



# POLICY

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## **DE POL – 4005 Alternative Process for Determining Construction Site Sediment Damage Potential.**

Pierce County's Phase 1 Municipal Stormwater Permit, Section S5.C5.b.vi., requires inspection prior to clearing and construction for all permitted development sites that meet the thresholds in S5.C.5.b.i., and that have a high potential for sediment transport as determined through plan review based on definitions and requirements in Appendix 7.

Appendix 7- Determining Construction Site Sediment Damage Potential states:

Permittees may use the rating system or develop an alternative process designed to identify site-specific features which indicate the site must be inspected prior to clearing and construction. Any alternative evaluation process must be documented and provide for equivalent environmental review.

### **Alternative Process.**

The Development Engineering Division has adopted the following alternative process for determining construction site sediment damage potential to address impacts to identified sediment/erosion sensitive features discussed in Appendix 7:

1). All projects which require an engineered abbreviated plan review process in accordance with the Pierce County Stormwater Management and Site Development Manual, Ordinance 2008-59s/Title 17A, Table 3.1, due to proposed development activity in or near the following areas shall require inspection prior to permit issuance:

- Critical area (wetland, fish and wildlife, potential flood, landslide, erosion, mine or seismic hazard areas) or associated buffers/management areas as regulated under Development Regulations-Critical Areas Title 18E.
- Development activity within a drainage course or drainage channel.
- Projects which require special grading controls.

2). All projects which require a drainage control plan review process due to proposed development activity exceeding thresholds covered under Table 3.1.

**Inspection Process:**

3). Project permit applications meeting the above thresholds shall be routed to the Development Engineering Inspection Work Unit for preliminary inspection prior to permit issuance. Staff shall inspect the project site to assess potential sediment discharge impacts, and complete a standard inspection report form. All inspection documentation shall be provided to the review engineer and be used in the review process to establish necessary site mitigation to ensure protection of sediment/erosion sensitive features.