

**PROJECT ASSESSMENT**  
**PROCEDURE BULLETIN**

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**SUBJECT: SWPPP & NPDES**

**This Bulletin applies only to projects going to construction prior to March 10, 2003.** See Project Assessment Procedure Bulletin # 02-002 for projects going to construction on or after March 10, 2003. When referring to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and/or the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) the following language should be included in the Project Assessment (Section D - DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERATIONS) as appropriate:

**STATE FUNDED PROJECTS:**

**LESS THAN FIVE ACRES OF LAND IS DISTURBED:**

Because less than five acres of land will be disturbed, a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit will not be required; however, this project will be reviewed, during design, by the Roadside Development Section to determine if a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan(SWPPP) is required.

**GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO FIVE ACRES OF LAND IS DISTURBED:**

Because more than five acres of land will be disturbed, a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit will be required and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be required.

**FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS:**

**LESS THAN FIVE ACRES OF LAND IS DISTURBED:**

Because less than five acres of land will be disturbed, a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit will not be required; however, in accordance with Federal Regulation 23 CFR Part 650, Subpart B, construction projects that are federally funded shall provide design features to reduce erosion and minimize sedimentation during and after construction when applicable. This project will be reviewed during design by the Roadside Development Section to determine if a Storm Water Erosion/ Sedimentation Plan will be required as part of the project plans.

**GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO FIVE ACRES OF LAND IS DISTURBED:**

Because more than five acres of land will be disturbed, a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit will be required and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be required.