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To: Owners, Developers, General and Landscape Contractors, and Design Professionals Doing Work in the City of North Las Vegas
Subject: Landscape/Geotechnical Coordination Policy - Effective May 1, 2009

The below policy has been adopted by The City of North Las Vegas Building Safety Division and Planning/Zoning Department in an effort to provide our customers with a clear understanding of the process for approving landscape plans and performing related inspections.

Policy: All landscaping plans are required to be reviewed and approved by the geotechnical engineer of record, prior to submitting them for review to the Permit Application Center (PAC).
The components of the landscaping plans that are to be reviewed and approved are;

- Site drainage
- Location of landscaping adjacent to structures
- Type of irrigation adjacent to structures
- Location of concrete flat work that may affect water entrapment adjacent to structures
- Any soils mitigating components for landscaping that are proposed adjacent to structures

The approval of the geotechnical engineer may be in the form of a letter of approval or by inserting a stamped and signed title block on the landscaping plans stating review and approval. The PAC staff will add this requirement to the building submittal checklists and verify that the application is complete at time of submittal. When building components are identified as mitigation measures, Building Plans Examiners will review for compliance.

Process to Verify Compliance: Building inspectors will inspect all landscaping mitigating components which are included on the approved landscaping plan and/or building plans.

Implementation: Industry notification will begin in March, giving the building and design organizations notification of the new policy/process. All internal checklists will be updated in March 2009 to better prepare our customers for this change. The new policy is proposed to be implemented on May 1, 2009.

Please contact Tony Vibabul at 633-2405 should you have any questions regarding this policy.