

Land

*Express Option**

Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate of Approval

What Activities Require This Plan Approval? Any land-disturbing activity covering one acre or more, except certain agricultural activities which include production of plants or animals for the benefit of man, mining, reclamation of converted wetlands back to wetlands from agricultural use, and forestry activities conducted in accordance with N.C. Forest Practice Guidelines related to water quality.

What Is The Purpose of This Plan Approval? To provide protective measures to vulnerable areas in developments against accelerated (man-made) erosion and sedimentation that damages adjoining properties, streams and other water resources of the state.

Who Issues This Plan Approval? Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources.

How Much Will This Plan Approval Cost? Fee: \$65 per acre. The fee is calculated by rounding the disturbed acreage up to the next whole acre and then multiplying this acreage figure by \$65. For example:
4.08 acres = 5 acres x \$65/per acre = \$325 is the correct review fee.

What Are My Payment Options for Plan Approval Application Fees? Business, Personal or Cashier's Check or money orders are currently accepted payment methods. DEQ is currently working on a system to allow for electronic payment. When this option is available, DEQ will give notice of when and how to take advantage of this system.

If Paying by Check, to Whom Do I Make the Check Payable and Where Do I Send the Check? The check should be made out to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (DEMLR) and the check should be sent to the DEMLR Regional Office which oversees the area in which the project will take place. Please visit the [Regional Offices map webpage](#).

Where Can I Get The Application For This Plan Approval? Not applicable. However, the required financial/responsibility ownership form and checklist may be found at the following:
<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/erosion-sediment-control/forms>.

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? 30 calendar days (upon receipt of a complete application package) unless the responsible party takes advantage of the Express Permitting option. This option requires meetings prior to submittal and final reviews are generally negotiated and completed within a 3 to 5 day review period (upon receipt of a complete application).

Where Do I Submit My Application? Complete application packages should be sent to the appropriate regional office in your area. Click on the following link for regional office contact information:
<http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/contact-demlr> (scroll down to the DEMLR Regional Office Contacts)

How Long Is My Plan Approval or License or Certificate Valid? Three years if no land-disturbing activity has been undertaken.

Notes/Comments: Erosion control plans must be submitted at least 30 days prior to beginning a land-disturbing activity and the plans must be approved prior to beginning the activity.

* The express permitting option is available for this Plan Approval type. This option offers quicker review times than the standard traditional review process. [Learn more](#) about express permitting.

Legal Authority/Statute Reference: GS 113A-50 thru GS 113A-66.

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Statewide Contact Information:

NC Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

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