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Maintaining Ponds and other Permanent Stormwater Systems

The U of M Erosion Program is involved with some current research into maintaining ponds and other permanent stormwater systems, specifically looking at PAH and phosphorus pollutants. Look for future content in classes, especially the Maintenance Certification Workshops, over the next few years regarding this research study.

Reminder post cards sent out

We will again mail out a post card to everyone that had an expiring certification as a reminder to get into a class. Please review your card and look at the expiration dates. If your card says you have an expiring certification in 2017, then you will want to get into a class before May of 2017 to make sure your certification does not lapse. While we plan to send a reminder card to you, registering early will give you the best selection of classes, so look for the fall schedule in the mail and on line.

In the example card to the side, Goldy Gopher will need to get into the Installer and Site Management recertification classes next winter, but can wait a year before taking the Design of SWPPP Recertification class.

Hiring a New Instructor

The University of Minnesota Erosion and Stormwater Management Certification program is looking to expand the full time teaching staff. If you have a talent for teaching and a strong background in erosion and stormwater management please take a look at the information for Job #312777 on the www.umn.edu employment website.

Specialization for Recertification

When you are looking at the recertification classes, you may notice some have an extra letter after the section number. This indicates that specific class has a little different content. The updates on the regulations and fundamentals are the same as the other classes, but the class includes two hours of content on a specific topic. This allows you to recertify several times while also expanding your knowledge base. For more information, look for individual brochures on these specialty topics at www.erosion.umn.edu.

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Goldy Gopher

Installer (May 31 2017)
 Site Management (May 31 2017)
 Design of SWPPP (May 31 2018)

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The University of Minnesota Erosion and Sediment Control Certification Program believes in establishing partners to assist in providing education for everyone. The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.



\$400,000 Clean Diesel Grant Funds Help Upgrade Old Construction Equipment and Trucks

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Clean Diesel Grant Program offers incentive funding to help upgrade, big, old diesel engines. Typically, grants award up to 40% help replace and install new Tier-3 or Tier-4 engines in off-road construction equipment. New class 6-8 truck replacement grants are typically up to 25%.

Examples of 2015 Grant Criteria:

- Must be fully operational and expected to operate for 3 more years.
- Must consume at least 1200 gallons of fuel per year. (More is better.)
- If off-road, equip. should be greater than 175 HP & be Tier-0 – Tier-2.
- If on-road, trucks generally must be 2004 and older, class 6 to class 8.

Sign up for the MPCA Clean Diesel email list at www.pca.state.mn.us/cleandiesel. The annual grant round should open around October. Please call Mark Sulzbach 651-757-2770 with additional questions.

Program Website

Note the sorting filter for the online schedule on our new website. This can change from "-Any-" to a specific class.

Maintenance Certification

The program continues to offer a new training for those doing maintenance on stormwater management control measures. This training offers an exam and certification so maintenance personnel can easily demonstrate their training credentials. Several programs within the University of Minnesota, as well as cities and watershed districts, have helped to create this partnership program. For more information on this workshop go to www.erosion.umn.edu.

Industrial Stormwater Permit Training

To help keep you up-to-date with the reissued Minnesota NPDES Permit for industrial sites we have workshops open now. Some workshops focus on how to respond to exceedances in your water sample test results, while another longer workshop includes information on sampling and stormwater pollution prevention plans for industrial sites as well. Registration is now available 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.

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