

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

To: Consultants for Howard County

From: Howard Soil Conservation District  
Robert Ensor, District Manager

Subject: 2011 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) formally adopted new erosion and sediment control regulations on January 9, 2012. The new regulations will improve erosion and sediment control practices across the state, improve water quality of construction site runoff, and help in Chesapeake Bay restoration.

Please note the following “grandfathering” conditions are consistent with MDE regulations and with the policies of the Howard Soil Conservation District:

\*consultants are encouraged to begin using the 2011 Maryland Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control....(2011 specs).

\*after January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Howard District will consider only those new plans using the 2011 specs as correct.

\*plans that do not have approval from the Howard District by January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 must apply the 2011 specs, i.e., if a plan has been reviewed but not approved by January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the new specs must be used if the plan is submitted to the District after January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 seeking final approval.

\*all revisions to previously approved plans seeking “updated signature” or “redline revisions” must use the soil stabilization specifications provided in the 2011 specs regardless of date of approval.

\*plans having received approval prior to January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 but grading has not commenced by January 9, 2015, will be required to meet the 2011 specs, i.e., grading may not begin until the plan is resubmitted to the District with proposed controls meeting the 2011 specs.