

GET YOUR DRAINAGE PERMIT!

On October 12, 2011, McCook County adopted the 2011 Revised Drainage Ordinance of McCook County South Dakota. This Ordinance contains a County's drainage permit system, consistent with the principles outlined in SDCL 46A-10A-20. This system requires that a

drainage permit be obtained **prior to** commencing the construction or installation of the following drainage projects:

1. Any draining or filling, in whole or in part, of a pond, wetland, or lake.
2. Construction of any lateral drain.
3. Modification of any permitted drainage with the intent of deepening or widening any drainage channel, increasing the size of any drainage tile, or the extending or rerouting of any drainage work.
4. Construction or installation of a surface or closed drain.
5. Repairing, replacing or improving any drain.

This County permit requirement applies to any new work, as well as routine Maintenance.

Pursuant to SDCL 46A-10A-30: "Any person or the person's contractor draining water without a permit, if a permit is required under the provisions of this section, **is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.** In addition to or in lieu of any criminal penalty, a court may assess against any person violating the provisions of this section a civil penalty not to exceed **one thousand dollars per each day of violation.**"