



RIDOT Compliance Assistance Program (CAP) Fact Sheet

What is the CAP and who does it apply to?

CAP is a tool used to assist owners and operators of construction sites to better understand the requirements of the RIDEM RIPDES Construction General Permit. This program applies to any construction site with a soil disturbance of an acre or more. Currently this is a voluntary program, but will most likely become mandatory in the future.

How does the CAP work?

- RIDEM provides compliance assistance – in the form of training workshops and plain language workbooks that clearly explain all of a facility's environmental obligations.
- The site owner and operator certify that the facility is in compliance and will continue to be in compliance.
- If the facility is not in compliance, the owner and operator must indicate how and when it returned to compliance.
- RIDEM conducts random inspections to judge the accuracy of certification and the degree of performance improvements for individual sites and for the construction sector as a whole.
- The RIDEM will also use the data to strategically target inspections and compliance assistance efforts, to track results to show success to the public, industry and legislators and, as appropriate, take the necessary enforcement actions.

What is required in the CAP?

- Submission of two Self-Certification Checklists to the RIDEM Office of Customer and Technical Assistance
- Start of Construction Stormwater Self-Certification Checklist (Submittal 1)
 - Must be submitted **within 30 days after** initiating soil disturbance activities
 - Allows the owner and operator to be in compliance from the start of the project and be aware of all applicable regulations
 - Can be used as an “anytime” Self-Certification Checklist to ensure all proper procedures are being followed and the site is in compliance
- Completion of Construction Stormwater Self-Certification Checklist (Submittal 2)
 - Must be submitted **within 30 days after** completion of permanent site stabilization
 - Allows the owner and operator to properly complete the project
- The Self-Certification inspections are **in addition to** the SESC weekly inspections



A non-compliant RIDOT construction site

Who should fill out the Self-Certification Checklists?

The person filling out the checklists must have a thorough understanding of the RIDEM RIPDES Construction General Permit requirements, be familiar with Minimum Standard 10 of the RI Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, the RI Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook and most importantly the site specific SESC Plan.



Polluted stormwater runoff due to lack of adequate Control Measures.

What are the Benefits to Participating in the CAP?

- Allows the owner and operator to promptly correct environmental violations
- Enables the owner and operator to proactively prevent environmental violations
- Educates the owner and operator on what the RIDEM expects when it comes to construction site compliance
- Diminishes the chance of receiving fines associated with environmental violations



Compost filter sock used for velocity dissipation and sediment control.

How does my site participate? Contact the RIDEM – Office of Customer and Technical Assistance! 401-222-6822

A clean (and compliant) construction site starts with YOU!

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