



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**Fact Sheet: General Permit #3-9001 for Stormwater Runoff from Large Construction Sites**

- WHY** Sediment runoff rates from construction sites are typically 1,000 to 2,000 times greater than those from forested areas. During a short period of time, construction activity can contribute more sediment to our streams than can be deposited naturally over several decades, causing physical, chemical, and biological harm to our waters. The development of an erosion prevention and sediment control plan helps to protect water quality by preventing the discharge of sediment from construction sites, minimizing the extent and duration of soil disturbance, maintaining existing drainage ways and vegetation, and protecting riparian buffer areas from disturbance.
- WHO** Any construction project that disturbs five or more acres of soil, including any disturbance of less than five acres which is part of a larger common plan (i.e. a residential subdivision) that will result in a total of five or more acres of disturbance is required to obtain authorization to discharge stormwater runoff from the construction site. Clearing in preparation of construction is considered a construction activity and authorization must be granted prior to clearing.
- WHAT** Authorization to discharge stormwater runoff from a construction site under Construction General Permit 3-9001(2003) requires the development, submittal, and implementation of an erosion prevention and sediment control plan.
- WHEN** Ideally, 30 days prior to the commencement of construction activity.
- WHERE**
- An application can be obtained from:

**VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
 WATER QUALITY DIVISION, STORMWATER SECTION**  
 10 North, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408

**CONTACT:** Stormwater Hot Line: 802 241-4320

**WEB ADDRESS:** [http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater/htm/sw\\_cgp.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater/htm/sw_cgp.htm)
- HOW** Develop the Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plan according to the EPSC checklist, complete the Notice of Intent (NOI) application form, send NOI and a copy of the Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control Plan and a fee of \$300 to the address listed above. The checklist, permit, and all forms can be found at:  
[http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater/htm/sw\\_cgp.htm](http://www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater/htm/sw_cgp.htm)