

Notice to Home Owner

Construction Closing Date: ... _____

Operator (Builder's) Name: _____

Site Address: _____

TPDES Permit Number: TXR15 _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Dear New Home Owner:

During the construction of your home, the builder had coverage under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Construction General Permit No. TXR150000. This permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater from construction sites. Stormwater runoff from construction activities can have a significant impact on water quality. As stormwater flows over a construction site, it collects pollutants like sediment, debris, and chemicals, which it carries into creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, etc.

This site has **NOT** reached final stabilization. Final stabilization of a construction site helps *prevent erosion* and *prevent pollution* from entering the water that many Texans use for drinking water and recreation.

Final stabilization occurs when:

- all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed and
- a uniform (e.g, evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70% of the native background vegetative cover for the area has been established on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures, or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) have been employed.

This site has been *temporarily* stabilized by the use of the following best management practices:

In order to protect water quality, you must achieve final stabilization of this property by removing any temporary controls listed above, and stabilizing your property by adding landscape, xeriscape or other best management practices to eliminate erosion from your property.

Sincerely,

Signature of Operator (Builder) Representative

Date

I certify that I have received this notice and understand the benefits of final stabilization.

Signature of Home Owner

Date

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has a publication called "A *Green Guide to Yard Care* (GI-028)." You may view this publication online at www.tceq.gov, or you can order a printed copy free by calling 512-239-0028.