

## **9.0 Completion of Project and Release of Contractor**

It is the Department's intent to fully release the contractor after the project has been completed and stabilized. Final stabilization is achieved when all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and 70% of the native perennial vegetative cover (for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures) has been established; or equivalent permanent measures, such as the use of rip rap, gabions, soil retention blankets, or other geotextiles have been employed. When estimating vegetative cover for the purposes of determining final stabilization, the percentage should be relative to the existing natural vegetative cover in an adjacent undisturbed area. Where an exposed area is naturally stable with little or no vegetative cover (e.g. rock outcrop), the area can be considered stabilized for the purpose of the Construction General Permit requirements. If the project is complete but the establishment of the 70% perennial vegetative cover has not been achieved, the contractor may be released if the permanent measures with all necessary temporary measures are in place that will control erosion, sedimentation, and water pollution.

In some cases, the release of the contractor and the submission of the Notice of Termination (NOT) may not occur at the same time. The continuation of the SW3P until submittal of the NOT can be by State Forces (Item 261 – State Force Account – Maintenance of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan), maintenance contract or another construction-type contract. D-3 should be notified by memo that an NOT is outstanding, request the Control, Section, and Job number (CSJ) remain open and that an Item 261 be set up. When the project is finally stabilized, the NOT will be submitted to the EPA and then the District should notify D-3 to close the CSJ.