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September 18, 2024

Ms. Shelley Bains, VCCO
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Re: Standards and Specifications (S&S) Agreement for Virginia Community College System (VCCS)
S&S Agreement No. SS044

Transmitted electronically: sbains@vccs.edu

Dear Ms. Bains,

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the VCCS Standards and Specifications (S&S) for Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) and Stormwater Management (SWM), dated July 1, 2024 and received by the DEQ Office of Stormwater Management on July 8, 2024. The S&S Agreement is deemed approved for ESC and SWM pursuant to the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act (§ 62.1-44.15:24 et seq.) and associated regulations (9VAC25-875-10 et seq.).

Approval of Standards and Specifications by DEQ does not relieve the owner or operator of the duty to comply with other applicable local, state or federal ordinances or regulations. Additionally, approval of this S&S is set to expire five (5) years from the date of this document on September 18, 2029 unless otherwise specified by DEQ or where there are changes requiring DEQ review and approval.

Please note that the approved S&S for ESC and SWM are subject to the following requirements:

1. Variance, waiver, and exception requests must be submitted to DEQ separately from the July 1, 2024 S&S document. DEQ may require project-specific plans associated with requests to be submitted for review and approval.
2. Electronic notification must be sent to DEQ at least two weeks prior to the initiation of any land-disturbing activities subject to approved S&S. Notifications shall be submitted via email to: standardsandspecs@deq.virginia.gov.
 - 1) Project name and any associated Construction General Permit number;
 - 2) Project location (including nearest intersection, latitude and longitude, or access point);
 - 3) On-site project manager name and contact information;
 - 4) Responsible Land Disturber (RLD) name and contact information;
 - 5) Project description;
 - 6) Acreage of disturbance for the project;
 - 7) Anticipated project start and finish dates; and
 - 8) Any deviations/variances/exceptions/waivers associated with the project.

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3. In addition to the two weeks prior land disturbance notification described above, a semiannual linear project tracking report of all active projects, including acreage, initiated under this S&S agreement shall be submitted via email to standardsandspecs@deq.virginia.gov by January 15th and July 15th of each year through the duration of this approval, including ongoing, previously reported projects.
4. ESC and SWM plans must be reviewed by DEQ-Certified Plan Reviewers. VCCS, as the S&S holder, retains the authority to approve plans and must do so in writing. Should VCCS, as an S&S holder, contract with a third-party to fulfill the plan review function, the certified third-party Plan Reviewer may recommend approval of the plan, but final approval must come from VCCS, as the S&S holder.

To ensure compliance with approved S&S for ESC and SWM, and the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Act and attendant regulation, DEQ staff will conduct random site inspections, respond to complaints, and provide on-site technical assistance with specific ESC and SWM measures and plan implementation.

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt within which to appeal this decision by filing a notice of appeal in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia with the Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

To ensure an efficient exchange and response to inquiries, DEQ Central Office is your primary point of contact. Central Office staff will coordinate with our Regional Office staff as appropriate. Please contact Tony Angueira at (804)-584-6265 or antony.angueira@virginia.deq.gov if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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