



Erosion and Sediment Control News

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Introduction

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Sediment Control Certification Program publishes this newsletter twice a year. These newsletters, which are also available on-line, will help to keep you informed of the U of M Erosion and Sediment Control Program activities.

Attention

Minnesota Construction Permit To Be Revised

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) intends to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) General Permit No. MN R100001 for persons conducting construction activity and for discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity in August 2008. Stay tuned for updates on the www.pca.state.mn.us website.

2008-2009 Schedule

Once again, you will see changes in the 2008-2009 schedule, which will be released in full in late September.

One of the big things you will see now if you go to the www.erosion.umn.edu website is summer classes! We are offering some classes in the summer months. In addition to the classes in June and July, we will be offering classes earlier in October, so check the schedule early for the most class options.

Keep in mind that regular certifications are valid for three years after you take the course and pass the exam. The expiration date is printed on your certification card, and if your certification is expiring, you will need to be recertified before the class season ends. For example, if your card says May 31, 2010, you must recertify by May 31, 2010. If you do not recertify by this date, you will need to retake the full certification class.

Two New Classes

The U of M Erosion Program offered two new classes over the last year. One is a class for regulators which includes "in the field" training, and the other is a half day class for contractors working on smaller sites or residential lots. Future class sessions will be scheduled as needed to meet demand. Check the www.erosion.umn.edu website for upcoming events or contact the program to indicate your interest in attending this class.

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Technical Tip

Where can I buy an erosion control blanket in Brainerd?

Have you ever seen an unfamiliar product in a specification and not been sure where to even buy it? With the rapidly changing erosion and stormwater control technologies, the Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) has recently updated the supplier and company resources available on their website <http://www.mnerosion.org/directory/>.

This new listing is searchable, so if you are looking for a specific product it is a quick way to come up with a list of several suppliers. A quick search for “blanket” will provide you with nine Rolled Erosion Control Product suppliers, and many of these have multiple locations. To answer the question in the title of the article, you will have to look at the individual supplier website to find the new Brock White facility in Brainerd.

This new resource not only has product suppliers, but also includes contractors and designers. So, if you need an erosion control contractor or a SWPPP designer, this is a great resource.

Certified Names to be Published On-Line

As a convenience, the U of M Erosion Program now lists the names of all people with valid certifications on the program website. Information is limited to first name, last name, city of residence, certification, and expiration date. If you do not wish to have this information listed, please call 1-800-646-2282 or email erosion@umn.edu.

Watch for the 2008-2009 certification schedule in your mail box and on the web in September 2008.

What Class Should I Take?

The U of M Erosion Program offers several different classes, and sometimes people are unsure which class or classes are right for them. Some construction specifications explicitly state training requirements for some construction staff. In general, if you are a contractor responsible for scheduling and directing erosion control, you should attend the two-day Construction Site Management class. In general, if you install erosion control products, you should attend the Inspector/Installer class. Designers, owners' representatives, and regulators may need to take multiple classes. Check the www.erosion.umn.edu website for the most current class schedule.

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