

Frequently Asked Questions about the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Erosion & Sediment Control (E&SC) Training Program

1) Do I need to be trained and certified?

The law states that **all persons** involved in land disturbing activities need to meet the training and certification requirements by **December 31, 2006**. There are many different ways you can be involved in land disturbance and depending on what your role is in the process, this will determine which course you need to take. Below is a list of the courses and who is required to attend:

- **Level 1A – Fundamentals (1-Day)**
General contractors, builders, developers, site superintendents, grading and utility contractors, local government installation, maintenance and repair crews, and monitoring consultants, etc.
- **Level 1B – Advanced Fundamentals (2-Day)**
Regulatory enforcement inspectors and non-regulatory personnel inspectors contracted to perform regulatory work to inspect land disturbance areas for compliance with state erosion & sedimentation laws.
- **Level 2 – Introduction to Design (2-Day)**
Plan reviewers and design professionals

2) I work for a municipality, authority, or local government and install and repair water and sewer lines and other infrastructure components. Do I need training and certification?

Yes. Any land disturbance work you perform resulting in exposing soil including excavating, trenching, digging, clearing, grubbing, grading, and other erosion susceptible activities warrants you to attend the Level 1A course and pass an exit examination.

3) I work for a municipality, authority, or local government and we have many people that perform land disturbing activities and will need the Level 1A training. Do we all need to attend or just the foremen and crew leaders?

It is our understanding that at least one representative from each entity involved in the land disturbance activity must be trained and certified. This “certified person” must be present onsite **at all times**. Depending on the structure and organization of your agency, and how you rotate job assignments, this may dictate that only foremen and managers need certification, or all crew members may need to be trained and certified. Most important is that one trained and certified person be onsite **at all times**.

4) Where will the training courses be held?

GAWP will be offering numerous training courses in various locations all around Georgia. A schedule of course locations will be available on our website at www.gawp.org. If your

municipality, authority, local government, or company is interested in hosting a local course please contact the GAWP offices at: [770-618-8690](tel:770-618-8690).

5) How much will the courses cost?

All courses have member and non-member rates. Employees of Corporate and Utility Member organizations qualify for the member rate. Course rates are as follows:
(Course fees include notebook with study material provided by the Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission.)

Level 1A	Member	\$150/attendee
	Non-Member	\$180/attendee
Level 1B	Member	\$225/attendee
	Non-Member	\$255/attendee
Level 2	Member	\$295/attendee
	Non-Member	\$325/attendee

6) How do I register for a course?

You can view course schedules and register on our website at www.gawp.org. We can also provide you a registration form which you can mail or fax back to us. For further information, call GAWP at 770.618.8690.

All exams have an application that must be completed for record keeping purposes. The applications will be given to you on the day of the course upon. To view these applications in advance, visit the *Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission* website at www.gaswcc.org and click the Education/Certification section. A photo id will be needed to take the exam.

7) Is there an exam?

Yes, each course will have a written exam at the end. Individuals must receive a score of **70%** or higher to receive certification status. The exam will consist of a total of 50 questions (multiple choice and true/false) and each question has only one correct answer. Individuals are given one hour to complete the exam and it is open course notebook. A #2 pencil must be used to complete the answer sheet and will be provided at the course location.

8) When do I know if I passed and how do I get more information?

All of the exams are sent to the *Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission* to be graded. The *Commission* has 60 days to post exam scores and send notice of certification status to those individuals who have taken the exam.

Individuals who receive certification will be given a card and the *Commission* will assign them a certification number for their records.

For more information on this program please contact the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission's Education & Certification Program at: Phone: (706) 542-1840 or on the web at: certification@gaswcc.org.