

Effective December 7, 2017

In accordance with P.L. 2010, Chapter 113, the State Soil Conservation Committee has revised its New Jersey Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Standards to include provisions for mitigating the negative impacts of soil compaction on construction sites subject to review and regulation by the New Jersey Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Act, N.J.S.A. 4:24-39, et seq. These provisions have been included within Chapters 8 (Topsoil) and 19 (Land Grading) of the Standards.

Plan Preparer Shall:

- Determine whether the Soil Restoration Standard (SRS) applies
- Denote the restoration area subject to compaction mitigation or testing (including the testing locations) and note the acreage (square footage) of the restoration area
- If the SRS does not apply, indicate the exemption as listed in the Standards [19-2](#).
- Ensure the plan includes the latest set District Notes reflecting the Dec 2017 revisions to the [NJ Standards for Soil Erosion & Sediment Control](#)
- Ensure the plan includes Standard Soil Compaction Standard Notes (as issued by the SSCC)

District (or Exempt Municipality having jurisdiction) Shall:

- Review the plan to determine it meets the latest revisions to the [NJ Standards](#)
- Perform routine inspections of the soil erosion & sediment control measures
- Provide a copy of the [NJDA Soil Compaction Mitigation Verification Form](#) to the owner or contractor for completion
- Perform verification of the results reported on the form

Owner/Owner's Representative/Contractor Shall:

- Either test for subsoil compaction or proactively mitigate the restoration area by tillage of the subsoil to a depth of 6"
- Apply 5 inches of topsoil to areas to be stabilized with vegetation, unless otherwise noted on certified plan
- Submit the completed [NJDA Soil Compaction Mitigation Verification Form](#) to the District when scheduling a final inspection
- Obtain a District Report of Compliance prior to applying for a Certificate of Occupancy

The changes to the Standards were adopted by the Department on June 12, 2017 by the State Soil Conservation Committee with an operational (effective) date of December 7, 2017. Any new plans submitted to a local Soil Conservation District on or after this date must comply with the requirements outlined above.