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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.

A complete copy of the Standards and associated forms and documents may be downloaded from the Department's website at:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/nrc/njerosion.html>.

The Department has also created a Frequently Asked Questions document to aid the regulated community in complying with these requirements.

Effective December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, any application submitted to a local Soil Conservation District for erosion and sediment control plan certification must include provisions to mitigate potential soil compaction in accordance with the revised Standards. Previously certified Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans, Plan eligible for recertification and minor revisions are not subject to the adopted amendments.

The attached Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) are provided as guidance for compliance with these new provisions for soil compaction mitigation.