



September 17, 2026

Developers, Engineers, and Surveyors:

Subject: Transition in DEQ Billing for Construction General Permit Fees –
Effective October 1, 2026

The purpose of this letter is to inform the development community of a statewide change to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) billing process for Construction General Permit (CGP) fees.

DEQ has announced that, due to limitations in its internal billing system, localities will no longer receive monthly invoices for DEQ's share of the CGP fee. Instead, DEQ will begin billing operators directly via the Stormwater Construction General Permit (SWCGP) database.

Effective October 1, 2026:

- **Prince William County will stop collecting DEQ's portion of the CGP permit fee.**
- **DEQ will begin by invoicing the operator directly for its 30% share** of the total permit fee through the SWCGP database.
- Any permit issuance request submitted to DEQ by Prince William County through the SWCGP System on or after October 1, 2026, will be subject to this updated billing structure.

What This Means for Applicants:

- Applicants should ensure that the operator email listed in the Registration Statement is accurate to receive DEQ's invoice.
- Registration Statements submitted to DEQ by Prince William County through the SWCGP System before October 1, 2026, will follow the current process. Registration Statements submitted on or after October 1, 2026, will follow the new DEQ billing structure.
- Prince William County will continue collecting its portion of the CGP permit fee, but DEQ's portion will be handled entirely through the SWCGP database.

If you have any questions regarding this transition, please contact the Department of Public Works at (703)792-7070.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: CGP Guide

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