

**ARENAC COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2012-01
SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has authorized counties to adopt a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance pursuant to Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (“Part 91”), of 1994 P.A. 451, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, as amended (“NREPA”).

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED:

(A) The Arenac County Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Agent is hereby appointed for the administration and enforcement of the Arenac County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance and all rules promulgated under state statute and this Ordinance in the name of the County of Arenac throughout the County of Arenac except within a municipality that has assumed the responsibility for Part 91, and with regard to earth changes by authorized public agencies (“County Enforcing Agency”).

(B) All persons filing an application for a SESC permit shall pay permit fees as determined by the Arenac County Board of Commissioners.

(C) That all provisions of Part 91, including all rules promulgated under Part 91, and Arenac County’s Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Supplemental Rules and Conditions are adopted as the County Ordinance.

(D) That affixed to this Ordinance is a copy of Part 91 and all rules currently promulgated under Part 91, and the County hereby adopts the same as its own.

(E) The Arenac County Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Agent and his designee(s) are authorized County Officials as defined by the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, and are empowered to issue municipal civil infraction citations under this Ordinance.

(F) This Ordinance shall be addressed at a “Public Ordinance Hearing” of Arenac County. Upon the Commission approval, the Ordinance shall be sent to the Department of Environmental Quality for its implementation approval seven (7) days after receipt.

**PART 91, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL
OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT
1994 PA 451, AS AMENDED**

324.9101 Definitions; A to W.

Sec. 9101. (1) "Agricultural practices" means all land farming operations except the plowing or tilling of land for the purpose of crop production or the harvesting of crops.

(2) "Authorized public agency" means a state agency or an agency of a local unit of government authorized under section 9110 to implement soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures with regard to earth changes undertaken by it.

(3) "Conservation district" means a conservation district authorized under part 93.

(4) "Consultant" means either of the following:

(a) An individual who has a current certificate of training under section 9123.

(b) A person who employs 1 or more individuals who have current certificates of training under section 9123.

(5) "County agency" means an officer, board, commission, department, or other entity of county government.

(6) "County enforcing agency" means a county agency or a conservation district designated by a county board of commissioners under section 9105.

(7) "County program" or "county's program" means a soil erosion and sedimentation control program established under section 9105.

(8) "Department" means the department of environmental quality.

(9) "Earth change" means a human-made change in the natural cover or topography of land, including cut and fill activities, which may result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of the waters of the state. Earth change does not include the practice of plowing and tilling soil for the purpose of crop production.

(10) "Gardening" means activities necessary to the growing of plants for personal use, consumption, or enjoyment.

(11) "Local ordinance" means an ordinance enacted by a local unit of government under this part providing for soil erosion and sedimentation control.

(12) "Municipal enforcing agency" means an agency designated by a municipality under section 9106 to enforce a local ordinance.

(13) "Municipality" means any of the following:

(a) A city.

(b) A village.

(c) A charter township.

(d) A general law township that is located in a county with a population of 200,000 or more.

(14) "Rules" means the rules promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

(15) "Seawall maintenance" means an earth change activity landward of the seawall.

(16) "Sediment" means solid particulate matter, including both mineral and organic matter that is in suspension in water, is being transported, or has been removed from its site of origin by the actions of wind, water, or gravity and has been deposited elsewhere.

(17) "Soil erosion" means the wearing away of land by the action of wind, water, gravity, or a combination of wind, water, or gravity.

(18) "State agency" means a principal state department or a state public university.

(19) "Violation of this part" or "violates this part" means a violation of this part, the rules promulgated under this part, a permit issued under this part, or a local ordinance enacted under this part.

(20) "Waters of the state" means the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, inland lakes and streams as defined in rules promulgated under this part, and wetlands regulated under part 303.

324.9102, 324.9103 Repealed. 2000, Act 504, Imd. Eff. January 11, 2011.

324.9104 Rules; availability of information.

Sec. 9104. (1) The department, with the assistance of the department of agriculture, shall promulgate rules for a unified soil erosion and sedimentation control program, including provisions for the review and approval of site plans, land use plans, or permits relating to soil erosion control and sedimentation control. The department shall notify and make copies of proposed rules available to county enforcing agencies, municipal enforcing agencies, and authorized public agencies for review and comment before promulgation.

(2) The department shall make available to county enforcing agencies, municipal enforcing agencies, and authorized public agencies educational information on soil erosion and sedimentation control techniques and the benefits of implementing soil erosion and sedimentation control measures. County enforcing agencies and municipal enforcing agencies shall distribute this information to persons receiving permits under a county program or a local ordinance and to other interested persons.

324.9105 Administration and enforcement of rules; resolution; ordinance; interlocal agreement; review; notice of results; informal meeting; probation; consultant; inspection fees; rescission of order, stipulation, or probation.

Sec. 9105. (1) Subject to subsection (6), a county is responsible for the administration and enforcement of this part and the rules promulgated under this part throughout the county except as follows:

(a) Within a municipality that has assumed the responsibility for soil erosion and sedimentation control under section 9106.

(b) With regard to earth changes of authorized public agencies.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the county board of commissioners of each county, by resolution, shall designate a county agency, or a conservation district upon the concurrence of the conservation district, as the county enforcing agency responsible for administration and enforcement of this part and the rules promulgated under this part in the name of the county. The resolution may set forth a schedule of fees for inspections, plan reviews, and permits and may set forth other matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the county program and this part and the rules promulgated under this part.

(3) In lieu of or in addition to a resolution provided for in subsection (2), the county board of commissioners of a county may provide by ordinance for soil erosion and sedimentation control in the county. An ordinance adopted under this subsection may be more restrictive than, but shall not make lawful that which is unlawful under, this part and the rules promulgated under this part. If an ordinance adopted under this subsection is more restrictive than this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the county enforcing agency shall notify a person receiving a permit under the ordinance that the ordinance is more restrictive than this part and the rules promulgated under this part. The ordinance shall incorporate by reference the rules promulgated under this part that do not conflict with a more restrictive ordinance and may set forth such other matters as the county board of commissioners considers necessary or desirable. The ordinance may provide penalties for a violation of the ordinance that are consistent with section 9121.

(4) A copy of a resolution or ordinance adopted under this section and all subsequent amendments to the resolution or ordinance shall be forwarded to the department for the department's review and approval. The department shall forward a copy to the conservation district for that county for review and comment.

(5) Two or more counties may provide for joint enforcement and administration of this part and the rules promulgated under this part by entering into an interlocal agreement pursuant to the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512.

(6) The department shall conduct a review of a county's program every 5 years. The review shall be conducted at least 6 months before the expiration of each succeeding 5-year period. The department shall approve a county's program if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The county has passed a resolution or enacted an ordinance as provided in this section.

(b) The individuals with decision-making authority who are responsible for administering the county program have current certificates of training under section 9123.

(c) The county has effectively administered and enforced the county program in the past 5 years or has implemented changes in its administration or enforcement procedures that the department determines will result in the county effectively administering and enforcing the county program. In determining whether the county has met the requirement of this subdivision, the department shall consider all of the following:

(i) Whether a mechanism is in place to provide funding to administer the county's program.

(ii) Whether the county has conducted adequate inspections to assure minimization of soil erosion and off-site sedimentation.

(iii) The effectiveness of the county's past compliance and enforcement efforts.

(iv) The adequacy and effectiveness of the applications and soil erosion and sedimentation control plans being accepted by the county.

(v) The adequacy and effectiveness of the permits issued by the county and the inspections being performed by the county.

(vi) The conditions at construction sites under the jurisdiction of the county as documented by departmental inspections.

(7) Following a review under subsection (6), the department shall notify the county of the results of its review and whether the department proposes to approve or disapprove the county's program. Within 30 days of receipt of the notice under this subsection, a county may request and the department shall hold an informal meeting to discuss the review and the proposed action by the department.

(8) Following the meeting under subsection (7), if requested, and consideration of the review under subsection (6), if the department does not approve a county's program, the department shall enter an order, stipulation, or consent agreement under section 9112(7) placing the county

on probation. In addition, at any time that the department determines that a county that was previously approved by the department under subsection (6) is not satisfactorily administering and enforcing the county's program, the department shall enter into an order, stipulation, or consent agreement under section 9112(7) placing the county on probation. During the 6-month period after a county is placed on probation, the department shall consult with the county on how the county could change its administration of the county program in a manner that would result in its approval.

(9) Within 6 months after a county has been placed on probation under subsection (8), the county may notify the department that it intends to hire a consultant to administer the county's program. If, within 60 days after notifying the department, the county hires a consultant that is acceptable to the department, and then within 1 year after the county hires the consultant, the department shall conduct a review of the county's program to determine whether or not the county program can be approved.

(10) If any of the following occur, the department shall hire a consultant to administer the county's program:

(a) The county does not notify the department of its intent to hire a consultant under subsection (9).

(b) The county does not hire a consultant that is acceptable to the department within 60 days after notifying the department of its intent to hire a consultant under subsection (9).

(c) The county remains unapproved following the department's review under subsection (9).

(11) Upon hiring a consultant under subsection (10), the department may establish a schedule of fees for inspections, review of soil erosion and sedimentation control plans, and permits for the county's program that will provide sufficient revenues to pay for the cost of the contract with the consultant, or the department may bill the county for the cost of the contract with the consultant. As used in this subsection, "cost of the contract" means the actual cost of a contract with a consultant plus the documented costs to the department in administering the contract, but not to exceed 10% of the actual cost of the contract.

(12) At any time that a county is on probation as provided for in this section, the county may request the department to conduct a review of the county's program. If, upon such review, the county has implemented appropriate changes to the county's program, the department shall approve the county's program. If the department approves a county's program under this subsection, the department shall rescind its order, stipulation, or consent agreement that placed the county on probation.

324.9106 Ordinances.

Sec. 9106. (1) Subject to subsection (3), a municipality by ordinance may provide for soil erosion and sedimentation control on public and private earth changes within its boundaries except that a township ordinance shall not be applicable within a village that has in effect such an ordinance. An

ordinance may be more restrictive than, but shall not make lawful that which is unlawful under, this part and the rules promulgated under this part. If an ordinance adopted under this section is more restrictive than this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the municipal enforcing agency shall notify a person receiving a permit under the ordinance that the ordinance is more restrictive than this part and the rules promulgated under this part. The ordinance shall incorporate by reference the rules promulgated under this part that do not conflict with a more restrictive ordinance, shall designate a municipal enforcing agency responsible for administration and enforcement of the ordinance, and may set forth such other matters as the legislative body considers necessary or desirable. The ordinance shall be applicable and shall be enforced with regard to all private and public earth changes within the municipality except earth changes by an authorized public agency. The municipality may consult with a conservation district for assistance or advice in the preparation of the ordinance. The ordinance may provide penalties for a violation of the ordinance that are consistent with section 9121.

(2) An ordinance related to soil erosion and sedimentation control that is not approved by the department as conforming to the minimum requirements of this part and the rules promulgated under this part has no force or effect. A municipality shall submit a copy of its proposed ordinance or of a proposed amendment to its ordinance to the department for approval before adoption. The department shall forward a copy to the county enforcing agency of the county in which the municipality is located and the appropriate conservation district for review and comment. Within 90 days after the department receives an existing ordinance, proposed ordinance, or amendment, the department shall notify the clerk of the municipality of its approval or disapproval along with recommendations for revision if the ordinance, proposed ordinance, or amendment does not conform to the minimum requirements of this part or the rules promulgated under this part. If the department does not notify the clerk of the local unit within the 90-day period, the ordinance, proposed ordinance, or amendment shall be considered to have been approved by the department.

(3) A municipality shall not administer and enforce this part or the rules promulgated under this part or a local ordinance unless the department has approved the municipality. An approval under this section is valid for 5 years, after which the department shall review the municipality for re-approval. At least 6 months before the expiration of each succeeding 5-year approval period, the department shall complete a review of the municipality for re-approval. The department shall approve a municipality if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The municipality has enacted an ordinance as provided in this section that is at least as restrictive as this part and the rules promulgated under this part.

(b) The individuals with decision-making authority who are responsible for administering the soil erosion and sedimentation control program for the municipality have current certificates of training under section 9123.

(c) The municipality has submitted evidence of its ability to effectively administer and enforce a soil erosion and sedimentation control program. In determining whether the municipality has met the requirements of this subdivision, the department shall consider all of the following:

(i) Whether a mechanism is in place to provide funding to administer the municipality's soil erosion and sedimentation control program.

(ii) The adequacy of the documents proposed for use by the municipality including, but not limited to, application forms, soil erosion and sedimentation control plan requirements, permit forms, and inspection reports.

(iii) If the municipality has previously administered a soil erosion and sedimentation control program, whether the municipality effectively administered and enforced the program in the past or has implemented changes in its administration or enforcement procedures that the department determines will result in the municipality effectively administering and enforcing a soil erosion and sedimentation control program in compliance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part. In determining whether the municipality has met the requirement of this subparagraph, the department shall consider all of the following:

(A) Whether the municipality has had adequate funding to administer the municipality's soil erosion and sedimentation control program.

(B) Whether the municipality has conducted adequate inspections to assure minimization of soil erosion and off-site sedimentation.

(C) The effectiveness of the municipality's past compliance and enforcement efforts.

(D) The adequacy and effectiveness of the applications and soil erosion and sedimentation control plans being accepted by the municipality.

(E) The adequacy and effectiveness of the permits issued by the municipality and the inspections being performed by the municipality.

(F) The conditions at construction sites under the jurisdiction of the municipality as documented by departmental inspections.

(4) If the department determines that a municipality is not approved under subsection (3) or that a municipality that was previously approved under subsection (3) is not satisfactorily administering and enforcing this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall enter an order, stipulation, or consent agreement under section 9112(7) denying the municipality authority or revoking the municipality's authority to administer a soil erosion and sedimentation control program. Upon entry of this order, stipulation, or consent agreement, the county program for the county in which the municipality is located becomes operative within the municipality.

(5) A municipality that elects to rescind its ordinance shall notify the department. Upon rescission of its ordinance, the county program for the county in which the municipality is located becomes operative within the municipality.

(6) A municipality that rescinds its ordinance or is not approved by the department to administer the program shall retain jurisdiction over projects under permit at that time. The municipality shall retain jurisdiction until the projects are completed and stabilized or the county agrees to assume jurisdiction over the permitted earth changes.

324.9107 Notice of violation.

Sec. 9107. If a local unit of government has notice that a violation of this part has occurred within the boundaries of that local unit of government, including but not limited to a violation attributable to an earth change by an authorized public agency, the local unit of government shall notify the appropriate county enforcing agency and municipal enforcing agency and the department of the violation.

324.9108 Permit; deposit as condition for issuance.

Sec. 9108. As a condition for the issuance of a permit, the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency may require the applicant to deposit with the clerk of the county or municipality in the form of cash, a certified check, or an irrevocable bank letter of credit, whichever the applicant selects, or a surety bond acceptable to the legislative body of the county or municipality or to the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency, in an amount sufficient to assure the installation and completion of such protective or corrective measures as may be required by the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency.

324.9109 Agreement between public agency or county or municipal enforcing agency and conservation district; purpose; reviews and evaluations of agency's programs or procedures; agreement between person engaged in agricultural practices and conservation district; notification; enforcement.

Sec. 9109. (1) An authorized public agency, county enforcing agency, or municipal enforcing agency may enter into an agreement with a conservation district for assistance and advice in overseeing and reviewing compliance with soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures and in reviewing existing or proposed earth changes, earth change plans, or site plans with regard to technical matters pertaining to soil erosion and sedimentation control. In addition to or in the absence of such agreements, conservation districts may perform periodic reviews and evaluations of the authorized public agency's, county enforcing agency's, or municipal enforcing agency's programs or procedures pursuant to standards and specifications developed in cooperation with the respective districts and as approved by the department. These reviews and evaluations shall be submitted to the department for appropriate action.

(2) A person engaged in agricultural practices may enter into an agreement with the appropriate conservation district to pursue agricultural practices in accordance with and subject to this part, the rules promulgated under this part, and any applicable local ordinance. If a person enters into an agreement with a conservation district, the conservation district shall notify the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency or the department in writing of the agreement. Upon entering into the agreement under this subsection, a person is not subject to permits

required under this part, but is required to develop project specific soil erosion and sedimentation control plans and is subject to the remedies provided for in this part for violations of this part.

324.9110 Designation as authorized public agency; application; submission of procedures; variance; approval.

Sec. 9110. (1) Subject to subsection (4), a state agency or an agency of a local unit of government may apply to the department for designation as an authorized public agency by submitting to the department the soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures governing all earth changes normally undertaken by the agency. If the applicant is an agency of a local unit of government, the department shall submit the procedures to the county enforcing agency and the appropriate conservation district for review. The county enforcing agency and the conservation district shall submit their comments on the procedures to the department within 60 days. If the applicant is a state agency, the department shall submit the procedures to the department of agriculture for review, and the department of agriculture shall submit its comments on the procedures to the department within 60 days.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), if the department finds that the soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures of the state agency or the agency of the local unit of government meet the requirements of this part and rules promulgated under this part, the department shall designate the agency as an authorized public agency.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), after approval of the procedures and designation as an authorized public agency pursuant to subsection (2), all earth changes maintained or undertaken by the authorized public agency shall be undertaken pursuant to the approved procedures. If determined necessary by the department and upon request of an authorized public agency, the department may grant a variance from the provisions of this subsection.

(4) A state agency or an agency of a local unit of government shall not administer and enforce this part and the rules promulgated under this part as an authorized public agency unless the department has approved the agency under this section. An approval under this section is valid for 5 years, after which the department shall review the agency for re-approval. At least 6 months before the expiration of each succeeding 5-year period, the department shall complete a review of the authorized public agency for re-approval. The department shall approve a state agency or an agency of a local unit of government if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The agency has adopted soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures that are at least as restrictive as this part and the rules promulgated under this part.

(b) The individuals with decision-making authority who are responsible for administering the soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures have current certificates of training under section 9123.

(c) The agency has submitted evidence of its ability to effectively administer soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures. In determining whether the agency has met the requirement of this subdivision, the department shall consider all of the following:

(i) Funding to administer the agency's soil erosion and sedimentation control program.

(ii) The agency's plans for inspections to assure minimization of soil erosion and off-site sedimentation.

(iii) The adequacy of the agency's soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures.

(iv) If the agency has previously administered soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures, the agency has effectively administered these procedures or has implemented changes in their administration that the department determines will result in the agency effectively administering the soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures. In determining whether the agency has met the requirement of this subparagraph, the department shall consider all of the following:

(A) Whether the agency has had adequate funding to administer the agency's soil erosion and sedimentation control program.

(B) Whether the agency has conducted adequate inspections to assure minimization of soil erosion and off-site sedimentation.

(C) The effectiveness of the agency's past compliance and enforcement efforts.

(D) The adequacy of the agency's soil erosion and sedimentation control plans and procedures as required by rule.

(E) The conditions at construction sites under the jurisdiction of the agency as documented by departmental inspections.

(5) If the department determines that a state agency or an agency of a local unit of government is not approved under subsection (4) or that a state agency or an agency of a local unit of government that was previously approved under subsection (4) is not satisfactorily administering and enforcing this part and the rules promulgated under this part, the department shall enter an order, stipulation, or consent agreement under section 9112(7) denying or revoking the designation of the state agency or agency of a local unit of government as an authorized public agency.

324.9111 Repealed. 2000, Act 504, Imd. Eff. January 11, 2011.

324.9112 Earth change; permit required; effect of property transfer; violation; notice; hearing; answer; evidence; stipulation or consent order; final order of determination.

Sec. 9112. (1) A person shall not maintain or undertake an earth change governed by this part, the rules promulgated under this part, or an applicable local ordinance, except in accordance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or with the applicable local ordinance, and

except as authorized by a permit issued by the appropriate county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency pursuant to part 13.

(2) The owner of property that is subject to a permit under this part is responsible for compliance with the terms of the permit that apply to that property.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), if property subject to a permit under this part is transferred, both of the following are transferred with the property:

(a) The permit, including the permit obligations and conditions.

(b) Responsibility for any violations of the permit that exist on the date the property is transferred.

(4) If property is subject to a permit under this part and a parcel of the property, but not the entire property, is transferred, both of the following are transferred with the parcel:

(a) The permit obligations and conditions with respect to that parcel, but not the permit itself.

(b) Responsibility for any violations of the permit with respect to that parcel that exist on the date the parcel is transferred.

(5) If property subject to a permit under this part is proposed to be transferred, the transferor shall notify the transferee of the permit in writing on a form developed by the department and provided by the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency. The notice shall inform the transferee of the requirements of subsection (2) and, as applicable, subsection (3) or (4). The notice shall include a copy of the permit. The transferor and transferee shall sign the notice, and the transferor shall submit the signed notice to the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency before the property is transferred.

(6) A county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency may charge a fee for the transfer of a permit under subsection (3) or (4). The fee shall not exceed the administrative costs of transferring the permit. Fees collected under this subsection shall only be used for the enforcement and administration of this part by the enforcing agency.

(7) If in the opinion of the department a person, including an authorized public agency, violates this part, the rules promulgated under this part, or an applicable local ordinance, or a county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency fails to enforce this part, the rules promulgated under this part, or an applicable local ordinance, the department may notify the alleged offender in writing of its determination. If the department places a county on probation under section 9105, a municipality is not approved under section 9106, or a state agency or agency of a local unit of government is not approved under section 9110, or if the department determines that a municipal enforcing agency or authorized public agency is not satisfactorily administering and enforcing this part and rules promulgated under this part, the department shall notify the county, municipality, state agency, or agency of a local unit of government in writing of its determination or action. The

notice shall contain, in addition to a statement of the specific violation or failure that the department believes to exist, a proposed order, stipulation for agreement, or other action that the department considers appropriate to assure timely correction of the violation or failure. The notice shall set a date for a hearing not less than 4 nor more than 8 weeks from the date of the notice of determination. Extensions of the date of the hearing may be granted by the department or on request. At the hearing, any interested party may appear, present witnesses, and submit evidence. A person who has been served with a notice of determination may file a written answer to the notice of determination before the date set for hearing or at the hearing may appear and present oral or written testimony and evidence on the charges and proposed requirements of the department to assure correction of the violation or failure. If a person served with the notice of determination agrees with the proposed requirements of the department and notifies the department of that agreement before the date set for the hearing, disposition of the case may be made with the approval of the department by stipulation or consent agreement without further hearing. The final order of determination following the hearing, or the stipulation or consent order as authorized by this section and approved by the department, is conclusive unless reviewed in accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, in the circuit court of Ingham county, or of the county in which the violation occurred, upon petition filed within 15 days after the service upon the person of the final order of determination.

324.9113 Injunction; inspection and investigation.

Sec. 9113. (1) Notwithstanding the existence or pursuit of any other remedy, the department or a county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency may maintain an action in its own name in a court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction or other process against a person to restrain or prevent violations of this part.

(2) At any reasonable time, an agent appointed by the department, a county enforcing agency, or a municipal enforcing agency may enter upon any private or public property for the purpose of inspecting and investigating conditions or practices that may be in violation of this part. However, an investigation or inspection under this subsection shall comply with the United States constitution and the state constitution of 1963.

324.9114 Additional rules.

Sec. 9114. In order to carry out their functions under this part, the department and the department of agriculture may promulgate rules in addition to those otherwise authorized in this part.

324.9115 Logging, mining, or land plowing or tilling; permit exemption; “mining” defined.

Sec. 9115. (1) Subject to subsection (2), a person engaged in the logging industry, the mining industry, or the plowing or tilling of land for the purpose of crop production or the harvesting of crops is not required to obtain a permit under this part. However, all earth changes associated with the activities listed in this section shall conform to the same standards as if they required a permit under this part. The exemption from obtaining a permit under this subsection does not include either of the following:

- (a) Access roads to and from the site where active mining or logging is taking place.
- (b) Ancillary activities associated with logging and mining.

(2) This part does not apply to a metallic mineral mining activity that is regulated under a mining and reclamation plan or a mining, reclamation, and environmental protection plan if the plan contains soil erosion and sedimentation control provisions and is approved by the department under part 631 or 632, respectively.

(3) A person is not required to obtain a permit from a county enforcing agency or a municipal enforcing agency for earth changes associated with well locations, surface facilities, flow lines, or access roads relating to oil or gas exploration and development activities regulated under part 615, if the application for a permit to drill and operate under part 615 contains a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan that is approved by the department under part 615. However, those earth changes shall conform to the same standards as required for a permit under this part. This subsection does not apply to a multisource commercial hazardous waste disposal well as defined in section 62506a.

(4) As used in this section, "mining" does not include the removal of clay, gravel, sand, peat, or topsoil.

324.9115a Earth change activities not requiring permit; violations.

Sec. 9115a. (1) A residential property owner who causes the following activities to be conducted on individual residential property owned and occupied by him or her is not required to obtain a permit under this part if the earth change activities do not result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of the waters of the state or a discharge of sediment off-site:

- (a) An earth change of a minor nature that is stabilized within 24 hours of the initial earth disturbance.
- (b) Gardening, if the natural elevation of the area is not raised.
- (c) Post holes for fencing, decks, utility posts, mailboxes, or similar applications, if no additional grading or earth change occurs for use of the post holes.
- (d) Removal of tree stumps, shrub stumps, or roots resulting in an earth change not to exceed 100 square feet.
- (e) All of the following activities, if soil erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented, the earth change is stabilized within 24 hours of the initial earth disturbance, and soil erosion or sedimentation to adjacent properties or the waters of the state has not or will not reasonably occur:
 - (i) Planting of trees, shrubs, or other similar plants.

(ii) Seeding or reseeding of lawns of less than 1 acre if the seeded area is at least 100 feet from the waters of the state.

(iii) Seeding or reseeding of lawns closer than 100 feet from the waters of the state if the area to be seeded or reseeded does not exceed 100 square feet.

(iv) The temporary stockpiling of soil, sand, or gravel not greater than a total of 10 cubic yards on the property if the stockpiling occurs at least 100 feet from the waters of the state.

(v) Seawall maintenance that does not exceed 100 square feet.

(2) Exemptions provided in this section shall not be construed as exemptions from enforcement procedures under this part or the rules promulgated under this part if the exempted activities cause or result in a violation of this part or the rules promulgated under this part.

324.9116 Reduction of soil erosion or sedimentation by owner.

Sec. 9116. A person who owns land on which an earth change has been made that may result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of the waters of the state shall implement and maintain soil erosion and sedimentation control measures that will effectively reduce soil erosion or sedimentation from the land on which the earth change has been made.

324.9117 Notice of determination.

Sec. 9117. If the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency that is responsible for enforcing this part and the rules promulgated under this part determines that soil erosion or sedimentation of adjacent properties or the waters of the state has or will reasonably occur from land in violation of this part or the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance, the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency may seek to enforce a violation of this part by notifying the person who owns the land, by mail, with return receipt requested, of its determination. The notice shall contain a description of the violation and what must be done to remedy the violation and shall specify a time to comply with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance.

324.9118 Compliance; time.

Sec. 9118. Within 5 days after a notice of violation has been issued under section 9117, a person who owns land subject to this part and the rules promulgated under this part shall implement and maintain soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in conformance with this part, the rules promulgated under this part, or an applicable local ordinance.

324.9119 Entry upon land; construction, implementation, and maintenance of soil erosion and sedimentation control measures; cost.

Sec. 9119. Except as otherwise provided in this section, not sooner than 5 days after notice of violation of this part has been mailed under section 9117, if the condition of the land, in the opinion of the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency, may result in or contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation of adjacent properties or to the waters of the state, and if soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in conformance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance are not in place, the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency, or a designee of either of these agencies, may enter upon the land and construct, implement, and maintain soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in conformance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance. However, the enforcing agency shall not expend more than \$10,000.00 for the cost of the work, materials, labor, and administration without prior written notice in the notice provided in section 9117 for the person who owns the land that the expenditure of more than \$10,000.00 may be made. If more than \$10,000.00 is to be expended under this section, then the work shall not begin until at least 10 days after the notice of violation has been mailed.

324.9120 Reimbursement of county or municipal enforcing agency; lien for expenses; priority; collection and treatment of lien.

Sec. 9120. (1) All expenses incurred by a county enforcing agency or a municipal enforcing agency under section 9119 to construct, implement, and maintain soil erosion and sedimentation control measures to bring land into conformance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance shall be reimbursed to the county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency by the person who owns the land.

(2) The county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency shall have a lien for the expenses incurred under section 9119 of bringing the land into conformance with this part and the rules promulgated under this part or an applicable local ordinance. However, with respect to single-family or multifamily residential property, the lien for such expenses shall have priority over all liens and encumbrances filed or recorded after the date of such expenditure. With respect to all other property, the lien for such expenses shall be collected and treated in the same manner as provided for property tax liens under the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.1 to 211.157.

324.9121 Violations; penalties.

Sec. 9121. (1) A person who violates this part is responsible for either of the following:

(a) If the action is brought by a county enforcing agency or a municipal enforcing agency of a local unit of government that has enacted an ordinance under this part that provides a penalty for violations, the person is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00.

(b) If the action is brought by the state or a county enforcing agency of a county that has not enacted an ordinance under this part, the person is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$2,500.00.

(2) A person who knowingly violates this part or knowingly makes a false statement in an application for a permit or in a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan is responsible for the payment of a civil fine of not more than \$10,000.00 for each day of violation.

(3) A person who knowingly violates this part after receiving a notice of determination under section 9112 or 9117 is responsible for the payment of a civil fine of not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$25,000.00 for each day of violation.

(4) Civil fines collected under subsections (2) and (3) shall be deposited as follows:

(a) If the state filed the action under this section, in the general fund of the state.

(b) If a county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency filed the action under this section, with the county or municipality that filed the action.

(c) If an action was filed jointly by the state and a county enforcing agency or municipal enforcing agency, the civil fines collected under this subsection shall be divided in proportion to each agency's involvement as mutually agreed upon by the agencies. All fines going to the department shall be deposited into the general fund of the state.

(5) A default in the payment of a civil fine or costs ordered under this section or an installment of the fine or costs may be remedied by any means authorized under the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.101 to 600.9948.

(6) In addition to a fine assessed under this section, a person who violates this part is liable to the state for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from the violation. The court may order a person who violates this part to restore the area or areas affected by the violation to their condition as existing immediately prior to the violation.

(7) This section applies to an authorized public agency, in addition to other persons. This section does not apply to a county enforcing agency or a municipal enforcing agency with respect to its administration and enforcement of this part and rules promulgated under this part.

324.9122 Severability.

Sec. 9122. If any provision of this part is declared by a court to be invalid, the invalid provision shall not affect the remaining provisions of the part that can be given effect without the invalid provision. The validity of the part as a whole or in part shall not be affected, other than the provision invalidated.

324.9123 Training program; certificate; fees.

Sec. 9123. (1) Beginning 3 years after the effective date of the 2000 amendments to this section, each individual who is responsible for administering this part and the rules promulgated under this part or a local ordinance and who has decision-making authority for soil erosion and sedimentation control plan development or review, inspections, permit issuance, or enforcement

shall be trained by the department. The department shall issue a certificate of training to individuals under this section if they do both of the following:

(a) Complete a soil erosion and sedimentation control training program sponsored by the department.

(b) Pass an examination on the subject matter covered in the training program under subdivision (a).

(2) A certificate of training under subsection (1) is valid for 5 years. For recertification, the department may offer a refresher course or other update in lieu of the requirements of subsection (1)(a) and (b).

(3) The department may charge fees for administering the training program and the examination under this section that are not greater than the department's cost of administering the training program and the examination. All fees collected under this section shall be deposited into the soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund created in section 9123a.

324.9123a Soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund; creation; disposition of funds; lapse; expenditures.

Sec. 9123a. (1) The soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund is created within the state treasury.

(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(3) Money in the soil erosion and sedimentation control training fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(4) The department shall expend money from the fund, upon appropriation, only to administer the soil erosion and sedimentation control training program and examination under section 9123.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WATER BUREAU**

(By authority conferred on the department of environmental quality by sections 9104 and 9114 of
1994 PA 451, MCL 324.9104 and 324.9114)

PART 17. SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

R 323.1701 Definitions.

Rule 1701. (1) As used in this part:

- (a) "Accelerated soil erosion" means the increased loss of the land surface that occurs as a result of human activities.
- (b) "Acceptable erosion and sediment control program" means the activities of a county or local enforcing agency or authorized public agency that are conducted in accordance with these rules and part 91 regarding staff training, developing and reviewing plans, issuing permits, conducting inspections, and initiating compliance and enforcement actions to effectively minimize erosion and off-site sedimentation.
- (c) "Designated agent" means a person who has written authorization from the landowner to sign the application and secure a permit in the landowner's name.
- (d) "Lake" means the Great Lakes and all natural and artificial inland lakes or impoundments that have definite banks, a bed, visible evidence of a continued occurrence of water, and a surface area of water that is equal to, or greater than, 1 acre. "Lake" does not include sediment basins and basins constructed for the sole purpose of storm water retention, cooling water, or treating polluted water.
- (e) "Landowner" means the person who owns or holds a recorded easement on the property or who is engaged in construction in a public right-of-way in accordance with sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being §§247.183, 247.184, 247.185, and 247.186 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (f) "Non-erosive velocity" means a speed of water movement that is not conducive to the development of accelerated soil erosion.
- (g) "Part 91" means part 91 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being §§324.9101 to 324.9123 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (h) "Sediment basin" means a naturally occurring or constructed depression used for the sole purpose of capturing sediment during or after an earth change activity.

- (i) "Stabilization" means the establishment of vegetation or the proper placement, grading, or covering of soil to ensure its resistance to soil erosion, sliding, or other earth movement.
- (j) "Storm water retention basin" means an area which is constructed to capture surface water runoff and which does not discharge directly to a lake or stream through an outlet. Water leaves the basin by infiltration and evaporation.
- (k) "Stream" means a river, creek, or other surface watercourse which may or may not be serving as a drain as defined in Act No. 40 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being §280.1 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and which has definite banks, a bed, and visible evidence of the continued flow or continued occurrence of water, including the connecting waters of the Great Lakes.
- (l) "Temporary soil erosion and sedimentation control measures" means interim control measures which are installed or constructed to control soil erosion and sedimentation and which are not maintained after project completion.
- (m) "Permanent soil erosion and sedimentation control measures" means control measures which are installed or constructed to control soil erosion and sedimentation and which are maintained after project completion.

(2) The terms defined in part 91 have the same meanings when used in these rules.

R 323.1702 Earth change requirements generally.

Rule 1702. (1) A person shall conduct an earth change in a manner that will effectively reduce accelerated soil erosion and resulting sedimentation.

(2) A person engaged in an earth change identified in R 323.1704 shall plan, implement, and maintain acceptable soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in conformance with part 91, which effectively reduce accelerated soil erosion and off-site sedimentation.

(3) A person shall set forth soil erosion and sedimentation control measures in a plan as prescribed by R 323.1703. A person shall make the plan available for inspection at all times at the site of the earth change. The department, or its designated representative, may require the county or local enforcing agency to file a copy of the plan with the department.

(4) A person shall obtain a permit containing state prescribed information, as required by R 323.1707, and make the permit available for inspection at the site of the earth change.

R 323.1703 Soil erosion and sedimentation control plan requirements.

Rule 1703. A person shall prepare a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan for any earth change identified in R 323.1704. A person shall design the plan to effectively reduce accelerated soil erosion and sedimentation and shall identify factors that may contribute to soil erosion or sedimentation, or both. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

- (a) A map or maps at a scale of not more than 200 feet to the inch or as otherwise determined by the county or local enforcing agency. A map shall include a legal description and site location sketch that includes the proximity of any proposed earth change to lakes or streams, or both; predominant land features; and contour intervals or slope description.
- (b) A soils survey or a written description of the soil types of the exposed land area contemplated for the earth change.
- (c) Details for proposed earth changes, including all of the following:
 - (i) A description and the location of the physical limits of each proposed earth change.
 - (ii) A description and the location of all existing and proposed on-site drainage and dewatering facilities.
 - (iii) The timing and sequence of each proposed earth change.
 - (iv) The location and description for installing and removing all proposed temporary soil erosion and sediment control measures.
 - (v) A description and the location of all proposed permanent soil erosion and sediment control measures.
 - (vi) A program proposal for the continued maintenance of all permanent soil erosion and sediment control measures that remain after project completion, including the designation of the person responsible for the maintenance. Maintenance responsibilities shall become a part of any sales or exchange agreement for the land on which the permanent soil erosion control measures are located.

R 323.1704 Permit requirements.

Rule 1704. (1) A landowner or designated agent who contracts for, allows, or engages in, an earth change in this state shall obtain a permit from the appropriate enforcing agency before commencing an earth change which disturbs 1 or more acres of land or which is within 500 feet of the water's edge of a lake or stream, unless exempted in R 323.1705.

(2) An earth change activity that does not require a permit under sub-rule (1) of this rule is not exempt from enforcement procedures under part 91 or these rules, if the activity exempted by sub-rule (1) of this rule causes or results in a violation of part 91 or these rules.

R 323.1705 Permit exemptions and waivers.

Rule 1705. (1) A permit is not required for any of the following:

- (a) A beach nourishment project permitted under part 325 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being § 324.32501 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (b) Normal road and driveway maintenance, such as grading or leveling, that does not increase the width or length of the road or driveway and that will not contribute sediment to lakes or streams.

(c) An earth change of a minor nature that is stabilized within 24 hours of the initial earth disturbance and that will not contribute sediment to lakes or streams

(d) Installation of oil, gas, and mineral wells under permit from the supervisor of wells if the owner-operator is found by the supervisor of wells to be in compliance with the conditions of part 91.

(2) A county or local enforcing agency may grant a permit waiver for an earth change after receiving a signed affidavit from the landowner stating that the earth change will disturb less than 225 square feet and that the earth change will not contribute sediment to lakes or streams.

(3) Exemptions provided in sub-rules (1) and (2) of this rule shall not be construed as exemptions from enforcement procedures under part 91 or these rules, if the activities exempted by sub-rules (1) and (2) cause or result in a violation of part 91 or these rules.

R 323.1706 Application for permit.

Rule 1706. (1) A landowner or designated agent shall submit an application for a permit to the appropriate enforcing agency.

(2) A landowner or designated agent shall submit, with the application, a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan and any other document that the appropriate enforcing agency may require.

(3) The county or local enforcing agency shall provide an application requiring state prescribed information to an applicant.

(4) An authorized public agency is exempt from obtaining a permit from a county or local enforcing agency, but shall notify the county or local enforcing agency of each proposed earth change.

R 323.1707 Application review and permit procedures.

Rule 1707. (1) A person who is designated by the county or local enforcing agency who is trained in soil erosion and sedimentation control methods and techniques shall review and approve a soil erosion and sedimentation control plan.

(2) The appropriate enforcing agency shall approve, disapprove, or require modification of an application for an earth change permit within 30 calendar days following receipt of the application. The enforcing agency shall notify an applicant of by first-class mail. If an applicant is disapproved, then the enforcing agency shall advise the applicant by certified mail of its reasons for disapproval and conditions required for approval. The enforcing agency need not notify an applicant of approval or disapproval by mail if the applicant is given written approval or disapproval of the application in person. A permit given to the applicant either in person or by first-class mail constitutes approval.

(3) A permit that contains state prescribed information shall be used by each county or local enforcing agency and shall include any additional provisions required by the county or local enforcing agency. The permit shall be available at the site of the earth change for inspection.

(4) Upon a determination that a permit applicant has met all of the requirements of these rules, Part 91 and the local ordinance, if applicable, the appropriate enforcing agency shall issue a permit for the proposed earth change.

R 323.1708 Soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures and measures generally.

Rule 1708. A person who applies for an earth change permit shall incorporate the soil erosion and sedimentation control procedures and measures prescribed by R 323.1709 and R 323.1710 into the soil erosion and sedimentation control plan and shall apply the procedures and measures to all earth changes identified in the plan, unless the person preparing the plan shows, to the satisfaction of the appropriate enforcing agency, that altering the control procedures or measures or including other control procedures or measures will prevent accelerated soil erosion and sedimentation during the earth change.

R 323.1709 Earth change requirements: time; sediment removal; design, installation, and removal of temporary or permanent control measures.

Rule 1709. (1) A person shall design, construct, and complete an earth change in a manner that limits the exposed area of any disturbed land for the shortest possible period of time as determined by the county or local enforcing agency.

(2) A person shall remove sediment caused by accelerated soil erosion from runoff water before it leaves the site of the earth change.

(3) A person shall design a temporary or permanent control measure that is designed and constructed for the conveyance of water around, through, or from the earth change area to limit the water flow to a non-erosive velocity.

(4) A person shall install temporary soil erosion and sedimentation control measures before or upon commencement of the earth change activity and shall maintain the measures on a daily basis. A person shall remove temporary soil erosion and sedimentation control measures after permanent soil erosion measures are in place and the area is stabilized. A person shall stabilize the area with permanent soil erosion control measures under approved standards and specifications as prescribed by R 323.1710.

(5) A person shall complete permanent soil erosion control measures for all slopes, channels, ditches, or any disturbed land area within 5 calendar days after final grading or the final earth change has been completed. If it is not possible to permanently stabilize a disturbed area after an earth change has been completed or if significant earth change activity ceases, then a person shall maintain temporary soil erosion and sedimentation control measures until permanent soil erosion control measures are in place and the area is stabilized.

R 323.1710 Standards and specifications.

Rule 1710. A person shall complete all temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures according to the approved plan or operating procedures.

(1) A person shall install and maintain control measures in accordance with the standards and specifications of all of the following:

- (a) The product manufacturer.
- (b) The local conservation district.
- (c) The department.
- (d) The Michigan department of transportation.
- (e) The enforcing agency, if applicable and formally adopted.

(2) If a conflict exists between the standards and specifications, then the enforcing agency or authorized public agency shall determine which specifications are appropriate for the project.

R 323.1711 Building permits.

Rule 1711. (1) A local agency or general law township that issues building permits shall notify the county or local enforcing agency immediately upon receipt of an application for a building permit that requires an earth change which disturbs 1 or more acres or which is located within 500 feet of a lake or stream.

(2) A local agency or general law township shall not issue a building permit to a person engaged in an earth change if the change requires a permit under part 91 or these rules until the county or local enforcing agency has issued the required state-prescribed permit for the earth change.

R 323.1712 Enforcement.

Rule 1712. The county or local enforcing agency may issue a cease and desist order or revoke a permit upon its finding that there is a violation of part 91, these rules, or an approved local ordinance or a finding that there is a violation of a permit or an approved soil erosion and sedimentation control plan.

R 323.1713 Periodic review.

Rule 1713. The department shall conduct an ongoing comprehensive review and evaluation of all soil erosion and sedimentation control programs that operate under part 91 and these rules. The department shall notify county and local enforcing agencies and authorized public agencies as to the acceptability of their soil erosion and sedimentation control programs. The department shall make available a report of its findings of the review and evaluation of all enforcing agencies and authorized public agencies.

R 323.1714 Availability of documents.

Rule 1714. Copies of the local conservation district standards and specifications for soil erosion and sedimentation control, as referred to in R 323.1710, are available at each local conservation district office at a nominal cost. Copies of the department's standards are available from the surface water quality division's Lansing office. Department of transportation standards are available at the Lansing office for a fee. Information on other standards may be available from product manufacturers and the enforcing agencies.

ARENAC COUNTY
SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL
SUPPLEMENTAL RULES AND CONDITIONS

(Pursuant to Part 91 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended)

SECTION I Application for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit (SESC) Permit

A. All persons proposing to maintain or undertake an earth change activity that meets any of the following criteria:

1. Disturbs one (1) or more acres of land; or
2. Is within 500 feet of a lake, river or stream

must make application to the County Enforcing Agency for a SESC permit. Exemptions are identified in Rule 323.1705 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

B. Application for a SESC permit must be made prior to the start of any work including, but not limited to, construction of access roads, driveways, land clearing and grubbing and grading.

C. Application must be made on the prescribed application form, furnished by the County Enforcing Agency, and must be filled out completely. All incomplete application forms are subject to rejection.

D. The following information, plans and documents should accompany the application form:

1. A final design plan or development plan detailing all items of work.
2. A map or site plan, at a scale of not more than 200 feet per inch, showing all predominant land features, and contour intervals, and proximity to lakes or streams.
3. The description and location of all existing and proposed drainage and dewatering facilities.
4. A soils description of the affected areas, if so requested by the County Enforcing Agency.
5. A legal description of the site indicating legal ownership.
6. A description and location of the physical limits of the proposed earth change.
7. A listed sequence of each proposed earth change and the estimated time required to complete each.
8. The location and description for installing and removing all proposed temporary soil erosion and sediment control measures.
9. A description and the location off all proposed permanent soil erosion and sediment control measures.
10. A program proposal for the continued maintenance of all permanent soil erosion and sediment control measures that remain after project completion, including the

designation of the person responsible for the maintenance. Maintenance responsibilities shall become a part of any sales or exchange agreement for the land on which the permanent soil erosion control measures are located.

SECTION II SESC Permit

- A. SESC Permits will be issued only to the landowner upon proper filing of applications and only after all documents and plans have been reviewed, fees paid, and approved by the County Enforcing Agency. A designated agent on behalf of the landowner is authorized to make application only.
- B. SESC Permits shall contain limitations and conditions of issuance and shall be prominently displayed on the site at all times.
- C. SESC Permits shall contain an expiration date prior to which time the applicant must apply for a renewal or extension to all the provisions of these Supplement Rules and Conditions, if the project is not completed. The expiration date will be established by the County Enforcing Agency to reflect the normal time required to complete the proposed construction or development but, in no case, shall exceed three (3) years.

SECTION III Fee Schedule

- A. All persons filing an application for a SESC permit shall submit the appropriate fee as determined by the Arenac County Board of Commissioners. Fees may be periodically revised as necessary by formal action of the County Board.
- B. The fee schedule issued by the Arenac County Board of Commissioners shall apply to permits issued for a period not exceeding one (1) year. Permits issued for a period of greater than one year but not exceeding two (2) years shall pay a fee equal to one and one-half (1 ½) times the applicable fee. Permits issued for a period greater than two years but not exceeding three (3) years shall pay a fee equal to twice the applicable fee.
- C. All fees are to be payable to the County Enforcing Agency prior to issuance of a SESC permit.
- D. All sites will be inspected prior to permit issuance and prior to permit termination or expiration. Inspections must also be conducted throughout the duration of the earth change, on an average of one inspection per month per site or follow a site prioritization matrix (approved by the DEQ) which bases inspection frequencies on site factors that affect control mechanisms and potential problems on site.

SECTION IV Bond Requirements

- A. Prior to the issuance of a SESC permit, the applicant may be required to post a Surety Bond executed by the owner and corporate surety with authority to do business in the State of Michigan as a surety. The bond shall be in a form approved by the County Enforcing Agency. Said bond shall be in the amount of the cost of all temporary or permanent soil erosion and sedimentation control measures as estimated by the County Enforcing Agency.
- B. In lieu of a Surety Bond, the applicant may file a cash deposit with the County Enforcing Agency in the amount equal to that which would be required for a Surety Bond.

SECTION V Extension of Time

- A. Requests for extension of time for SESC permits must be received by the County Enforcing Agency at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.
- B. Requests for extensions must be in writing and set for the reasons for such requests.

SECTION VI Violations

- A. Whenever, by the provisions of Part 91, the General Rules or these Supplemental Rules and Conditions, the performance of any act is required or the performance of any act is prohibited, a failure to comply with such provisions shall constitute a violation of law.
- B. All violations shall be corrected within five (5) days following issuance of a written notice to correct. Said notice shall include a description of the violation, the remedy and specify the time span in which to comply with Part 91, the rules promulgated under Part 91 and the Arenac County Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Ordinance 2012-01. Notice shall be mailed by certified mail or, in the alternative, may be hand delivered to the person charged with said violation. Failure to incorporate corrections shall cause the SESC permit to be voided and shall cause legal action to be initiated.

SECTION VII Maintenance

All persons carrying out soil erosion and sedimentation measures under Part 91, the General Rules or these Supplemental Rules and Conditions, and all subsequent owners of properties on which such measures have been installed, shall adequately maintain permanent erosion control measures, devices and plants in effective working conditions.

SECTION VIII Standards and Specifications

All soil erosion and sedimentation control measures, both temporary and permanent, shall be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with current standards and specifications. Sources of these standards and specifications include, but are not limited to: Arenac Conservation District, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Guidebook of Best Management Practices for Michigan Watersheds, and the Michigan Department of Transportation Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures, as approved by the County Enforcing Agency.

SECTION IX Interpretation

The County Enforcing Agency shall have the responsibility to administer Part 91, the General Rules, and these Supplemental Rules and Conditions and shall base decisions on Part 91, The General Rules, and these Supplemental Rules and Conditions.

SECTION X Revisions

The Board of Commissioners may, from time to time, revise these Supplemental Rules and Conditions as deemed necessary for the effective enforcement and administration of Part 91 and the General Rules, effective after review and approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

SECTION XI Enforcement Assignments

- A. Upon approval of the County Board of Commissioners, the County Enforcing Agency may secure, pursuant to properly executed agreements approved by the Board of Commissioners, services for enforcing Part 91, the General Rules, and these Supplemental Rules and Conditions, on behalf of the Commissioner, from private contractors or vendors. Enforcement responsibilities that may be included in said agreement are receipt of applications, collection of permit fees, setting and receiving bond amounts and appropriate recordkeeping. All fees charged shall be in accordance with these Supplemental Rules and Conditions and shall be turned over to the Commissioner.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF
Part 91 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended**

The Arenac County Building Inspector, acting on behalf of the Arenac County Board of Commissioners, as County Enforcing Agency for Part 91, does hereby issue the following statement of policy and interpretation regarding the enforcement of Part 91. These statements are not intended to be inclusive, but are made in an effort to improve clarity of existing rules and to provide educational information.

1. A one-year permit renewal will be required when the excavation, grading, or hauling operations are not yet complete.
2. A four month permit extension may be requested when only minor alterations, final cleanup or reseeding operations remain to be completed.
3. The decision as to whether a permit renewal or an extension is necessary shall be the decision of the County Enforcing Agency.
4. For both a permit renewal and an extension, the bond requirements shall be the same as in the original permit. That is, a Surety Bond for the same amount shall be extended, or in the case of a Cash Bond, the original amount will be retained until completion. No additional bond will be required.
5. It is required that the permit be in the name of the owner of the property.
6. Only two consecutive permit extensions will be granted per project. If the project is not yet complete after the expiration of the second extension, a permit renewal will be required.
7. If the applicant anticipates a project to be longer than three (3) years in duration, he or she should consider separating the project into several distinct phases.
8. For applications received from municipalities, the bond may be waived at the discretion of the County Enforcing Agency.
9. The minimum rate for establishment of the bond amount shall be ten (10) times the per acre site inspection fee rate.
10. Minor use permits will be issued at the discretion of the County Enforcing Agency.