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Re: Coastal Stormwater Rules Working Group

Dear Mr. Givens,

Listed below are provisions that we feel are necessary in the final legislation presented to the General Assembly with regards to the Coastal Stormwater Rules:

- Detention ponds with vegetative filters must remain an option for stormwater control within ½ mile of SA waters without further best management practices being required.
- The vegetative buffer should be set at 30 feet.
- The separation from the seasonal high water table should be lowered to 1 foot.
- The effective date for the implementation of the new rules must be no earlier than January 1, 2009.
- The limits of SA waters must be clearly defined and established.
- Volumes of rainfall that must be treated by stormwater controls should be set at controlling either two inches of rainfall off impervious surfaces, or the pre-development/post development impervious surface runoff difference from the one-year 24-hour rainfall event, whichever is less.

These changes are essential.

Sincerely,

Dave Inscow
Executive Director

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