## IDOT Construction Stormwater Management



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#### SCI Involvement 2008-2010

- Over 2 years assessing ESC program
- 2008-Monitored sites in Districts 2-9
- Focus on site conditions
- 2009-Monitored sites statewide
- Additions to Scope of Work included SWPPP Design Reviews



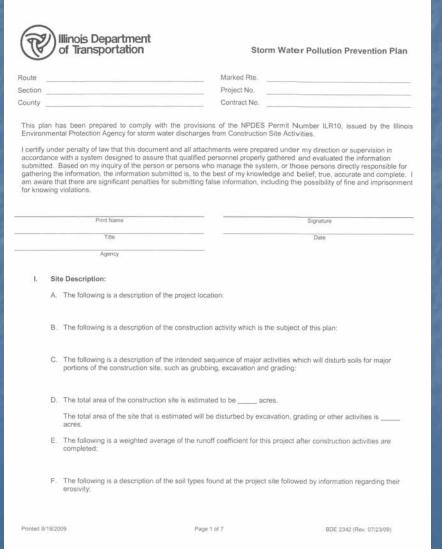
#### Overview

- Design
- Budget
- Contractor Performance
- IONs
- Receiving Waters
- Suggestions



### **SWPPP Requirements**

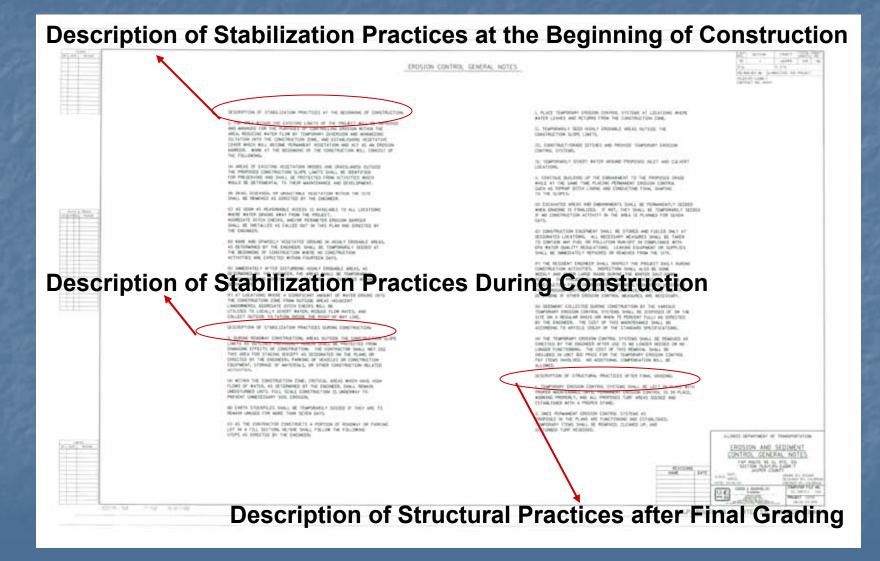
- Intended sequence of major soil disturbing activities
- Identification of potentially erosive areas
- Site specific scheduling of BMP implementation



## **ESC** Design and Detail

- Include existing topography
- Erodible soils/areas
- Increase pay item quantities
- More info on phasing/sequencing
- Better protection of waterbodies

#### **Erosion Control General Notes**



## Project Phasing/Sequencing

- 45% said generally not enough phasing info
- 45% said construction conditions dictate phasing (i.e. you can't accurately plan phasing during design)
- 10% said phasing is essential and designers should make site visits to verify the suitability of proposed plans

### Pre-Construction Meeting

- ESC requirements should be discussed
- BMP selection/substitutions & problem areas (Designer input?)
- Engineer and Contractor need to clearly communicate regarding assumed responsibilities and ambiguous costs
- Project Phasing
- Minutes from these meetings help document responsibilities

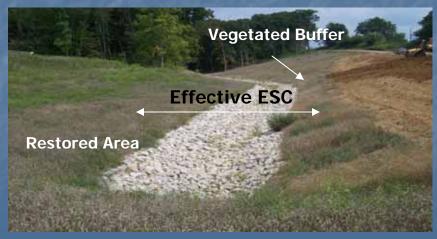
### **Pre-Construction Meetings**

- Should be held at both the District Office and on project site
- 50% held at both
- 35% held only at office
- 15% had no pre-construction discussion of ESC

#### Construction BMPs

- Emphasis should be on <u>temporary</u> stabilization
- Waterbodies
- Erosion control > Sediment control





#### Winter Shutdown Protocol

- Critical areas often lay dormant during winter months
- ESC project phasing
- Pre-shutdown SWPPP modifications & BMP maintenance
- Erosion, Sediment, and Runoff Controls
- Active permit= monitoring required





### **Deficiency Deductions**

- 10% Threatened its use
- 90% Not used
- 1 deficiency deduction levied
- Almost universally felt that it is an effective tool (especially on big jobs)
- Small % felt it was too significant (\$), making REs less likely to enforce for smaller issues

## Suggestions for Improving Contractor Performance

- Allow another contractor to come in to correct deficiencies and charge the Prime the associated cost
- Allow sub-contractor to do initial structural BMP installation but require Prime to maintain them
- Train contractors on IDOT ESC specs

#### **Contractor Performance**

- Hand holding/baby sitting by RE
- **RE must supervise proper installation**
- Maintenance only as instructed
- Sub-contractor availability/performance
- Contractor complaints about maintenance costs compared to bid estimates

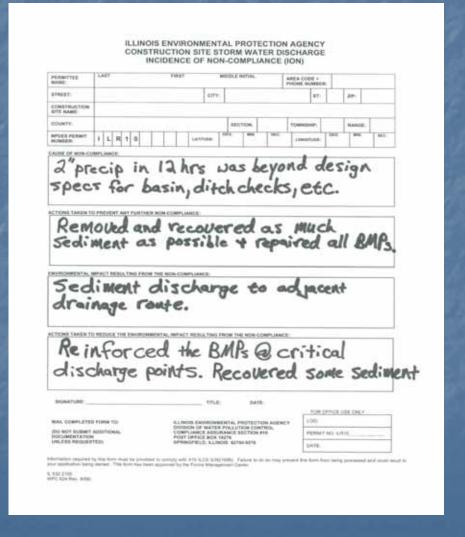
## Non-Compliance

 Refers primarily to events or conditions that lead to the discharge of sediment beyond the site limits (Incidence of Non-Compliance (ION))



#### Incidence of Non-Compliance

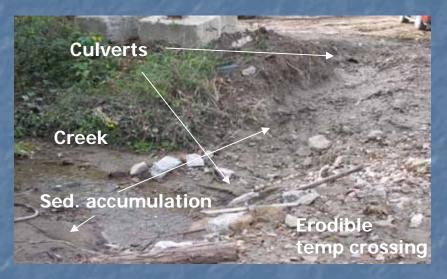
Filing an ION will not result in an inspection from a regulatory agency (Complaints from passers-by or adjacent land owners will)



#### IONs

- Filed on 50% of projects
- 15% felt that more IONs could have been filed over the course of their project
- Still feel it raises a red flag
- So much rain that they quit sending them
- 85% felt that IONs were properly reported and understand the requirement

#### IONs?









## **On-site Tributary Management**





#### Diversions





- "Temp diversion will likely be required...means and methods left to Contractor/RE... should follow specs of 404/401 permit."
- BMPs/Stabilization

## Pumps

- Pumps can create turbid environments that lead sediment drainages
- Discharge to Basin or Dirt Bag
- No IDOT instructions to field personnel to date regarding this matter





## Temporary Creek Crossings



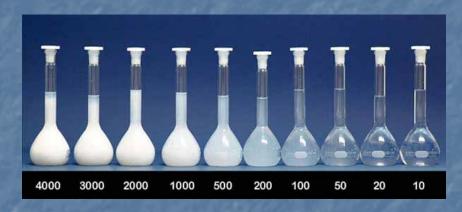


- Location left to Contractor and RE
- General specs include flow pipes and clean rock
- Sediment prohibited as fill
- Pre-Con topic

# REs #1 Suggestions (95% felt ESC has improved)

- Increase quantities of ESC pay items
- Make Prime Contractor responsible for ESC maintenance
- Train and use qualified inspectors in each district
- More designer involvement
- Clarify project requirements/restrictions for work in streams
- Presentations and training to refresh and stay current on regulations and requirements

# Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELGs)

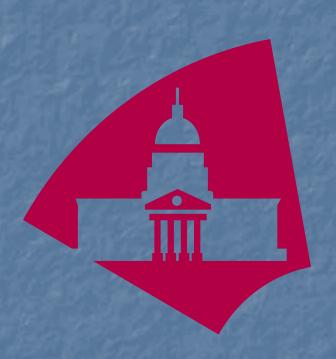




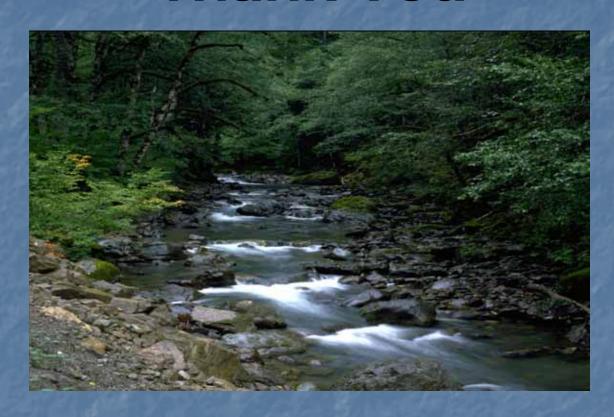
- ≥ 10 acres at one time
- **280 NTUs**
- Daily sampling at all discharge points
- Monitoring exempt from 2yr/24 hr events
- Monitoring results are an average of readings taken/day

## Beyond Construction Sites (Municipal Relevance)

- Municipal construction sites
- Ordinances
  - Revenue
  - Environmental Protection
  - MS4 Overlap
- Stormwater Master Plans
  - Grant Eligibility
  - Flood Plain Management Tool



#### Thank You



Any Questions?
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