

Effective March 1, 2016

## **NPDES Requirements for Borrow Pits Used in Conjunction with SCDOT Projects**

**ALL borrow pits are required to be permitted, regardless of size or condition.**

- I. **Commercial Borrow Pits** – A commercial borrow pit is defined as a borrow pit in which the borrow pit owner sells soil to any buyer. The soil does not go exclusively to a SCDOT project.

### **Permits Required:**

- 1) Commercial borrow pits will be covered under the **SCDHEC Mine Operating Permit (I-000000 or GP1-000000)** and the **NPDES Mining Permit (SCG730000)**. The borrow pit owner will obtain all permit coverage; the contractor is not responsible for obtaining this coverage. The contractor will obtain a copy of the SCDHEC Mine Operating Permit and the NPDES Mining Permit from the borrow pit owner and submit it to the RCE.
- 2) Once the contractor submits the required paperwork as noted above, no further action is required of the contractor or the RCE.

- II. **SCDOT Specific Borrow Pits** – A SCDOT Specific borrow pit is defined as a borrow pit in which the soil goes only to SCDOT construction projects. The soil may go to one specific SCDOT project or to multiple SCDOT projects.

### **Permits Required:**

- 1) SCDOT Specific borrow pits will only have coverage under the **NPDES Mining Permit (SCG730000)**. The contractor is responsible for obtaining this coverage. The contractor will submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to SCDHEC along with any other required information. Once approved, SCDHEC will issue a Coverage Letter for the borrow pit to the contractor. The contractor will submit a copy of the NOI and the SCDHEC Coverage Letter to the RCE.
- 2) The contractor will submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to SCDHEC requesting termination of coverage when borrow activities have ceased and when the provisions of the South Carolina Mining Act, Standard Plan for the Reclamation of Excavated Areas Adopted by the SCDOT, have been met. A copy of the NOT will be submitted to the RCE.

NOTE: When the NOT is submitted to SCDHEC, SCDHEC will contact the District Construction Engineer (DCE) of the appropriate District to determine if the borrow pit has been reclaimed in accordance with the South Carolina Mining

Act, Standard Plan for the Reclamation of Excavated Areas Adopted by the SCDOT. The DCE will report the findings back to SCDHEC. If the borrow pit has been properly reclaimed, SCDHEC will close out the pit. If the borrow pit has not been properly reclaimed, SCDHEC will investigate further.

**NOTE: For SCDOT Specific Borrow Pits, it is the contractor's responsibility to adhere to all required SCDHEC reporting requirements indicated in the NPDES Mining Permit (SCG730000) and to obtain any additional permits that may be required.**