

APPENDIX L

Environmental Monitoring Program

VDOT Environmental Monitoring Program

Land-disturbing activities in the commonwealth fall principally under the authority and jurisdiction of the Erosion and Sediment Control Law and Regulations. In order to insure compliance VDOT has established the Environmental Monitoring Program. This program conducts site reviews and provides guidance and technical advice to VDOT Inspectors and Maintenance Staff who conduct regular E&S inspections.

Environmental Monitors are the engineers authorized representative to act within the scope of the duties assigned to him or the authority given during construction activities to monitor contractor's and inspector's activities for compliance and recommend corrective action in accordance with environmental aspects of the contracts pertaining to contractor plan of operations, erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, water quality permits, hazardous materials, cultural resources, threatened & endangered species, noise abatement, compensatory mitigation, and ecological monitoring.

Site reviews conducted by an Environmental Monitor are documented in the Environmental Compliance Reporting System (ECRS) by using the ECR form. These reports are also provided to the District Administrator, Resident Administrator, Area Construction Engineer, Inspector, and Project Manager for assisting and assessing environmental compliance for VDOT construction, maintenance, and facilities operations. The results of the reports are recorded on the VDOT Dashboard II for viewing by the public and is a performance measure for the Department.

The VDOT Environmental Monitoring Program is managed by the Environmental Division under the direct authority of the Environmental Division Administrator and District Environmental Managers.