

EPA finalized the Effluent Limitation Guidelines for the Construction and Development Industry on December 1, 2009. EPA's final rule includes:

- Non-numeric Best Management Practices that apply to all sites required to obtain permit coverage (1+ acres of disturbed land)

- Includes residential construction, commercial construction, roads and highways, infrastructure

- Numeric standard of 280 NTU applies in two phases:
 - Sites disturbing 20+ acres at one time have to comply by August 1, 2011
 - Sites disturbing 10+ acres at one time have to comply by February 2, 2014

- Requirements must be incorporated in permits (general or individual) before applying in any state

- States will be responsible for developing monitoring protocol for compliance with the numeric limit

- EPA plans to provide guidance to states by July 2011