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SUBJECT Signatory Requirements for ESPCPs

This is to clarify the signatory requirements for Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plans (ESPCP) required for GDOT projects subject to the provisions of Georgia's [NPDES General Permit No. GAR10002](#).

The education and certification requirements for individuals qualified to sign ESPCPs are established by the Official Code of Georgia [O.C.G.A. § 12-7-19](#), and are defined by the Georgia Soil Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) in [Section 600-8-1](#) of the *RULES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION*. Signatory requirements for ESPCP are defined by the Georgia EPD in Parts IV.B and C, and V.G of the General Permit.

In accordance with the above regulations, the following protocol has been established for the signing of ESPCPs for GDOT projects:

1. ESPCPs for projects requiring NOI must be signed (certified) by a GSWCC Level II Certified Design Professional. A "Design Professional means a professional licensed by the State of Georgia in the field of engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, forestry, geology, or land surveying or a person that is a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) and certified by the Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control Inc."
2. Consistent with agreement between GDOT and EPD, the signature, seal, and Level II certification number are required on the ESPCP Cover Sheet only.
3. The GDOT Chief Engineer stamps, signs, and includes their Level II certification number on the completed ESPCP Cover Sheet prior to submission of final plans to the Office of Construction Bidding Administration (CBA). This includes in-house prepared and consultant prepared ESPCPs. Consultants must sign, seal and certify the ESPCP Cover Sheet prior to certification by the GDOT Chief Engineer.
4. Subsequent revisions to the ESPCP must be certified (on the ESPCP Cover Sheet Revision Block) by the Level II Certified Design Professional in responsible charge of the revision. The ESPCP must be amended whenever there is a change in the design, construction, operation, or maintenance that has a significant effect on BMPs having a "hydraulic component" – refer to Part IV.C of the General Permit. BMPs with a "hydraulic component" can be defined as requiring hydrologic analyses for design.
5. The contractor is responsible for preparing supplemental ESPCPs for construction activities that are not defined in the ESPCP (e.g., staging). In these cases, the contractor is required to have a Level II Certified Design Professional prepare, sign and certify the supplemental ESPCP.

If you have any questions about this protocol, please contact the Office of Design Policy & Support, Roadway Hydraulics Group, at (404) 631-1978.

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