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Ten Years of Training!

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification Program. The 2011-2012 training year was another busy one, and we are looking ahead to the 2012-2013 training year which is expected to be busy as well.

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification Program was started in 2002, which means we have been providing high quality, affordable training around the state of Minnesota for 10 years. Our attendance last year set a record for us with over 2400 attendees in the certification classes alone, not counting many of the other non-certification training events the program has provided and participated in. Since 2002, the program has seen over 17,700 attendees in certification classes and currently has 5,255 individuals certified through the program.

All of this training has made a difference in protecting the waters we all use and live around. Many individuals and regulators have indicated a greater awareness of erosion control and surface water protection practices on construction sites. Minnesota is a strong leader for the nation in demonstrating good cost-effective means to develop land and protect our resources at the same time.

2013 International Low Impact Development Symposium

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management program is co-hosting the 2013 International Low Impact Development Symposium on August 18-21, 2013 at the Saint Paul River Centre. This will be the first time this conference has come to the Midwest, so plan your training schedule now to take advantage of this opportunity to hear about cutting edge stormwater management without having to travel across the country. For more information search on 2013 LID symposium or go to <http://www.cce.umn.edu/2013-International-Low-Impact-Development-Symposium/index.html>.

2013 Construction Permit

The Minnesota NPDES Construction permit will be reissued on August 1, 2013 and stakeholder meetings are expected in the fall of 2012. Sign up for notifications regarding the reissuance of the CSW permit at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new>

Information on the new federal requirements can be found at the U.S.EPA Construction Stormwater web site: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp.cfm>

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Industrial Stormwater Permit Training

The Erosion and Stormwater Management Program has offered several training opportunities for industrial facilities. The classes offered have focused on several aspects of the Minnesota NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit, including: application, facility SWPPP development, sampling and monitoring of pollutants, and the most recent training focusing on facility practices needed as a result of high pollutant concentrations in water samples. The industrial permit requires facilities to collect water samples to determine if they meet specific benchmark values. Some modification to the facility management plan is needed for facilities that have exceeded the benchmark values, and this newest class is focused on understanding what the facility options are. The next class is scheduled for June 21, and additional classes will be posted at www.erosion.umn.edu.

Customized Classes!

In addition to standardized curriculum we offer training customized to meet your specific needs. Sometimes this may just be using your chosen location, or it may involve developing new curriculum for your specific interests. Whatever your needs may be we are always interested in hearing from you. Please contact us if you have questions or interests in customized classes.

Program Housekeeping

We will have a busy upcoming training year, so remember to look at the class schedules early to get the best selection of classes. We have a few summer classes open for registration right now. In August we will post the fall training calendar with the October, November, and December classes, and then in October we will post the full calendar with classes offered through May. More classes will be added as needed. Transfers between classes are possible, but remember to get your training in before the last class. The program website is one of the best resources for the current schedules and policies www.erosion.umn.edu.

Remember, you have options on some recertification classes. 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.

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

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