

Estimates of erosion are essential to issues of land and water management, including sediment transport and storage in lowlands, reservoirs, and most especially our precious lagoon.



Permitting for Earthmoving

This branch reviews and manages the Inter-Agency One-Start Earthmoving and Erosion Control Permit application for both Commercial and Non-Commercial. Any land clearing activity requires this permit.



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Overview

DEQ's Wastewater, Earthmoving and Erosion Control branch protects public health and the environment by minimizing negative impacts to CNMI soil surface and ground water resources through enforcement of local and federal environmental regulations.

This branch is responsible for

- controlling nonpoint source and runoff from human related activities,
- ensuring proper wastewater treatment design, construction and application of approved individual wastewater disposal systems (IWDS) and other wastewater treatment systems (OWTS)
- responding to complaints on illegal and or un-permitted land clearing,
- issuing notices of violations and administrative orders and
- promoting public education and outreach.



- **Clearing without a DEQ Earthmoving Permit is a violation of the Commonwealth Environmental Protection Act 2 CMC d 3101, et. Seq.,(as amended by P.L. 11-103) and a violation of the DEQ Earthmoving Rules & Regulations.**
- **Violator may be fined up to \$25,000 each day of the continuance of the violation.**

