# Changes Coming to Logger Notification

Loggers who harvest timber in Virginia will be seeing some changes coming to the method by which they are required to provide Notification of Timber Harvest to the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF). All logging contractors will be required to have a **Notification Account Identification** Number (NAID). This will be a unique number for the logging contractor. Each company will be required to use that number to notify the VDOF beginning on July 1, 2009. The advantage to the logging contractor will be that it will be quicker to notify as the contact information for that logger will already be in the system, so it will save time. Logging contractors will be receiving a postcard with information on how to register their company for an NAID number in late March. The VDOF will be encouraging all loggers to register on-line at a VDOF website if possible and there will be an incentive offered for on-line registration. **It is important to note that if the logger does not have an NAID number, he will not be able to complete his notification until he gets one, so register early!** Logging notification will still be able to be done either on-line (preferred method) or by phone using the 1-800-939-LOGS number.

One added benefit that will be available to loggers for harvest planning purposes will be the availablitiy of harvest planning maps if they have the location of the site of the timber harvest by Latitude and Longitude. If they provide this latitude and longitude information on-line or over the phone using the 1-800-939-LOGS notification number when they are notifying, they will have the opportunity to receive harvest planning maps for the area identified. These maps will consist of an aerial photograph of the site, a topographic map of the site and a culvert sizing map for use in determining appropriate culvert sizes if a stream crossing is necessary. Continuing Education classes will be available to loggers through the SHARP Logger Program on the use of GPS for attaining Latitudes and Longitudes and a cost-share program to receive a recreational GPS unit as part of that program will be available.

Another change in the notification part of the Silvisultural Water Quality Law is a result of the 2009 session of the General Assembly (awaiting the signature of the Governor), will be the requirement of the operator (logger) to provide landowner name and contact information to the VDOF as part of the information required for notification. So it will be important to have that information available when notifying. This requirement will also take effect on July 1, 2009 once the Governor signs the change.

Please direct any questions regarding the upcoming changes to Matt Poirot, Assistant Director of Forest Management for Water Quality or Bill Lakel, Water Quality Program Supervisor at (434) 977-6555.