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SUBJECT: Erosion/Sediment Control Certification Requirements on Mn/DOT Projects

This memo serves as a reminder to personnel designing, constructing or managing, Mn/DOT projects of erosion/sediment control certification-training requirements. The erosion/sediment control certification requirements are in response to the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. Certified personnel will be required on all Mn/DOT projects requiring an NPDES permit. Rigorous requirements for the design of stormwater pollution prevention plans and contract administration by owners as well as contractors responsibilities are contained in the new permit. Therefore, design personnel, construction personnel, consultants and contractors working on Mn/DOT projects must be thoroughly familiar with permit requirements.

Effective with the 2003 construction season, Mn/DOT implemented the erosion/sediment control certification training requirements for Mn/DOT construction and contractor personnel. Special Provisions requiring the certification are included on Mn/DOT projects.

The program is now expanded to include Mn/DOT design personnel, design consultants, and design/build contractors. The certification training requirements are in response to the rigorous Design Provisions contained in the Phase II permit. Effective with the 2004 construction project lettings, our goal is to have trained personnel prepare the Stormwater Pollution Plan for Mn/DOT projects. Mn/DOT personnel, consultant designers, and design/build contractors will be required to attend Designing Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans training. At least one person should be certified on a project design team. The certified person may be a squad leader, an engineer or a design technician. The certified person will function as a lead worker providing guidance and or review for other members of the design team.

Certification Training Program

The certification-training program is offered in partnership with the University of Minnesota, Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

The University of Minnesota is offering three categories of certification as follows:

- Erosion/Sediment Control Inspector/Installer
- Erosion/Sediment Control Site Management
- Design of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (AKA Erosions/Sediment Control Plans).

The University has scheduled several course offerings, December 2003 through April 2004. Look for a schedule of workshop dates and locations in the Mn/DOT Technical Training Calendar. Professional development hours/continuing education units will be applied by attending the training.

Detailed information can be obtained by calling the University of Minnesota at 612/625/9733 or through the website <http://erosion.coafes.umn.edu>

Registration for Mn/DOT Employees

Mn/DOT employees outstate must register through their respective Employee Development Specialist. Central Office employees should register through their Training Office.

Registration for Attendees Outside of Mn/DOT

Registration is either by mail or through the University of Minnesota's website at <http://erosion.coafes.umn.edu>

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Questions:

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