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## ARE EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL LAWS REALLY NECESSARY?



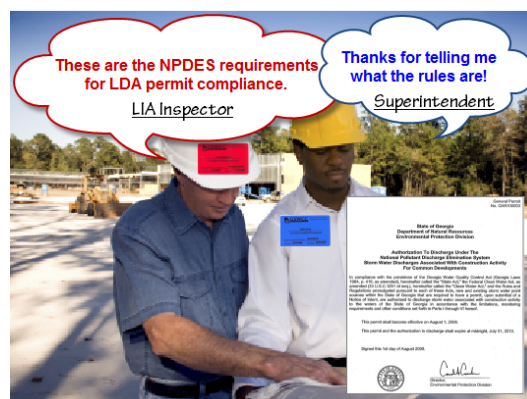
Is the US EP or Georgia EPD necessary anymore? Seems like the fish are alive and well in the Chattahoochee! What about that pesky local regulator....does he/she really make a difference, or should we just get rid of the police all together? Is keeping the dirt and mud out of the creeks when it rains just "a nice thing to do"? Does properly installing

mulch or a sediment barrier really help keep the sediment out of our reservoirs or is it just a "necessary evil" for staying out of trouble in the case someone complains about the inconvenience of getting mud on their cars? Are erosion and sediment control laws really needed to keep mud from filling up our reservoirs for long term storage of drinking water for our children and grandchildren?

In a paper written by Cheryl Wasserman, entitled "Improving the Efficiency and Effectiveness of Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement of Environmental Policies" in 1984, she writes:

**Compliance is the ultimate goal of any enforcement program, it is essentially a state of being, a state in which environmental requirements are achieved and maintained.**

**Enforcement is defined as the application of a set of legal tools, both informal and formal, designed to impose legal sanction (e.g. penalty) to ensure a defined set of requirements is complied with. An issue that is continually debated is whether compliance can be achieved without enforcement. The**



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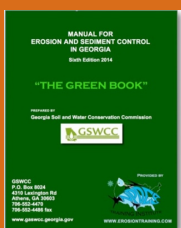
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answer, based on the U.S. experience and theory, is that enforcement is a necessary means of achieving community compliance. Although enforcement may not be needed to achieve compliance in minor individual cases, in most situations some level of enforcement is needed to create and maintain a complying majority. Previous studies have suggested the view that there will always be 5% of individuals who will violate no matter what, 20% who will comply no matter what, and 75% who will comply **only if the violators are punished** and/or the requirements are perceived as nonarbitrary. This, in concept, is the philosophical underpinning of the U.S. enforcement program.



"Thank you!" to the  
superintendents that try to  
comply and thank you also to

the enforcement inspectors that are willing to confront noncompliance so sediment stays on site and out of our watersheds.

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## CLEAN WATER ACT ENFORCEMENT

### Missouri Department of Transportation Construction Stormwater Violations

Release Date: 04/08/2015



O n April 8, 2015 The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoD OT) has agreed to implement a statewide compliance program and to pay a \$750,000 civil penalty to settle alleged violations of the Clean Water Act at two road construction sites. The sites are Highway 54 in Osage Beach, and on Highway 67

between Coldwater and Silva. EPA Region 7 inspected the sites and **documented serious erosion control issues** at both sites. Inspectors identified violations at the sites including:

- 1) Failing to install or implement adequate stormwater control measures**
- 2) Neglecting to repair those that were installed,**
- 3) Failing to develop a sufficient pollution prevention plan and update the plan as appropriate, and**
- 4) Unsatisfactory record-keeping and self-inspections.**

The inspections arose from complaints received from Osage Beach residents with concerns that construction at the site resulted in the deposit of mud and

construction and environmental protection strong in America is vital. Membership in organizations that promote environmentally responsible construction and industrial economic sectors as well as organizations that promote environmental protection are awesome groups to join! *Members from the following organizations attend NPDES Training Institute courses, however the NPDES Training Institute does not claim their endorsement!*

sediment on nearby properties, and that water turbidity and associated sedimentation could harm aquatic life. [MORE](#)

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## GEORGIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



**SB 101 by Sen. Ben Watson** successfully restores the legal mandate for a 25-foot wide salt marsh vegetated buffer on adjacent coastal marshlands.

**HB 397 by Rep. David Knight** was passed which takes away the requirement that the Commission be composed of Supervisors that are selected by the Governor. The agency will no longer be independent, but will be attached to the Dept. of Agriculture, a regulatory agency, although the Commission is non-regulatory by design.



Approval of the Green Book is being taken from the Commission and handed over to the Georgia Department of Transportation and its contractors.



**FISH WITH KIDS!**

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## THE USEPA MARCHES AHEAD WITH RE-DEFINING WATERS OF THE US!

The new rule redefining which waters are jurisdictional under federal Clean Water Act standards, proposed by the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), has left the agencies and moved to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This is the last stage in the federal rulemaking process where the final rule is run through

interagency review one last time before allowing the rule to be published as final in the *Federal Register*.

### [AGC ARTICLE](#)

Has the USEPA allowed the regulated community to be a significant voice in their venture to redefine Waters of the United States (WOTUS)? Has the regulated community shown interest and been reasonable in the US EPA's process to redefine WOTUS? Will congress shut them down?



**Click on the following links to.....**

-Learn what the [Associated General Contractors of America](#) think about the new WOTUS definition.

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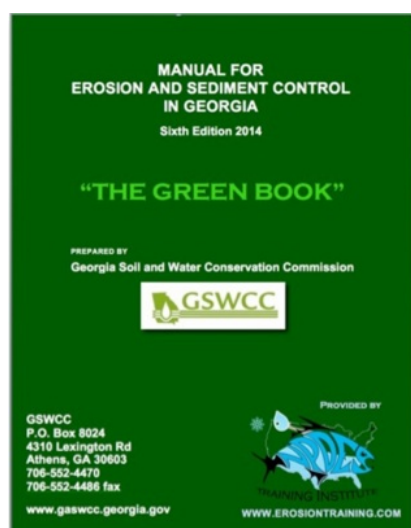


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(still good for the rest of 2015, for now)

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### MANUAL FOR EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL



NOTE: While the Surface Skimmer is ONLY identified in the NEW 6th EDITION GREEN BOOK, it is the only Best Management Practice (BMP) that can be implemented in a design by a Level II Design Professional while using the 5th Edition Green Book as the primary source of (BMPs).

[www.gaswcc.georgia.gov](http://www.gaswcc.georgia.gov)

If you are a certified Level II Design Professional or Plan Preparer in Georgia, please review

the following information to ensure that you are meeting the requirements of the Erosion and Sedimentation Act of 1975 and are aware of news regarding the *Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia*.

For calendar year 2015, both the 5th and 6th editions of the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control can be used as in 2014.





There is no recognized approved products list for the 6th edition of the Manual. The only approved products list recognized is the GA DOT Qualified Products List (QPL) recognized in the 5th edition, unless the product was a part of the 2013 (5th Edition) of the Manual.

Products not listed on a DOT QPL List must follow NPDES Alternative Practice standards for use on Land Disturbing Activity sites unless the product was a part of the 2013 (5th Edition) of the Manual. No new products or practices will be reviewed by the GSWCC State Board during this time period.

In the 5th edition of the *Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia*, sediment barriers are labeled Type A, Type B, or Type C. In the 6th edition of the *Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia*, sediment barriers are labeled Sensitive or Non-sensitive.

For calendar year 2015, it is allowable to use Type C products in sensitive areas and to use Type A and Type B products in non-sensitive areas.

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***Respecting our neighbors downstream***

*is the BIG REMINDER!* It's important that we sacrifice a little to give our kids an equally great place to live, swim, fish, and hunt!

***There is a lot happening today with water regulations that affect a diverse community of public and private entities. If you have areas of interest that you would like included in this newsletter, please contact us at 678-469-5120.***

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