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SUBJECT Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC)


The major changes to the 2016 Edition of the Manual include:

- a new process for inclusion and removal from the Equivalent BMP List;
- revised and combined practices from that defined in the 5th and 6th Editions of the Manual;
- clarification for Type A, B, and C silt fences in non-sensitive and sensitive areas; and
- updated guidance for ESPCPs.

The GSWCC also defined and published on their website a “Transition Period” (January 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016) for full implementation of the 2016 Edition of the Manual. See attachment to this letter.

Therefore, this is notice that all GDOT projects Let on or after July 1, 2016, shall comply with the 2016 Edition of the Manual.

The Office of Design Policy and Support is updating the Erosion Control Legend Sheets (Section 52); MicroStation linestyles and cells; and erosion control related Construction Details and Standards to be in compliance with the 2016 Edition of the Manual. These items will be published by February 5, 2016 and will be announced as they become available. GDOT project managers and engineers should refer to the GDOT R.O.A.D.S. webpage for the latest updates.

Should you have any questions specifically related to GDOT ESPCP guidelines and the 2016 Edition of the Manual, please email the Office of Design Policy and Support, Roadway Hydraulics Group at ESPCP@dot.ga.gov.

Attachment: GSWCC Transition Period
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The 2016 Edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia Transition Period

The Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia has been revised and revisions will become effective January 1, 2016. Revisions include the addition of new Best Management Practices (BMPs), as well as a process to include new BMP’s in the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control. This process for joining the Equivalent BMP List is found in Appendix A-2 of the Manual.

The GSWCC recognizes the need for a transition period to allow individuals time to understand and begin implementing the new requirements. As part of this transition period, for a 6 month period, beginning January 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2016, GSWCC will recognize the Fifth and Sixth Edition of the Manual along with the 2016 edition.

All plans which were completed and sealed prior to July 1st, 2016 may utilize the products and practices as specified in the Manual (Fifth and Sixth Editions). These may include previously approved plans with revisions, plans which had not been previously approved but were in the review process, or new plan submittals created prior to July 1st, 2016. Any plans received on or after July 1st, 2016, are to utilize the new Manual (2016 Edition).

During this 6 month transition period plans should not be denied solely for minor inconsistencies, such as incorrect codes (i.e. Mb instead of Ss or PM instead of Tac or Fl-Co). However, the reviewer should note all inconsistencies on the plan review sheet. If the Plan is deficient in other areas, the minor inconsistencies should be included in the reasons for denial.

If you have any questions please contact Ben Ruzowicz or Brady Hart at 706-552-4474.

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