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New Name for Program and Classes

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Sediment Control Certification Program has updated its name, and is now called the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification Program. This new name better represents the classes available in the program. Registration is now open for the 2009-2010 season. Classes do fill up, so register early for the best selection of dates and locations. Keep an eye on the website for the most up-to-date class schedule.

In addition to the program name change, some of the individual class names have been changed to better describe the content. As an example, the Inspector/Installer class is now called the Construction Installer class, as inspectors may take the Construction Installer, Construction Site Management, or Regulatory Inspector class, depending on their responsibilities. The Design of SWPPP class is also clarified as the Design of Construction SWPPPs, as a new class on Designing Industrial SWPPPs is being developed.

A certification under the "Inspector/Installer" class is the same as the new "Construction Installer" certification.

New Minnesota Construction Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency issued the current NPDES Construction Permit for Minnesota on August 1, 2008, which will be in effect until July 31, 2013. This permit and all of the permit forms can be found at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-c.html>

One new requirement of the permit is training documentation. Individuals who prepare the SWPPP, implement the SWPPP, and install BMPs will have to have their training records included in the project files on site by February 1, 2010. There are more details on this requirement in a fact sheet developed by the MPCA.

For the full story, hear from a MPCA representative in class.

Industrial Stormwater Permit Training

The MPCA stormwater permit for construction activity has two sister permits, one for municipalities and one for industrial activity. The industrial permit is scheduled to be issued 2010. The U of M Erosion Program is offering training to assist with understanding this new permit language. See www.erosion.umn.edu and www.pca.state.mn.us/stormwater for more information.

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The MPCA training deadline is February 1, 2010. Make sure your project staff is up to date

Technical Tip

Inspection Photos

Every construction project that disturbs more than an acre of land has to have a Minnesota NPDES Construction Permit, stormwater pollution prevention plan, and weekly inspections. Many people may see the weekly inspections as a hassle and just a bunch of paperwork that no one will ever look at. Actually, the weekly inspection report is a great insurance policy against unexpected storm events that may cause damage on your site. Well-kept inspection records showing a site in compliance will go a long way to keep your site out of trouble if a 4 inch rain fall creates havoc in the neighborhood.

A lot of inspection reports will focus on the problems and repairs needed, but it is also important to document the site after the repairs have been made. A photo of the problem should be followed by a photo of the solution. This will not only provide good documentation of the site, but also an understanding of good solutions. By doing this, you will

be able to better choose the appropriate solutions to future problems.

So keep your inspection reports up to date, with photos of the bad stuff and the good repairs and solutions.

Customized Training

The U of M Erosion program continues to offer customized and in-house training around the state. If the classes offered on the regular schedule don't meet your needs, email erosion@umn.edu or call 800-646-2282 to let us know how to better serve you.

The current customized training project is working with Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. to develop a Commercial Site Management class for December 2009.

Minnesota NonDegradation Rule Making Continues

The MPCA is working on rule making regarding NPDES Non-Degradation. For more information contact Carol Nankivel at the MPCA, carol.nankivel@state.mn.us.

New Product Corner: ERTEC Sediment Control

ERTEC Sediment Control Systems offers a line of environmentally sustainable products that are alternatives to things like silt fence and storm drain inlet protection.. The ERTEC S-Fence is an alternative to silt fence, and can be easily recycled or reused at the end of the project due to its construction from a single type of high density poly ethylene (HDPE). The Combo Guard can be used for storm drain inlet protection, and is easy to maintain, and can be reused. Generally the functional life of these products is over 4 years. For more information see www.ertecsystems.com or call Lawn & Driveway Services at (320) 795-2412.

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