



Construction Stormwater Permitting

The City of Cookeville implemented its Construction Stormwater Permitting Qualified Local Program (QLP) on February 1, 2013. The City of Cookeville's MS4 jurisdictional Stormwater Management Program is an approved QLP for construction site stormwater runoff with TDEC and has met the QLP minimum program requirements related to stormwater discharges associated with construction activity.

Proposed new development and re-development construction activity within the City's jurisdiction can obtain a notice of coverage from the City's QLP to authorize the operator of the construction activity to discharge stormwater associated with construction activity under the NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) without submittal of an NOI to TDEC.

Any proposed project within the City Limits that will disturb **more than one acre** of land will be required to obtain Construction Stormwater Permit Coverage from the City of Cookeville Public Works Department which is the responsible department for implementation and enforcement of the QLP and MS4 programs.

Submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) application form as provided on the City Stormwater Management website is required. Section 14-502 of the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance outlines all documentation that is required for submittal along with the NOI application and any permit fees and warranties. This includes but is not limited to signed NOI form, SWPPP report, signed SWPPP certification, Civil project plans, hydraulic calculations, etc. Civil project plans should include erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC) plans, site plans, and grading and drainage plans.

Upon submittal, the City will review to make sure that a complete package has been submitted and request additional information if required. Once the application package is complete, the City will review the application and issue coverage under the NPDES Construction General Permit. The

City will assign a TNQ permit tracking number to the project and issue a Notice of Coverage (NOC) that must be posted onsite. The city will perform monthly site inspections at a minimum. The permit holder will be required to perform twice weekly site inspections in accordance with TDEC regulations. Once the work is completed and the site has reached 75% stabilization, the permit holder will submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to the City of Cookeville to terminate the Construction General Permit (CGP) coverage.

Any proposed project within the City Limits that will disturb **less than one acre** of land will be required to obtain a Grading Permit from the City of Cookeville Public Works Department.

Submission of a Grading Permit application form as provided at the Public Works Department office is required. Section 14-502 of the City's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance outlines all documentation that is required for submittal along with the Grading Permit application and any permit fees and warranties. This includes but is not limited to signed Grading Permit form, a small lot erosion and sediment control plan, Civil project plans, hydraulic calculations, etc.

Upon submittal, the City will review to make sure that a complete package has been submitted and request additional information if required. Once the application package is complete, the City will review the application and issue the small lot Grading Permit coverage. The City will assign a GP permit tracking number to the project and issue a Grading Permit that must be posted onsite. The city will perform monthly site inspections at a minimum.

Necessary forms for Construction Stormwater Permitting are located on the City of Cookeville Website. Any comments or questions should be directed to the City of Cookeville Public Works Department at 931-520-5249.