**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

TO: Virginia Local Executive Officers

FROM: Mike Toalson

 Chief Executive Officers

 Home Builders Association of Virginia

RE: Four (4) DEQ/HBAV/Local Regional Stormwater Management Seminars

 Scheduled for Virginia Home Builders, Land Developers and Engineers

As most of you know, there are SIGNIFICANT Stormwater Management (SWM) Regulatory Changes coming statewide for Virginia home builders, land developers and their engineers on July 1, 2014. These new Stormwater Management REGULATIONS will impact every home builder and land developer in Virginia. For example, after July 1, 2014, every home builder in Virginia will have to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for each individual lot that he or she constructs a new home. Much change is also coming for land developers surrounding SWM.

To help member builders, land developers and engineers understand the new REQUIREMENTS coming on July, 1 2014, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has agreed to partner with HBAV and our 16 local associations to produce 4 Regional Seminars across Virginia during the month of May. The 4 Regional Seminars will be conducted from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon in Lynchburg on May 16th, in Northern Virginia (Springfield) on May 21st, in Richmond on May 22nd and in Tidewater (Chesapeake) on May 23rd.

I am writing today to ask each local association to broadly promote the 4 DEQ/HBAV Regional Seminars during the next few weeks. Your builder members, land development members and their engineers will be thankful and will benefit greatly from the DEQ produced Stormwater Management Seminars. Failure of members to comply with the new statewide Stormwater Management requirements could result in large fines and/or immediate stop work orders!

Beginning tomorrow (Tuesday, April 29th), HBAV will begin promoting and encouraging members to attend the 4 DEQ programmed Regional Stormwater Management Seminars. The HBAV Registration Fee will only be $25.00 per person to cover the Seminar costs. Members planning on attending should be directed to register with HBAV. Registration will begin at each site at 9:00 a.m. Morning beverages and pastries will be available upon arrival and throughout each seminar.

Please watch your email for the DEQ/HBAV/Local Stormwater Management Seminar announcements tomorrow, and please promote the Seminars to your local members upon receipt of the materials. Your support of the 4 Regional Seminars will be greatly appreciated by HBAV and your members. Thanks in advance for your help in making the Seminars a benefit to the members of your local association and HBAV.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 804-644-0317.