

Guam Stormwater Workshop

Session 2

Review of Local and Federal Storm Requirements

Guam Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations

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Mandated under the 10 GCA Chapter 47 – Water Pollution Control Act

- To develop & adopt a comprehensive program for the prevention, control and abatement of pollution from the waters of Guam
- The Guam Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations were adopted
 - Originally in 1985
 - Revised in April 24, 2000

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Purpose of the GSESC Regulations

- To control soil erosion to prevent pollution of Guam's waters
- To protect property and promote public health, safety and welfare by regulating
 - grading
 - clearing and grubbing
 - stockpiling
 - other earthmoving activities
 - by setting minimum standards for erosion and sediment control (ESC)

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GEPA through the GSESC regulations

- To manage nonpoint sources of pollution consistent with:
 - the Guam Non-point Source Program
 - the Guam Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Manual (1998)
- To protect the surface and ground waters of Guam

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The provisions of the GSESC regs

- Impose & set forth requirements for the control of earthmoving activities
- Sets forth limits for the control of soil erosion and sedimentation
- Provide for the enforcement of such rules and regulations
- Establish administrative procedures in the issuance of permits

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Applicability of GSESC Regulations

- Applies to **ALL** projects on Guam that involves construction, clearing and any earth moving activities ... by **ALL** private and government sectors and Federal agencies on Guam.

PERMIT! PERMIT! PERMIT! PERMIT! PERMIT!

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GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
CLEARING, GRUBBING, GRADING & STOCKPILING
PERMIT APPLICATION

Permit Application

APPROVED

A Permit is an official document authorizing a specific earth moving operations
Clearing & Grubbing, Grading and Stockpiling

...
such permits require the approval of Guam EPA

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Permit Application Contents

- Description of the proposed activity
- Proof of land ownership
- Vicinity map or plan of the site indicating site information,
- Water course information and vegetation information

** required maps shall be prepared and signed by a licensed land surveyor*

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Permit Application Submittals

- Required plans:
 - Environmental Protection Plan (EPP)
 - Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ECP)
 - Storm Water Runoff Drainage System Plan

[ECP and drainage system plan must be signed by P.E.]

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What else may be required?

- **Engineer Soil's Report** is required where:
 - cut or fill > five (5) feet
 - grading on land with slopes > five percent (5%)
 - fill placed in a gully
 - when the fill material is highly plastic clay



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- **Engineer Soil's Report** shall include:
 - characteristics of existing soil and the site's subsurface condition
 - recommended limits of proposed grading
 - type of proposed fill materials
 - geotechnical calculations for the desired cut or fill
 - procedure of filling
 - height of proposed cut or fill sections

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What else may need to be submitted?

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**
 - When the proposed activity is within an environmentally sensitive area that may affect water bodies, critical habitats and aquifers

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There's a wetland on my property!



- Must be identified with field markings & mapping both on site and grading plans
- **NO** activity shall occur without first obtaining a valid Guam Wetland Development Permit and US ACOE Section 404 fill or discharge permit

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- **Wetland** *(continued)*
 - The Administrator may require wetlands be officially delineated in whole or in part when conditions warrant
 - slope condition
 - soil stability
 - proximity of work to the wetland
 - delineations shall be based on mapping requirements
- GEPA Wetland Mapping Policy,**
(revised November 9, 1995)



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Permit Application Contents (continued)

❖ Federal requirements

- project affecting ≥ one (1) acre disturbance must develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

(Note: A project that is part of a larger development)

- Projects covered by Federal Storm Water CGP under the Clean Water Act:

- Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to USEPA for project to be covered under **N**ational **P**ollutant **D**ischarge **E**limination **S**ystem permit (copy furnished to GEPA)

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• Required contents (continued)

- ESC methods, practices and equipment to be used to prevent or minimize the impact to environment
- Anticipated environmental impacts during and after the construction activity

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- **Required submittal contents (continued)**
 - Project description
 - Site plan
 - Grading plan
 - Construction schedule
 - Storm water drainage system and control of site water runoff

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- **Required contents (continued)**
 - Cut and fill
 - Height requirements
 - Cut and fill is greater than **fifteen (15) feet** in height terraces or benches shall be constructed at the vertical intervals of **fifteen (15) feet**
 - minimum width of benches = **eighteen (18) feet**

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- Required contents of submittal (continued)

- Cut and fill

- Slope requirements

NO steeper than:

2 Horizontal : 1 Vertical for CUT

3 Horizontal : 1 Vertical for FILL

An Engineer's soils report with the recommended slope design and design calculations demonstrating slope stability shall be submitted should the slope desired vary from the above provisions.

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- Required contents...

- Fill material specification

- The approved methodology or procedure for filling and stockpiling.

- Horizontal setback distance requirements

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Distance from property line

- Horizontal setback distance from the top of a cut slope or the bottom of a fill slope to the adjoining property line shall not be less than as follows:

Heights of cut or fill	Distance from property line (in Feet)
- Zero ft to 4 feet	4
- More than 4 ft to 10 ft	6
- More than 10 ft to 15 ft	8
- More than 15 ft	10

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• Special requirements

- Protection of the adjoining properties
- Protection of public utilities
- Removal of silt or other debris caused by construction activity
- Protection of sink holes at ALL times

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Permit Expiration

- Valid for One (1) year
- Shall become null and void if:
 - Permitted work is not started with 180 calendar days after the date of issuance
 - Work is suspended or abandoned for a minimum of 60 days

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Stop Work Order

- Unacceptable condition
 - If the permitted work is or may become dangerous or in violation of the Guam Water Quality Standards, the Administrator shall issue stop work order.



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Suspension or revocation of permit

- Permit has been issued on the basis of false information
- Existing site conditions is not in accordance with the terms and condition of the permit
- Permittee has not complied with the provision of any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation of Guam

Guam EPA EPP (Environmental Protection Plan)

Need assistance on the GSESC Regulations

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Thank You and
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