

Name of Practice: VOLUNTARY SURFACE WATER RUNOFF IMPOUNDMENT FOR  
WATER QUALITY  
DCR Specification for No. VWP-7

This document specifies terms and conditions for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's voluntary agricultural surface water runoff impoundment for water quality, that are applicable to all contracts, entered into with respect to that practice.

A. Description and Purpose

This practice will promote structures that will impound surface water runoff and allow sediment and nutrients to settle.

The purpose of the practice is to improve water quality by impounding surface water and allowing sediments and nutrients to settle out.

B. Policies and Specifications

1. This practice is subject to NRCS Standards 378 Pond, 393 Filter Strip, 362 Diversion, 350 Sediment Basin, and 342 Critical Area Planting, 472 Use Exclusion.
2. Soil loss rates must be computed for all applications.
3. The practice must not be in lifespan from any other conservation program.
4. All practice components implemented should be maintained for a minimum of 5 years following the calendar year of installation. This practice is subject to spot check by the SWCD throughout the lifespan of the practice.

C. Technical Responsibility

Technical and administrative responsibility is assigned to qualified technical DCR and SWCD staff in consultation, where appropriate and based on the controlling standard, with DCR, Virginia Certified Nutrient Management Planner(s), NRCS, DOF, and VCE. Individuals certifying technical need and technical practice installation shall have appropriate certifications as identified above, and/or Engineering Job Approval Authority (EJAA), for the designed and installed component(s). All practices are subject to spot check procedures and any other quality control measures.

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