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**POLICY MEMORANDUM 01-2022**

TO: All Consultants, Developers, Regulatory Agencies and Others

THRU: Steven E. Darcey, CPESC  
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Dam Safety Assessments for Impoundment Classification

***Policy Statement***

It is the policy of the Prince George's Soil Conservation District (District) that dam safety assessments for use in the determination of hazard classification diment basins proposed and constructed in flood prone areas shall provide adequate conveyance, and appropriate freeboard, for the 100-year design storm. Sediment basins in these designated areas shall not as-builts are required for all sediment basins within 30 calendar days of construction completion. This shall apply to both temporary facilities and those designed in accordance with Environmental Article, Title 5, Subtitle 5, Annotated Code of Maryland or Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Maryland Conservation Practice Standard Code No. 378, or as revised. This policy memorandum provides guidance on and clarifies the responsibilities and mechanisms to ensure sediment basins are constructed per approved documents to meet the specific site considerations. This policy supplements all other design and construction requirements related to sediment basins.

Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (Standard Plan) provide a viable and efficient approval process for projects with minor grading, earth disturbance, and construction activities. These include single-family residential construction; additions; small commercial and other similar developments; and the maintenance, operation, and construction of utilities. This memorandum updates the existing application requirements for prospective projects located in watersheds/sub-watersheds impaired by sediment, and those with High Quality (TIER II) waters.

Dam breach assessments for all proposed basins/permanent SWM ponds adjacent to Leeland Road shall be per MDE's *Dam Breach Analysis for Small Ponds and Dams in Maryland* utilizing the standard methodology.

***Where this Policy Applies***

A Standard Plan application may be submitted for projects meeting specific requirements for grading, stormwater management coordination, erosion/sediment control and stabilization – refer to the application requirements. Total disturbance shall not exceed 30,000 square feet, no cut or fill shall exceed 3 feet (existing to final grade), nor shall the volume of grading/earth disturbance

This update is effective immediately.

***Additional Information***

Please contact the District at 301.574.5162 EXT. 3 should you have questions or require additional information.