

PIERCE COUNTY
OBTAINING A LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY PERMIT

NPDES Permit (NOI Required)

If your project requires a NPDES permit as required by the State of Georgia, a copy of the Primary Permittee's Notice of Intent (NOI) as submitted to EPD shall also be submitted to Effingham County with the Land-Disturbing Activity Permit application. In general, projects over five (5) acres require a NPDES permit. The NOI as submitted to the County shall contain all attachments required by the NOI. It is understood by the County that under "Item II. Site Activity Information" of the NOI, the Land Disturbance Activity Permit Number and Building Permit Issuance Date will not be available. These fields may be left blank.

Web address for permit and forms: www.ganet.org/dnr/environ/

If you have questions regarding the NPDES permit, contact:
Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Coastal District Office, 912-264-7284

Land Clearing Claiming Forestry Exemption

Under the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975, as amended, forestry land management practices are exempt from the regulations of the Act. However, these activities are required to follow forestry BMPs. If land is altered for forestry management purposes and a land-disturbing permit has not been issued, then the land may not be developed for three years after the completion of such forestry practices, as specified in the Act.

Fees

Permit fees shall be calculated for the entire project area at the rate of \$80.00 per acre. In addition, a conservation education fee of \$25.00, payable to the Satilla River Soil & Water Conservation District.

Surety Bond

Projects may, at the discretion of the County Commission, require the permit applicant to post a surety bond not to exceed three thousand (\$3,000) per acre or fraction thereof prior to issuing of the permit.

Checklist for Land-Disturbing Activity Permit Application:

- Application for Land-Disturbing Activity Permit.
- Three (3) copies of erosion and sedimentation control plan, consisting of narrative and site plan.
- Plan review fee paid.
- Copy of \$25.00 check to the Satilla SWCD.
- Copy of Primary Permittee's NOI, if required.
- Statement from the Pierce County Tax Commissioner's Office certifying that all ad valorem taxes levied against the property have been paid.
- Bond posted, if required. Amount: _____

