

§ 143-214.7B. Fast-track permitting for stormwater management systems.

The Commission shall adopt rules to establish a fast-track permitting process that allows for the issuance of stormwater management system permits without a technical review when the permit applicant (i) complies with the Minimum Design Criteria for stormwater management developed by the Department and (ii) submits a permit application prepared by a qualified professional. In developing the rules, the Commission shall consult with a technical working group that consists of industry experts, engineers, environmental consultants, relevant faculty from The University of North Carolina, and other interested stakeholders. The rules shall, at a minimum, provide for all of the following:

- (1) A process for permit application, review, and determination.
- (2) The types of professionals that are qualified to prepare a permit application submitted pursuant to this section and the types of qualifications such professionals must have.
- (3) A process for ensuring compliance with the Minimum Design Criteria.
- (4) That permits issued pursuant to the fast-track permitting process comply with State water quality standards adopted pursuant to G.S. 143-214.1, 143-214.7, and 143-215.3(a)(1).
- (5) A process for establishing the liability of a qualified professional who prepares a permit application for a stormwater management system that fails to comply with the Minimum Design Criteria. (2013-82, s. 2.)