLY TREES AND TREE DEBRIS ARE REMOVED FROM WITHIN THE BUFFER RESULTING IN ONLY MINOR SOIL EROSION (I.E. DISTURBANCE TO UNDERLYING VEGETATION IS MINIMIZED), AND (D) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER. THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE STREAM CROSSINGS WITH DETAILS OF THE BUFFER DISTURBANCE INCLUDING AREA AND LENGTH OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TIME OF BUFFER DISTURBANCE, AND JUSTIFICATION;
   h. RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-LINES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDERTAKEN OR FINANCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE GEORGIA HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OR THE STATE ROAD AND TOLLWAY AUTHORITY OR UNDERTAKEN BY ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 500 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
   i. RIGHT-OF-WAY POSTS, GUY-LINES, ANCHORS, SURVEY MARKERS AND THE REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING UTILITY STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CURRENT RIGHT-OF-WAY BY ANY ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM OR ANY PUBLIC UTILITY UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, ANY UTILITY UNDER THE REGULATORY JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, ANY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM AS DEFINED IN CODE SECTIONS 36-18-1, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF POWER, PROVIDED THAT - (A) THE AREA OF LAND DISTURBANCE DOES NOT EXCEED 500 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (B) THE AREA OF BUFFER VEGETATION TO BE CUT DOES NOT EXCEED 1,000 SQUARE FEET PER STRUCTURE, (C) NATIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ANY BARE ON DISTURBED AREAS WITHIN THE BUFFER AND (D) THE ENTITY IS NOT A SECONDARY PERMITTEE FOR A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN A COMMON DEVELOPMENT OR SALE UNDER THIS PERMIT;
   j. MAINTENANCE (EXCLUDING DREDGING), REPAIR AND/OR UPGRADE OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT WATERSHED DAMS UNDER THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

III. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.1.1.D BELOW, NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A 25 FOOT BUFFER ALONG COASTAL MARSHLANDS, AS MEASURED HORIZONTALLY FROM A COASTAL MARSHLAND-UPLAND INTERFACE, AS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 4 OF ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE TITLE 12, THE COASTAL MARSHLANDS PROTECTION ACT OF 1970, AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO, EXCEPT WHERE THE DIRECTOR HAS DETERMINED TO ALLOW A VARIANCE THAT IS AT LEAST AS PROTECTIVE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF O.C.G.A. 12-7-6, OR WHERE OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 12-2-8, OR WHERE AN ALTERATION within THE BUFFER HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 12-5-286, FOR MAINTENANCE OF ANY CURRENTLY SERVICEABLE STRUCTURE, LANDSCAPING, OR HARDSCAPING, INCLUDING BRIDGES, ROADS, PARKING LOTS, GOLF COURSES, GOLF CART PATHS, INTAKING STRUCTURES, AND PIERS, PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE IMPLEMENTED, OR WHERE A DRAINAGE STRUCTURE OR ROADWAY DRAINAGE STRUCTURE IS CONSTRUCTED OR MAINTAINED, PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. ACTIVITIES AND PURPOSES ARE NOT EXEMPT IF ANY CONCEIVABLE PROJECT INVOLVING THE SAME OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AT THE SAME LOCATION WOULD NOT BE EXEMPT. EXAMPLES OF EXEMPT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE NORMAL MAINTENANCE OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE STRUCTURE OR ANY PRESENTLY SERVICEABLE STRUCTURE, ROAD, OR DRAINAGE STRUCTURE. ACTIVITIES NOT EXEMPT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RESIDENCE OR OTHER BUILDING ON UNDEVELOPED LAND, SUCH AS A PREVIOUSLY FORESTED PARCEL OR A FIELD. EXPANSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACES ARE NOT EXEMPT. MAINTENANCE ANY MANMADE STORMWATER DETENTION BASINS, GOLF COURSE POND, OR IMPOUNDMENT THAT IS LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE PROPERTY OF A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION PROVIDED THAT ADEQUATE EROSION CONTROL MEASURES ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ARE IMPLEMENTED. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED ABOVE, FOR BUFFERS INSTALLED PURSUANT TO PART IV(II) AND (III) NO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN A BUFFER SHALL REMAIN IN ITS NATURAL, UNDISTURBED, STATE OF VEGETATION UNTIL ALL LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ON THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ARE COMPLETED. DURING COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT, A BUFFER CANNOT BE THINNED OR TRIMMED OF VEGETATION UNLESS A PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING TENTH OR LOCAL ISSUING AUTHORITY AND A VARIANCE GRANTED PURSUANT TO PART IV.A.4.A. IN ADDITION, THE BUFFER SHALL BE REPLANTED WHERE NATIVE VEGETATION IS RE-ESTABLISHED WITHIN 3 MONTHS AND PROTECTED FROM ENCROACHMENT ON THE BUFFER AND ON THE STREAM BANK OR MARSH.

THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL INCLUDE ALL VARIANCES TO BUFFER REQUIREMENTS AND SHALL DESCRIBE AND ACCOUNT FOR ALL ANTICIPATED BUFFER DISTURBANCES BOTH DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION. NO ACTIVITIES SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A BUFFER UNTIL ALL BUFFERS DESIGNATED FOR THE APPLICABLE PHASE OF THE PROJECT ARE CLEARLY MARKED AND FENCED OR FLAGGED TO AVOID ENCROACHMENT. THE PERMITTEE SHALL ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRACTICES WHICH SHALL BE USED TO REDUCE THE POLLUTANTS IN STORMWATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE (MEP). THE MEP CLAUSE PERMITTEE MUST IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN UNLESS MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE WITH APPROVAL OR A CONDITION OF PERMIT.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.A.2, A SINGLE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN MUST BE PREPARED BY THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE FOR THE STAND ALONE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

A. DEADLINES FOR PLAN PREPARATION AND COMPLIANCE

1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PART IV.A.2, AND PART IV.A.3, BELOW, NO CONSTRUCTION OR POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE NOI AND PRIOR TO CONDUCTING ANY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND PERMITTEE.
2. FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT BEGIN ON OR BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT AND WERE SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PREVIOUS PERMIT, THE PERMITTEE(S) SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE UNDER THE LOGISTICS THAT WERE IN PLACE UNDER THE PREVIOUS PERMIT.
3. FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES THAT BEGIN AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT, THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE THE PLAN FOR THAT PHASE OF THE STAND ALONE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT BEGINS WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE'S/BOTH PERMITTEES' SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PLAN ON OR BEFORE THE DAY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

B. SIGNATURE AND PLAN REVIEW

1. THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL BE SIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARTIV IV, AND BE RETAINED ON THE SITE (OR, IF NOT POSSIBLE, AT A READILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION) SINCE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES BEGIN AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART IV.C OF THIS PERMIT.
2. THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL MAKE PLANS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO THE EPD, TO DESIGNATED OFFICIALS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWING SOIL EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS, AND TO ANY OPERATOR OF A LARGE OR MEDIUM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WHICH DISCHARGES THROUGH A MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM WITH AN NPDES PERMIT, TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM.
3. EPD MAY NOTIFY THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE AT ANY TIME THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PART. WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF SUCH NOTIFICATION (OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY EPD), THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL MAKE THE REQUIRED CHANGES TO THE PLAN AND SHALL SUBMIT TO EPD EITHER THE AMENDED PLAN OR A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION THAT THE REQUESTED CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE.

C. KEEPING PLANS CURRENT

THE PRIMARY PERMITTEE SHALL AMEND THEIR PLAN WHENEVER THERE IS A CHANGE IN DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE, WHICH HAS A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON BMPS WITH A HYDRAULIC COMPONENT THE ERODE BMPS WHERE THE DESIGN IS BASED UPON RAINFALL INTENSITY, DURATION AND RETURN FREQUENCY OF STORMS) OR IF THE PLAN PROVES TO BE INEFFECTIVE IN ELIMINATING OR SIGNIFICANTLY MINIMIZING POLLUTANTS FROM SOURCES IDENTIFIED UNDER PART IV.D.3. AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MUST BE CERTIFIED BY A DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AS PROVIDED IN THIS PERMIT.

D. CONTENTS OF PLANS

THE EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN SHALL INCLUDE, AS A MINIMUM, BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, INCLUDING SOUND CONSERVATION AND ENGINEERING PRACTICES TO PREVENT AND MINIMIZE EROSION AND RESULTANT SEDIMENTATION, WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH, AND NO LESS STRINGENT, THAN, THOSE PRACTICES CONTAINED IN THE "MANUAL FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL IN GEORGIA" (MANUAL) AS AMENDED UP TO THE DATE OF APPROVAL OF THE PLAN. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. CHECKLIST

   THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED EROSION, SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN CHECKLIST ESTABLISHED BY THE GEORGIA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION (GSWCC) AS OF JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY WAS PERMITTED AND AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICABLE CHECKLIST AS APPROVED BY THE GSWCC UP UNTIL THE DATE OF THE NOI SUBMITTAL. THE APPLICABLE CHECKLISTS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GACONSERVATION.GOV.

(A) 2. SITE DESCRIPTION

   (1) A SITE-SPECIFIC PLAN SHALL PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF POLLUTANT SOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS INDICATED:
   a. DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
   b. PROJECT PURPOSE: FOR EXAMPLE, A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH PARKING, DRIVE AREAS, PLAY FIELDS AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES. THE EXISTING AREA OF DISTURBANCE IS MOSTLY WOODED WITH SOME OPEN GRASS AREAS AND A FEW AREAS WITH IMPERVIOUS IMPROVEMENTS.
   (A) b. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AND SCHEDULE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES WHICH DISTURB SOILS FOR MAJOR PORTIONS OF THE SITE (I.E. INITIAL SEDIMENT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND PERIMETER BMPS, CLEARING AND GRUBBING ACTIVITIES, EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES, GRADING ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE ACTIVITIES, IMPLEMENTATION AND FINAL STABILIZATION ACTIVITIES)
   (2) c. SITE DISTURB