



Construction Site "Compliance Connections"

0/14 Day Rule - Effective October 2017

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) General Permit Number 2 (GP #2) was reissued October 1, 2017. There were several changes to the permit, including a change from the 14/21 Day Rule to the 0/14 Day Rule under the Soil Stabilization section.

Part III, C,1,3 Soil Stabilization

1. Stabilization of disturbed areas must, at a minimum, be initiated immediately whenever clearing, grading, excavating or other earth disturbing activities have permanently ceased on any portion of the site or temporarily ceased on any portion of the site and will not resume for a period exceeding 14 calendar days.
2. In less than optimal field conditions where seeding is impossible and initiating vegetative stabilization immediately is infeasible, alternative stabilization measures must be employed as specified by the Department. In limited circumstances, stabilization may not be required if the intended function of a specific area of the site necessitates that it remain disturbed.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) used for meeting these requirements:



Straw, wood or hydro-mulch can be used to provide excellent temporary cover.



Use temporary seeding such as oats or rye in combination with mulch to provide erosion control.



Rolled Erosion Control Blankets offer excellent cover, especially in areas with concentrated flows and on slopes.



REMINDER: DON'T DELAY WHEN YOU SEE "CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED!"

Prevent violations of General Permit No. 2 by following inspector recommendations for repairs, replacement and/or maintenance to erosion, sediment, and velocity controls and good housekeeping practices. These corrections are to be completed in a timely manner for compliance with the SWPPP.

MS4 Cities are required by IDNR MS-4 NPDES Stormwater Permits to enforce General Permit No. 2 requirements. Enforcement includes periodic inspections of construction sites that may result in municipal infractions or issuance of a Stop Work Order.