



The City of Clarksville has recently made revisions to the existing Storm Water Management Manual to address current and upcoming U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) requirements relating to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and Construction General Permit (CGP). Included in these revisions is a new **Erosion Prevention & Sediment Control (EPSC) Plan for Small Lots** form. After January 1st, 2015, this form will become part of the Building Permit Application and will be required from anyone conducting land-disturbing activities. A building permit **WILL NOT BE ISSUED** until this form is filled out completely.

As part of the Building Permit application process, applicants will be asked to provide the TDEC Construction General Permit Tracking Number associated with the project in question. Coverage under the CGP is required by TDEC for operators of construction sites involving clearing, grading, filling or excavating that results in an area of disturbance of one or more acres. Projects or developments of less than one acre of land disturbance are required to obtain coverage under this permit if the construction activities at the site are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that comprise at least one acre of land disturbance. Please note this rule **does not** apply to construction activities which received construction plan approval prior to March 10, 2003.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Why do I have to do this? Coverage under the CGP is required by TDEC and the City of Clarksville's MS4 permit. Failure to obtain CGP coverage constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act and/or the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act.
2. I am unfamiliar with the CGP and the process for obtaining coverage. Where can I find more information?

The following TDEC website contains information regarding the application process, applicable forms, fees, copies of permits and example documents.

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/permits/conststrm.shtml>

You can also obtain information through the Clarksville Street Department website at <http://www.cityofclarksville.com/index.aspx?page=179> and under the Storm water tab at <http://www.cityofclarksville.com/index.aspx?page=774>. You can also contact the Street Department with specific questions.

3. How do I obtain coverage under the CGP for my project or lots?
 - a) Obtain coverage as a primary operator by submitting a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) form, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and appropriate application fee to the TDEC Nashville Field Office.
 - b) Sign on as a secondary operator (contractor) under the site's existing permit coverage which is typically held by the primary owner/developer. Applicants choosing this option will need to sign the existing NOI form and submit the form and the appropriate fee to the TDEC Nashville Environmental Field Office.

4. Where can I obtain a new NOI form or a copy of the existing form?

New NOI forms can be accessed and printed through the TDEC website under the Form Description section at the following link:

<http://www.tn.gov/environment/permits/conststrm.shtml>.

Existing NOI forms can be obtained through contacting the current owner/developer of the site or by accessing the TDEC Water Quality Dataviewer at the following link:

http://www.tn.gov/environment/water/water-quality_dataviewer.shtml. The dataviewer allows you to search for specific sites in order to determine permit status, access certain permit documents and site specific information.

5. How do I determine if my lot(s) are part of a larger common plan of development?

Check with the original or current owner/developer or Clarksville Montgomery County Regional Planning Commission.

6. I understand the requirements of the CGP and do not feel that I need coverage under this permit. What should I write in the TDEC Permit Tracking Number area of the EPSC Plan for Small Lots form?

Builders who do not need a TDEC CGP can write N/A in the TDEC Permit Tracking Number area and the Clarksville Street Department will verify. N/A should only be used in cases where the lot is NOT part of a larger common plan of development or when the lot or subdivision received construction plan approval prior to March 10, 2003.

Please feel free to contact Ashlie Farmer or Jeff Bryant at the City of Clarksville Street Department with storm water related questions or comments.



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