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The University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification Program has already opened registration for its 9th year of classes this summer of 2010. There are fewer classes offered over the summer months, so look for additional fall classes to be available for registration later this summer, and the full winter schedule being available in September 2010. As always, provisional classes are also available if certification is needed on short notice, but it is better to take the full class.

As the program class offerings have expanded, the names have been changed slightly to better describe the class content. As an example, if you have an expiring certification from an "Inspector/Installer" class, you can maintain this certification by attending the "Construction Installer" re-certification class. The new names help clarify that the "Design of Construction Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans" class is different from the "Industrial Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan" classes.

Recertification Options

With the Erosion Program starting its 9th year, we have some loyal attendees who will be coming back to the program for a 3rd round of re-certification training or next year even a 4th round of re-certification training. To better serve our attendees we are offering

choices of recertification classes. This was started on a trial basis last year, and will be expanded in the upcoming years.

Last season, the Construction SWPPP Designers had the option of attending classes with an emphasis on linear projects, infiltration projects, or landscaping projects. All of these provide the same Construction SWPPP certification, and attendees are encouraged to explore new stormwater technologies while getting the NPDES permit updates.

Look for additional class options, such as a Construction Site Management Recertification class focused on bridge work, for recertification in the fall of 2010 and in the coming years. More information will be available in the fall registration brochure and program website.

Illicit Discharge Management

In 2006 the Erosion Program offered training on Illicit Discharge Management for Municipalities. A newly revised 2-hour program is now available for municipal staff on the basics of how to identify and track illicit discharges to storm drainage systems. For the next class date or more information on this and other municipal maintenance training opportunities see www.stormwater.umn.edu

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Watch for the 2010-2011 certification schedule in your mail box and on the web in September 2010.

June, July and August classes - now open for registration

September, October classes - open for registration in August

November, December, and Winter 2011 classes - open for registration in late September

Technical Tip Training Documentation

The current Minnesota NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit requires all contractor and designer training documentation to be included with the SWPPP on the construction site. While this may sound like a lot of effort, it can be a simple bit of paper work. Attendees in the U of M Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification classes have the option of placing a photocopy of their attendance certification or laminated wallet card in the SWPPP file on the construction site. Construction SWPPP Designers are encouraged to have a pocket or section of the SWPPP specifically to hold training records. Since the U of M does post a list of the currently certified individuals on our website, you can also go to www.erosion.umn.edu in a pinch. The U of M Erosion Program also started issuing hard hat stickers as an additional way to quickly see who has training on the construction site.

Industrial Stormwater Permit

The MPCA stormwater permit for industrial activity became effective on April 5, 2010. Most manufacturing and industrial processing in Minnesota will need to apply for this permit, even if they have no exposure to stormwater. Applications for this permit must be received by the MPCA within 60 to 120 days of when the permit became effective, depending on the type of industry. The U of M Erosion and Stormwater Management Program is offering training to assist with the understanding of this new permit, application for the permit, and development of pollution prevention plans. For more information see www.erosion.umn.edu.

MS4 Permit

The MPCA is working on revising and updating the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES Permit. Watch for more information soon.

Customized Training

The 2009-2010 training season had over 75 classes offered through the Erosion and Stormwater Management Program. Several of these classes were customized training, that can be offered again on request.

Customized classes that were offered include: Commercial Construction Site Management (offered in partnership with the Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.), Construction Installer for Mining Exploration, Construction Installer for Pipelines, Construction Installer for Municipal Water Utilities, Residential Small Site Management, and Construction Installer for Parks and Trails.

If you are interested in any of these classes, or wish to have us customize a class for you, please email erosion@umn.edu or call (612) 625 9733.

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