



# Happy Thanksgiving!



Hello!

I'm often asked by friends and family what it is that I do. When I tell them I train about erosion and sediment control and stormwater and the NPDES program, I'm usually met with blank stares and glossed over eyes. It's not the most glamorous profession, but I find myself passionately teaching and wanting to make a difference in the lives of those I train. I want people to understand the importance of the program and what it means for the future of our clean water.

Every now and then someone comes up to me after class and tells me that it "clicked", and they really enjoyed the class. Needless to say, this always makes my day. Just the other day after class one of my students came up to me and told me how much these classes have "changed her life". I listened as she described being in the first class and how it piqued her interest to learn more, and she now has a profession as a stormwater inspector. She gets it, and it's for people like her that I do what I do.

This Thanksgiving when you turn on your tap and clean water comes running out, take a moment to be thankful that we live in America where this is expected. We can count on it, and it's in large part because of the NPDES program.

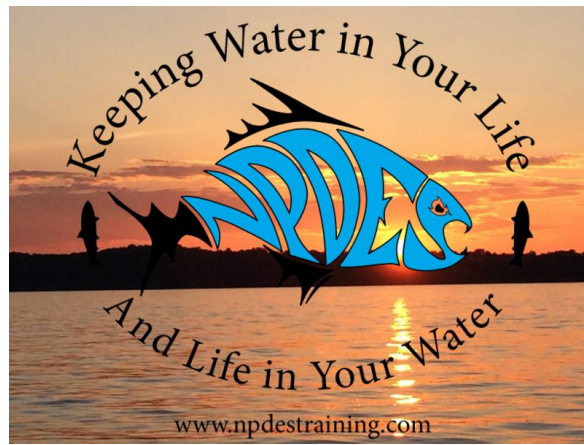
I want to personally thank you for your contribution to this program, and as difficult and expensive as it can be to comply with, it has produced the clean water that we have all come to expect. Thank you for "getting it".

It is my joy to train this program and I will continue to push past the blank stares and funny looks so that more people can come to understand the program.

May you and your family have the very best holiday!

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