

INSPECTIONS

What to Look for
and
What to Expect

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Inspection Requirements

- Frequency
 - Generally, once every 14 calendar days and within 24 hours of any 0.50 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period
 - Once per month for completed and stabilized areas that do not meet 70% cover
 - Suspended for areas that meet final stabilization
 - Suspended where earthwork has been suspended due to frozen ground conditions (resume when runoff occurs or the ground begins to thaw)

Inspection Requirements

- Inspections may be required more often for erosion and sediment controls near sensitive areas or waters of the state, or due to chronic maintenance issues
- Erosion and sediment controls that need maintenance between regular inspections must be repaired or supplemented with appropriate measures as soon as practicable

Inspection Requirements

- If an inspection cannot be performed at the specified time (flooding, high winds, tornadoes, electrical storms, etc.), record why the inspection could not be performed
- An alternative inspection plan (approved by the NDDoH) can be used for long, narrow, linear projects (pipelines or utility lines) or projects in remote areas where vehicle traffic is restricted

Inspection Requirements

- Inspectors must be familiar with the permit requirements and the proper use of erosion and sediment controls and other best management practices
- Examine whether controls are operating correctly and in serviceable condition

Inspection Requirements

- Also look at for evidence of, or the potential for, pollution from:
 - Material storage areas (leaking cans or secondary containment)
 - Permanent stormwater controls (detention ponds, oil-water separators, grit chambers)
 - Vehicle maintenance areas (near-full or overflowing catch or drip pans)

Inadequate BMPs



Inappropriate BMPs



Mud flowing from the site



No BMPs



