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Mr. Brent L. Dykes  
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Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
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Dear Mr. Dykes:

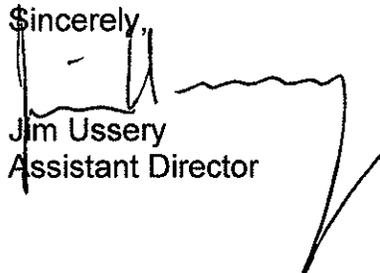
Please refer to your July 24, 2008 letter to Mr. Jim Sommerville regarding the approval of alternative silt fencing as reflected on the Department of Transportation Qualified Products List #36 (QPL-36).

Since revisions to the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia are the responsibility of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission EPD will immediately adopt the position that products on the QPL-36 are approved for use.

However, since the QPL-36 does contain listings for systems that may be substituted for type C silt fence as defined in the Manual, in order for these substitute systems to be utilized, the Erosion Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan for the project must specify either the specific substitute the design professional has identified as appropriate for the site or must contain a statement that alternative technologies as identified in QPL-36 may be used. Without this statement, use of the alternatives will have to be considered a violation when a design professional specifies only type C.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this position please feel free to contact me at the number above or Jim Sommerville (404-656-3310).

Sincerely,

  
Jim Ussery  
Assistant Director

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