



Subject: Letter to Industry - Rough Grading Plans - Stormwater Management Ordinance Compliance

Effective immediately: Rough Grading Plans (RGPs) intended for early grading in advance of base plan approval that meet the provisions of PFM 2-0203.4A are required to obtain Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) approval pursuant to County Code § 124-2-2 and 9VAC25-880-30 of the Virginia Administrative Code. SMP scope and approval by LDS, the VSMP Authority, is clarified as follows:

1. For RGPs submitted before “branch chief” approval of the base plan, i.e. prior to processing to the Bonds and Agreements Center (BAC), the content of the SMP as defined in County Code § 124-2-7 shall be included in the RGP based on either:
 - a. The limited RGP scope, i.e. rough grading, underground utilities, and footing/foundation construction (only if modified processing has been approved). Based on the site scope, certain interim BMPs may need to be depicted on the RGP to show compliance; or
 - b. The complete base major plan scope. Under this option, approvable design content and calculations identical to the base major plan must be included on the RGP.

The plan submitter may choose option “a” or “b” above. Approval of the RGP constitutes approval of the SMP.

2. For RGPs submitted after “branch chief” approval where the base plan status is “in” BAC, the SMP content has been provided in the base plan. “Branch Chief” approval satisfies the SMP approval requirement.

If you have any questions please contact the appropriate Site Review Branch Chief at **703-324-1720, TTY 711**.

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