

E&SC Training

Georgia has a new program on the horizon that will require all persons involved in land development, design, review, permitting, construction, monitoring, or inspections to attend training and certification courses in **erosion & sediment control** (E&SC). This means everyone who plays a part in land-disturbing activities, from the conceptual planning stages, through mass grading, and all the way to the sod-laying, must meet this new certification requirement by **December 31, 2006**. This deadline may seem a long way off but with well over 20,000 professionals to be certified, this is one of Georgia's largest educational efforts and time will quickly run short.



Formerly the Georgia Water & Pollution
Control Association

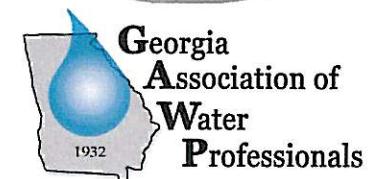
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State Erosion & Sediment Control Training & Certification Program



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Register online at
www.gawponline.org or fill out
the following information and fax
to 770.618.8695

Name: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address:

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Registration fee includes course workbook, lunch and refreshments. Note: Specific meeting location information will be provided once your application has been approved for training.

Course Location _____

Course Date _____

Payment required in advance. You must be registered to attend. Total Course Fee:

Level 1A \$125 Members / \$150 Non-Members

Level 1B & 2 \$195 Members / \$220 Non-Members

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Program & Course Descriptions

Born out the 2003 Session of the Georgia General Assembly, **House Bill 285**, which became effective July 1, 2003, required major amendments to both the Georgia Erosion & Sedimentation Act and the Water Quality Control Act. In addition to the mandatory E&SC certification requirements, the Bill also introduced a new "disturbed acreage fee" under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit. This fee is now \$80 per disturbed acre and will be used to hire additional E&SC inspectors at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) as well as in local government agencies. Several other policy changes were implemented including clearer NPDES permit requirements. These changes intend to minimize the duplication of efforts often encountered in complying with both state and local rules.

The Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) in consultation with the EPD and a 13-member, Governor-appointed Stakeholders Advisory Board (SAB), has developed the new E&SC training and certification requirements. The Board had been meeting bimonthly since the beginning of August 2004 and had the task of not only developing course content but establishing rules and testing procedures.

The courses are broken down into two levels (1&2) with an open book exam at the end of each course. A **fundamentals seminar (Level 1A—One Day)** will provide sufficient training to all participants as to the applicable laws, requirements, processes, and the latest means and methods recognized by the state to effectively control erosion and sedimentation. This course will be attended by *contractors, builders, site superintendents, developers, city/county crews and monitoring consultants*. An **advanced fundamentals seminar (Level 1B—Two Day)** will provide additional details of installation and maintenance of best management practices (BMPs) for *regulatory inspectors*. An **introduction to design seminar (Level 2—Two Day)** will provide training to design and review successful erosion, sedimentation, and pollution control plans. This course will be attended by *plan reviewers and design professionals*. Finally, an **awareness seminar (Level 1)** will provide information regarding the E&SC practices and processes which includes an overview of the systems, laws, and role of the participants.

Upon the completion of the course and passing of the exam, the E&SC certification will be good for three years.

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