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To: Owners, Developers, General and Landscape Contractors, and Design Professionals performing 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 plans submitted for required landscaping shall be reviewed by the Geotechnical Engineer of Record. The Engineer must certify that the plans are in conformance with the geotechnical report and that appropriate mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project. The following is a list of example items the geotechnical engineer will review to ensure that the plans submitted are in conformance with the geotechnical report:

- 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 soil mitigating components for landscaping that are proposed adjacent to structures

The certification of plan/report conformance by 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 of the above-mentioned components. 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 for 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. 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.