

Georgia's Erosion & Sediment Control Training and Certification Program

Level 1B Training

Georgia's new Erosion & Sediment Control (E&SC) training and certification program is finally upon us and the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) had developed course schedules to satisfy the needs of nearly 30,000 professionals who require this new training.

The Georgia Erosion & Sedimentation Act states that all persons involved in land disturbing activities must be trained and state certified no later than December 31, 2006. Depending on your level of involvement in the land disturbing process, several of your employees will probably need to attend one or more of the following courses and successfully pass a formal exit examination:

Level 1A - Fundamentals - a one day course designed to train contractors, builders, developers, site superintendents, grading and utility contractors, city/county maintenance crews, and monitoring consultants in the proper installation, maintenance, and inspection of BMPs on construction sites. Topics covered in this course are fundamentals of erosion and sediment control, the Georgia Erosion & Sedimentation Act, NPDES Permits, field maintenance, stream buffers, vegetative and structural BMP practices.

Level 1B - Advanced Fundamentals - a two day course designed to train local and state regulatory enforcement inspectors and non-regulatory inspectors contracted to perform regulatory work and accurately inspect land disturbance areas for compliance with state erosion and sedimentation laws. The course will cover several topics such as the role of the inspector, Erosion, Sediment, and Pollution Control planning and review, and local program overview criteria. 60 days experience required.

More information about this training can be found at www.gaswcc.org.