



Designation of “Responsible Land Disturber” for permit _____ at _____

All applicants for permits involving Land Disturbing activities must provide the name of a “Responsible Land Disturber” (“RLD”) prior to the permit being issued.

I, (printed name of “RLD”) _____, hold a certificate of competency*, as provided for by §10.1-561 of the State Regulations, and will be in charge of and responsible for carrying out all activities related to the land disturbing activity regulated by this permit application. Upon failure to comply with the requirements of §10.1-566, I acknowledge that I shall be subject to the penalties provided by §10.1-569 of the State Regulations. I will advise the E&S Administrator immediately and in writing upon my replacement as “RLD”.

* The holder of a valid Virginia Professional Engineer, Land Surveyor, Landscape Architect or Architect License who is also involved in site design and land disturbance, or possession of any of the other DCR certifications are acceptable alternative certifications for this purpose.

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| “RLD”'s signature | | Date “RLD” signed | |
| “RLD”'s license # or Certificate of Competency # | “RLD”'s license or certificate type | “RLD”'s telephone number | “RLD”'s fax number |
| “RLD”'s mailing address | | | |

Land Disturbing activity is defined as: (**Sec. 13-121. Definitions, Code of the City of Richmond.**)...any land change including, but not limited to clearing, grading, excavating, transporting and filling of land, or other construction activities which would disturb the natural vegetation or the existing contours of the land, which may result in soil erosion from water or wind and the movement of sediments into public or private storm drainage facilities.

Land-disturbing activity shall not include:

- (1) Minor land-disturbing activities such as home gardens and individual home landscaping;
- (2) Individual service connections;
- (3) Construction, installation or maintenance of electric and telephone utility lines (when general erosion and sediment control specifications approved annually by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board are followed);
- (4) Installation, maintenance, or repair of any underground public utility lines when such activity occurs on an existing hard surfaced road, street, alley or sidewalk provided the land-disturbing activity is confined to the area of the road, street, alley or sidewalk which is hard surfaced;
- (5) Septic tank lines or drainage fields unless located within a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area or unless included in an overall plan for land-disturbing activity relating to construction of a building to be served by the septic tank system;
- (6) Surface or deep mining;
- (7) Exploration or drilling for oil and gas including the well site roads, feeder lines and off-site disposal areas;
- (8) Tilling, planting, or harvesting of agricultural, horticultural, or forest crops, or livestock feedlot operations; including agricultural engineering operations but not limited to the construction of terraces, terrace outlets, check dams, desilting basins, dikes, ponds not required to comply with the Dam Safety Act, (Code of Virginia, § 62.1-115.1 et seq.), ditches, strip cropping, lister furrowing, contour cultivating, contour furrowing, land drainage and land irrigation;
- (9) Construction (when general erosion and sediment control specifications approved annually by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board are followed);
- (10) Repair or rebuilding of the tracks, right-of-way, bridges, communication facilities and other related structures and facilities of a railroad company;
- (11) ~~Preparation for single-family residences separately built and not in a Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area, unless in conjunction with multiple construction in subdivision development;~~ **[Virginia E&S Regulations no longer exempt these single-family residences]**
- (12) Individual noncommercial tracts of land of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet which do not exceed two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet disturbed within Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas;
- (13) Alterations or additions to existing facilities where the disturbed area will not exceed four thousand (4,000) square feet or two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet disturbed within Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas;
- (14) Installation of fence and sign posts or telephone and electric poles and other kinds of posts or poles;
- (15) Shore erosion control projects on tidal waters recommended by the soil and water conservation district in which the projects are located or approved by the Marine Resources Commission;
- (16) Emergency work to protect life, limb or property, and emergency repairs; provided that if the land-disturbing activity would have required an approved erosion and sediment control plan, if the activity were not an emergency, then the land area disturbed shall be shaped and stabilized in accordance with the requirements of this article.