

## **15A NCAC 04A .0105 DEFINITIONS**

In addition to the terms defined in G.S. 113A-52, the following definitions shall apply in this Chapter and have these meanings:

- (1) "Accelerated Erosion" means any increase over the rate of natural erosion, as a result of land-disturbing activities.
- (2) "Act" means the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 in G.S. 113A-50, et seq.
- (3) "Adequate Erosion Control Devices or Structures" means one that controls the soil material within the land area under responsible control of the person conducting the land-disturbing activity.
- (4) "Approving Authority" means the Division or other State or a local government agency that has been delegated erosion and sedimentation plan review responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- (5) "Being Conducted" means a land-disturbing activity has been initiated and not deemed complete by the approving authority.
- (6) "Borrow" means fill material that is required for on-site construction that is obtained from other locations.
- (7) "Buffer Zone" means the strip of land adjacent to a lake or natural watercourse.
- (8) "Coastal Counties" means the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.
- (9) "Completion of Construction or Development" means that no further land-disturbing activity is required on a phase of a project except that which, as determined by the approving authority, is necessary for establishing a permanent ground cover.
- (10) "Director" means the Director of the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources of the Department of Environmental Quality.
- (11) "Discharge Point" or "Point of Discharge" means that point where runoff leaves a tract of land where a land-disturbing activity has occurred or enters a lake or natural watercourse.
- (12) "Division" or "DEMLR" means the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources of the Department of Environmental Quality.
- (13) "Energy Dissipator" means a structure or a shaped channel section with mechanical armoring placed at the outlet of pipes or conduits to receive and break down the energy from high velocity flow.
- (14) "Ground Cover" means any natural vegetative growth or other material that renders the soil surface stable against accelerated erosion.
- (15) "High Quality Waters" means those described in 15A NCAC 02B .0224, which is herein incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions.
- (16) "High Quality Water (HQW) Zones" means areas in the Coastal Counties that are within 575 feet of High Quality Waters and for the remainder of the State, areas that are within one mile of and drain to HQW's.
- (17) "Lake or Natural Watercourse" means any stream, river, brook, swamp, sound, bay, creek, run, branch, canal, waterway, estuary, and any reservoir, lake, or pond.
- (18) "Natural Erosion" means "erosion" as defined in G.S. 113A-52(5) under natural environmental conditions undisturbed by man.
- (19) "Person Conducting the Land-disturbing Activity" means any person who may be held responsible for a violation unless provided otherwise by the Act, the rules of this Chapter, or any order or local ordinance adopted pursuant to these Rules or the Act.
- (20) "Person Who Violates," or "Violator," as used in G.S. 113A-64, means: any landowner or other person who has financial or operational control over the land-disturbing activity; or who has directly or indirectly allowed the activity, and who has failed to comply with any provision of the Act, the rules of this Chapter, or any order or local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Act, as it imposes a duty upon that person.
- (21) "Plan" means an erosion and sedimentation control plan.
- (22) "Sedimentation" means the process by which sediment resulting from accelerated erosion has been or is being transported off the site of the land-disturbing activity or into a lake or natural watercourse.

- (23) "Storm Drainage Facilities" means the system of inlets, conduits, channels, ditches, and appurtenances that serve to collect and convey stormwater through and from a given drainage area.
- (24) "Stormwater Runoff" means the runoff of water resulting from precipitation in any form.
- (25) "Ten-Year Storm" means a rainfall of an intensity that, based on historical data, is predicted, by a method acceptable to the approving authority, to be equaled or exceeded, on the average, once in 10 years, and of a duration that will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff from the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.
- (26) "Twenty-five Year Storm" or "Q25" means a rainfall of an intensity that, based on historical data, is predicted, by a method acceptable to the approving authority, to be equaled or exceeded, on the average, once in 25 years, and of a duration that will produce the maximum peak rate of runoff from the watershed of interest under average antecedent wetness conditions.
- (27) "Uncovered" means having had ground cover removed from, on, or above the soil surface.
- (28) "Undertaken" means the initiating of any activity or phase of activity that results or will result in a change in the ground cover or topography of a tract of land.
- (29) "Velocity" means the speed of flow through a cross-section perpendicular to the direction of the main channel at the peak flow of the storm of interest but not exceeding bank full flows.
- (30) "Waste" means surplus materials resulting from on-site construction and to be disposed offsite.

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