Established 2002  
Ten Years of Training!

The upcoming training season will carry us into 2012 and our 10th year of training. Since 2002 the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification Program has had over 16,000 attendees and, as of May 2011, has 5248 certified individuals holding 6360 certifications. This effort has made a big impact in keeping professionals in Minnesota informed on stormwater pollution prevention and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.

2011-2012 Class Schedule

Summer classes are currently open for registration, and additional fall classes will open for registration in August. Many of the winter classes will be open for registration starting in October with additional classes opening up throughout the winter as needed to meet demands. Look for the October mailing with the schedule, but the online calendar will have the most current offerings. Classes do fill up, so register early to get the best selection of dates and locations.

Recertification Options

We have added options into the recertification classes. While several class sections may be listed as “Design of Construction SWPPP Recertification” and all of these will satisfy your recertification requirements, they may have different topics discussed. The topic options include, Linear Projects, Infiltration, Landscaping, Hydrodynamic Separators, Bridge work, and many more topics will be available in the future. This is being done to provide a variety of information for individuals who have recertified several times.

The specialization topics have been used in the SWPPP Design Recertification classes for two seasons now, and have started to get phased into the Construction Site Management Recertification.

Note that, at this time, not all topics are available for all classes, dates, and locations. Look for additional letter codes in the class sections for indications of the specialization topic. More information is available at www.erosion.umn.edu/courses/Specialization.pdf
New Product - The SAFL Baffle

A new permanent stormwater management option now exists. Developed at the Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL) at the University of Minnesota, the SAFL Baffle is sold as a kit that is installed into standard sump manholes. This innovative addition to a standard manhole greatly improves the sediment capture from storm events. This low cost option, allowing for improved pollution prevention, is available through Upstream Technologies Inc. at 952-227-6621 or www.RevolutionaryBaffle.com. How much benefit does it provide? You can determine this for your site using the SHASAM software available for free at www.barr.com

Modeling Watersheds and Hydrodynamic Separators

Look for additional training on the use of the P8 software and hydrodynamic Separators this winter. More information will be at www.stormwater.umn.edu

Industrial Stormwater Permit Training

Several classes are available for industry to learn about Minnesota NPDES Stormwater requirements. Classes have included introductory topics, Designing the Industrial Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, and a stormwater sampling class will be available for registration early this winter. Check back at www.erosion.umn.edu for more information.

Job Posting:

Seasonal Environmental Compliance SWPPP Specialist

Westwood Professional Services is looking for a seasonal Environmental Compliance SWPPP Specialist for their Construction Services Group. For more information Contact Human Resources at Westwood Professional Services, Inc. at 952-937-5822.