

1. Constructing buildings;
2. Mining minerals;
3. Developing golf courses; and
4. Constructing roads and installing utilities.

(2) (i) Before any person begins any construction, the appropriate approval authority shall first receive, review, and approve the proposed earth change and the sediment control plan.

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the approval authority is:

1. The appropriate soil conservation district;
2. Any municipality not within a soil conservation district; [or]
3. If a State or federal unit undertakes any construction, the

Department; OR

4. FOR ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PURSUANT TO TITLE 7, SUBTITLES 5, 5A, AND 9 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(III) CRITERIA USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVALS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II)4 OF THIS PARAGRAPH:

1. SHALL MEET OR EXCEED CURRENT MARYLAND STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL; OR
2. IF ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS ARE APPLIED, SHALL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) A person may not begin or perform any construction unless the person:

- (i) Obtains an approved sediment control plan;
- (ii) Implements the measures contained in the approved sediment control plan;
- (iii) Conducts the construction as specified in the sequence of construction contained in the approved sediment control plan;
- (iv) Maintains the provisions of the approved sediment control plan; and
- (v) Implements any sediment control measures reasonably necessary to control sediment runoff.