



Erosion and Sediment Control News

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Introduction

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Sediment Control Certification Program is currently registering attendees for the winter 2008-2009 training season. This will be the 7th year of certification classes, and the importance of keeping in touch with changing regulations is more important than ever. These newsletters will be available occasionally in print and on-line to keep you informed of the U of M Erosion and Sediment Control Program activities.

Certified Names to be Published On-Line

The U of M Erosion Program has been listing the names of all people with valid certifications on the program website for two years. Feedback on this service has been very positive. If you do not wish to have this limited information listed, please call 1-800-646-2282 or email erosion@umn.edu.

New Minnesota Construction Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has issued the NPDES Construction Permit for August 1, 2008 to July 31 2013. This permit and all of the permit forms can be found on the MPCA website at:

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

This new permit language includes changes on how previously permitted projects transition over to the new permit, requirements for special and impaired waters, streamlined change of coverage and transfer process, and new training requirements. The erosion control requirements have been simplified to providing stabilization within 14 days for all areas of the site, with some exceptions, and there are new requirements for concrete washout.

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

New Small Site Management Classes for Residential and Light Commercial Work.

A new class is now available for residential and commercial contractors. The intent is to provide a shorter class with more focused material for smaller, less complicated construction sites. The first class was offered in March of 2008, and another class is currently on the schedule for March 2009. Future classes 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

Concrete Washout

With the new permit requirements on concrete washout, many contractors may be wondering what they are supposed to do when a concrete truck needs to wash off before leaving the construction site.

Specific language in the permit states that all liquid and solid wastes generated by concrete washout operations must be contained in a leak-proof containment facility or impermeable line.

Many options exist, and the most appropriate will depend on the specific situation on the construction site.

Option 1. Ask that concrete truck operators generate no waste. This could be done by not cleaning their equipment on the construction site, or use of self contained waste tanks on the trucks.

Option 2. Provide a site location for concrete washout waste containment. With some soil types, an additional liner may not be needed, but often a liner system will be required. A liner

system could be plastic sheeting or even a plastic child pool that is disposed of at the end of the activity.

Option 3. Have a service that will provide a roll off dumpster specifically for concrete washout.

The contained waste material must be properly disposed of at the end of the construction operations in compliance with MPCA regulations. Check with local waste water treatment operations for their ability to accept the waste water. Occasionally, industry may also need high pH liquids for cleaning or operations, so it may be possible for someone to reuse the water.

Minnesota NonDegredation Rule Making in Progress

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is currently working on rule making regarding NPDES Non-Degredation. Several meetings are being held to allow the public to express their opinions on what changes are needed. If you wish to receive information on upcoming meetings, contact Carol Nankivel at the MPCA, carol.nankivel@state.mn.us.

New Product Corner: VAST Pavers

Are you looking for an alternative to concrete pavers? VAST® Composite Pavers are made from up to 95% recycled materials; patented VAST Composite Pavers are the first socially responsible paver alternative in the industry.

VAST pavers are available in permeable and non-permeable versions. The Permeable Composite Paver is perfect for storm water management projects requiring a pervious surface. The Composite Paver is an alternative to conventional concrete pavers. Distributed by Brock White Company. For more information www.vastpavers.com or www.brockwhite.com

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