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APPLICATION FOR STANDARD PLAN APPROVAL

**AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION**

**Definitions**

1. "Agricultural Structure" means a structure on a farm used solely for agricultural purposes in which the use is exclusively in connection with the production, harvesting, storage, drying, or raising of agricultural commodities, including the raising of livestock. Structures used for human habitation, public use, or a place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated, or packaged are not considered agriculture structures for the purposes of these regulations.
2. "Forest" means a biological community dominated by trees and other woody plants covering a land area of one contiguous acre or greater, and that have at least 100 trees per acre with at least 50% of those trees having a 2 inch or greater diameter at 4.5 feet above the ground and larger. Forest does not include orchards or other stands of trees having a curve number equivalent to "woods-grass combination". To determine whether a site meets the definition of a forest at baseline condition of 2017, the Department or its authorized Delegated Agency may use data from various sources, including but not limited to Land Use/Land Cover data, historic and recent aerial photography, field collected data, etc.

**Applicability Criteria**

1. The total land disturbance will not exceed 5.0 acres.
2. The pre-construction land use at the location of the agricultural structure is historically agricultural use (farmstead, crop field, pasture). Within the disturbed area, the pre-development land use is not classified as forest. If any portion of the pre-construction land use is forest, a detailed plan is required.
3. The proposed impervious area as a result of construction of an agricultural structure is less than 10% of the watershed area to the point of discharge from the parcel.

**Site Information**

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel Total Acres (nearest 0.1ac): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Disturbed Acres (nearest 0.1ac): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Impervious Area: \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft / ac  
 Wooded area to be cleared: \_\_\_\_\_ sq ft / ac

**Applicant Information**

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval Information (for office use only)**

Approval # \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Standard Conditions**

1. Nutrient management plan recommendations will be followed for the project, during construction and throughout the life of the project.
2. Discharges from rooftops will be disconnected from impervious surfaces to the maximum extent practicable. Downspouts, if applicable, will discharge to a stabilized area, such as grass or gravel.
3. Impervious surfaces, including compacted gravel roadways, will be graded to sheet flow to pervious areas to the maximum extent practicable.
4. Construction site stormwater management best management practices will be used. Standard Detail and Specification DE-ESC-3.7.1 ESC For Minor Development will be followed (see attachment).
5. Construction projects exceeding 1.0 acre of total disturbance require submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI) for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity. A plan fulfilling Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements must be developed to obtain general permit coverage for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (see attachment).
6. Approval of this Standard Plan does not relieve the applicant from complying with any and all federal, state, county or municipal laws and regulations.

**Stabilization Conditions**

1. Following initial soil disturbance or redisturbance, temporary or permanent stabilization with seed and mulch shall be completed within 14 calendar days to the surface of all disturbed areas not actively under construction.
2. Specific stabilization recommendations may be found in the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, 3.4.3 Standard and Specifications for Vegetative Stabilization.

**Applicant Certification**

**I, the undersigned, certify that the information supplied on this Application for Standard Plan Approval is accurate, the proposed land disturbing activity meets the criteria established, and all conditions of this Standard Plan Approval will be met by the applicant, builder, contractor, and owner during construction and post construction.**

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*THIS STANDARD PLAN APPLICATION FORM MUST BE MAINTAINED ON THE SITE AT ALL TIMES DURING CONSTRUCTION\*\*\***