

DEEMED TO BE OF A CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE, A STOP-WORK NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED ON THE SITE AND, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY THE COUNTY ENGINEER OR A DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER, NO FURTHER WORK SHALL BE PERMITTED ON THE SITE.

(3) IF THE CORRECTIONS ARE NOT COMMENCED AND DILIGENTLY PURSUED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF NOTICE:

(I) THE PERMITTEE SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN DEFAULT OF THE OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION; AND

(II) THE COUNTY ENGINEER MAY TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO OBTAIN THE SECURITY POSTED.

(C) (1) IF IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER OR A DESIGNEE OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER THERE IS IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL HARM BECAUSE OF THE INSTABILITY OF THE SITE, THE COUNTY MAY PERFORM SUFFICIENT WORK AT THE SITE TO ELIMINATE PUBLIC SAFETY PROBLEMS AND TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL STABILIZATION AND PROTECTION.

(2) IT IS A CONDITION OF EACH GRADING PERMIT THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OR THEIR APPROVED DESIGNEES MAY ENTER THE SITE TO UNDERTAKE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) THE COST OF WORK PERFORMED BY THE COUNTY OR ITS CONTRACTORS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(I) BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES; AND

(II) HAVE THE SAME PRIORITY RIGHTS, BEAR THE SAME INTEREST AND PENALTIES, AND IN EVERY RESPECT BE TREATED AS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

(4) THE INTEREST RATE CHARGED TO THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE AT THE MAXIMUM LEGAL RATE.

(D) (1) ANY PERSON OR CONTRACTOR WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE OF CALVERT COUNTY AND WHO IS ISSUED A CITATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

(I) BE DEEMED TO HAVE COMMITTED A CIVIL VIOLATION; AND

(II) PAY TO THE COUNTY A CIVIL FINE IN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.