

## Contractor Training Requirements for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity

*The Incorporated Village of Port Jefferson is a regulated entity under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) through the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) and the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity. Please review the information below as it pertains to Contractors and Sub-contractors working on construction projects within the Village.*

Under the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity (GP-0-15-002), the Owner of each construction activity identified in Tables 1 and 2 of the Permit shall have a *Trained Contractor* inspect the erosion and sediment control practices and pollution prevention measures being implemented within the active work area daily to ensure that they are being maintained in effective operating condition at all times. In accordance with Part VII.A.4.a.xi of the Permit, small home site construction projects (construction where the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is developed in accordance with Appendix E of the New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control) are exempt from the training requirements described below.

Trained Contractors are required to complete 4 hours of NYSDEC-endorsed training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control (E&SC) every 3 years. To satisfy this training requirement, the NYSDEC has partnered with County Soil and Water Conservation Districts across the State to deliver a 4 hour E&SC training course. Please check the following website for upcoming training sessions: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8699.html> or contact the Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District at (631) 727-2315 extension 3. In addition, the NYSDEC accepts the following training options as meeting the 4- hour endorsed training requirement:

- The NYS Builders Association Online version of the DEC endorsed, 4-hour E&SC course
- The 1-day "CPESC Exam Review Course" for those taking the CPESC exam.

**Trained Contractor** - Prior to the commencement of construction, an owner or operator shall have each contractor and subcontractor, that has been identified as being responsible for implementation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), identify at least one employee from their company (Trained Contractor) that has received 4 hours of endorsed E&SC training. The Trained Contractor must be on site on a daily basis when soil disturbance activities are being performed and will be responsible for implementation of the practices included in the SWPPP.

In accordance with the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from MS4s, the Village requires that the Trained Contractor provide a certificate of completion or other form of proof of E&SC training **prior to** any site disturbance.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact the Building Inspector at (631) 473-4744.