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Training Year Summary and Look Ahead to Next Year

The Erosion and Stormwater Management Program has wrapped up our first year of having our classes exclusively online. We offered ten different classes in an online format and trained approximately 3,100 attendees.

We want to thank everyone who took an online course for their hard work, patience, and flexibility.

While we will continue to offer our courses in an online format, we are excited to resume offering in-person classes. We anticipate being able to train in-person beginning in January 2022. If you prefer to take your next course in-person, check erosion.umn.edu to see when in-person registration opens.

Website

The Erosion and Stormwater Management Program will be getting an updated website this summer. While the look will be different, the majority of the content can be found under the same menu headings that you are used to on our current website. If you have any questions or are unable to locate information, contact us at 612-625-9733 or erosion@umn.edu.

Summer Courses Online

The Erosion Program will not be offering any in-person courses this summer. Certification classes are available in an online format. Visit erosion.umn.edu to register for summer classes.

Training Reminder

The Minnesota Construction Stormwater General Permit requires the following individuals receive training commensurate with their job duties and responsibilities: individuals who prepare the project SWPPP; individuals overseeing implementation of, revising and/or amending the SWPPP; individuals performing inspections for the project; and individuals performing or supervising the installation, maintenance, and repair of BMPs. Trained individuals must attend a refresher-training course every three years. See section 21.1 of the NPDES Construction Permit.

The Industrial Stormwater General Permit requires annual training for individuals who write, revise, and implement the SWPPP; those who install, inspect, maintain, and repair BMPs; individuals whose work involves the regulated activity; and individuals who conduct stormwater discharge monitoring. Refer to the Employee Training Program section of the Industrial Stormwater Permit for additional information about training requirements.

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Do You Need to Recertify?

Enclosed with this newsletter is your certification card. If the expiration date on the front of the card is May 31, 2022, then you must take a recertification class before May 2022 to ensure your certification does not lapse.

Classes will be offered online from June through December and in-person and online from January through April.

Pocketbook Guide Updated

The laminated Best Management Practices Pocketbook Guide has been updated to reflect the MnDOT 2020 Specification Book. Attendees of the in-person Construction Installer Certification and Recertification courses will receive a book at the class while those taking the online courses will have access to an online version. Books are also for sale on www.erosion.umn.edu

International Erosion Control Association Conference Coming to Minnesota

For the first time ever, the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Annual Conference and Expo will be coming to Minnesota. The Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) will be co-hosting their conference with the event, making it a one-stop erosion extravaganza. The expo is by far the best place to see new erosion control products from across the nation and the world. The University of Minnesota will have a booth on the trade show floor, so be sure to stop when you attend the show. The conference will be February 15 to 18, 2022 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. You can register at the www.ieca.org or www.mnerosion.org websites.

Thank You

The Erosion Program would like to recognize Peter Leete for all of his time and dedication to the program over the years. Peter will be retiring in the fall of 2021 and will no longer help out with some of our classes. Peter has provided information on DNR permits and topics in the SWPPP design classes for the last 15 years. We will miss his photos and stories, but wish him well in spending more time with his grandkids.



Photo by Peter Leete

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