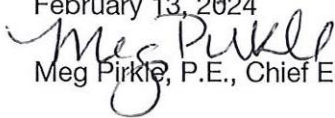




## Interoffice Memo

**Date:** February 13, 2024  
**From:**   
Meg Pirkle, P.E., Chief Engineer  
**Company:** GDOT Divisions/Offices  
**Subject:** Submission of Erosion Control Plans to EPD

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is tasked with the review and approval of erosion control plans per the Georgia Water Quality Control Act. Formerly, the submittal of Erosion Control Plans to EPD occurred ten (10) weeks prior to the let date in preparation for the Notice to Proceed (NTP) to the selected contractor. The Department has experienced an increase in the number of projects in the last few years. Quality and the number of reviews are concerns that have elongated the process and affected resources for both Departments.

To address these concerns, plans needed for the Stream Buffer Variance Applications must be submitted at lockdown, which is thirty-eight (38) weeks prior to letting for Individual Permits and at thirty-one (31) weeks for Nationwide/Regional Permits. The plan preparer must be a Level II Design Professional and is required to visit the project site. The [ESPC Plans Review QA Form](#) has been added to the Final Field Plan Review (FFPR) Checklist and requires the signature of an independent Level II Design Professional. Along with the “No Review” guidance issued by EPD, these changes were implemented to improve plan quality and adherence to project schedules.

The Department has also revised the Letting Schedule for Processing Projects to move the EPD submittal date to eighteen (18) weeks before the let date. This provides EPD eight (8) additional weeks for review and approval of submittals prior to letting. The NOI will continue to be submitted to the Office of Bidding Administration with the PS&E package 10 weeks prior to letting.

The Project Manager (PM) will now be responsible for submission of erosion control plans to EPD, using the web-based portal, goPost. This software provides a fully electronic submission and approval process. An EPD e-mail attached to this letter provides additional information and links to training videos. This process applies only to new reviews, which means that reviews initiated with hard copy plans must continue with hard copy plan submittals through the final EPD review.

The electronic submission process was implemented by EPD on February 1, 2024. If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Nesbitt ([knesbitt@dot.ga.gov](mailto:knesbitt@dot.ga.gov)) with the Office of Program Delivery. Thank you.

Attachment: EPD e-mail, Electronic ESPCP Submittals; Erosion Control Plan Submission Timeline

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**Subject:** Electronic ESPCP Submittals (beginning February 1, 2024)

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On February 1, 2024, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will begin accepting electronic Erosion Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan (ESPCP) submittals for new projects\* through the goPost software. GoPost is a web-based portal that will allow the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to submit the ESPCP electronically and will provide a direct link to the EPD plan reviewers using the e-Plan software. GoPost is the only system accepting electronic ESPCP submittals. Do not send via email.

\*ESPCP reviews that have been initiated as hard copy must continue to be submitted as hard copy through the final review. Only use goPost for new projects that have not been previously submitted as hard copy. This is an update on guidance previously provided during the December 2023 training.

#### **Construction Stormwater – GDOT**

<https://gopost-georgiaepd.eplansoftreview.com/#/login?portal=georgiaEPDconstructionstormwatergdot>

To begin the electronic submission process, you will need to create a new applicant account. The following link provides a tutorial.

<https://eplansoft.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/GPKB/pages/2299002881>

#### **Links to training videos**

- [https://gaepd.zoom.us/rec/share/4VfK1AO0vLwaEzZDjDydYBgN\\_861vdYVp6xq3SLW53k8YmJ2p57Bcz4BfF8\\_BTD.BFBE68cLt-zFCyU?startTime=1703181771000](https://gaepd.zoom.us/rec/share/4VfK1AO0vLwaEzZDjDydYBgN_861vdYVp6xq3SLW53k8YmJ2p57Bcz4BfF8_BTD.BFBE68cLt-zFCyU?startTime=1703181771000)
- <https://youtu.be/EeDPsGL2tUQ>
- See attached PowerPoint

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***Currently, EPD is only accepting electronic submittals for ESPCPs through goPost. Please DO NOT submit Stream Buffer Variance (SBV) applications electronically through goPost. Continue using the current SBV submittal process.

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# Erosion Control Plans Submission Timeline

