

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 23.2, ARTICLE IV OF COUNTY CODE

DEQ made the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulation (VESMR) effective July 1st. The proposed County Code changes mirror the state model ordinance. Virginia made the changes to the previous ordinances to:

1. Consolidate the Virginia E&S and SWM Regulations into one Ordinance as Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulation (VESMR).
2. Eliminate existing redundancies and inconsistencies in E&S and SWM regulations.
3. There is no substantive change, and it is just a complete rewrite.

Some of the proposed changes to the County Code are:

1. Farm Buildings. A farm building or structure on a parcel of land with a total impervious cover percentage, including the impervious cover from the farm building or structure to be constructed, of less than five percent. In these situations, the County may execute an Agreement in lieu of a Soil Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Plan.

One major change stemming from this regulatory action is the creation of Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP) authority. VESMP replaces the individual Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP) and Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) authorities. Prince William County will be the VESMP Authority.