

Timber harvest operations are considered an earth disturbance activity because the forest floor is disturbed and the exposed soils are subjected to accelerated erosion. The process of tree felling is not the problem in terms of erosion, but the moving of the timber from the stump to the mill could cause erosion and sediment pollution. This leads to the development, implementation, and maintenance of a Timber Harvest Erosion and Sediment Control Plan which minimizes accelerated erosion and sedimentation. [Click here for application](#)

Also, if disturbance will occur within the floodway or the crossing of a stream, a general permit under DEP's chapter 105 Dam Safety and Waterway Management Encroachment Act will be required (CH 105 GP8) The Beaver County Conservation District reviews both the Timber Harvest Erosion and Sediment Plans and the general permits. For more information on timber harvest operations under DEP's waterways, wetlands, and erosion control.

Additional Links:

Erosion and Sediment Control Program Manual, Chapter 14: Timber Harvest Operations

PA DEP Chapter 105 General Permit 8: Temporary Stream Crossing  
(<http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us/dsweb/Get/Document-115968/3150-PM-BWEW0508%20Complete%20Package.pdf>)

PA State Forestry Initiative (<http://sfiofpa.org/page/environmental-regulations/>)



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