



Did you know?



During my recent trip to Europe to visit our son for Thanksgiving, many people shared their gratitude for the USA and made my family feel more than welcomed in their country. Before I left the states however, I didn't realize just how much I had allowed the media to shape my negative impression of what other country's think of us today.

Although there will always be real stories of bad things that happened that we should all learn from, there seems to be a growing number of stories, partially told truths and fabrications used by a few people with an intent to shame the US. Our history with Europe is amazing however, and shows just how much America has desired to share our wealth.

One such example came after

World War II, when Europe was plagued by poverty, unemployment, and economic instability. In 1947, Secretary of State George Marshall pushed for a massive aid plan to rebuild Europe and restore its economy. This resulted in the creation of the European Union (EU). In March 1948, the U.S. CONGRESS passed the European Recovery Act, which was signed into law by President Harry Truman on April 3, 1948. This act authorized the US to spend more than \$12 BILLION DOLLARS over a period of four years to 16 European countries which lead to the recovery of their economies. With such significant support, the U.S. not only helped Europe get back on its feet, but it also laid the foundation for a strong and enduring transatlantic alliance. It's the EU that continues to successfully provide the backbone of their clean water system today.

Finding value in America is what American's MUST do if we are to preserve our nation and its clean water for us and our children. Being a proud American comes from working hard at being grateful for the United States of America.

Read about our amazing country. Learn and be proactive with your knowledge of America's greatness. Don't forget there are millions of people living overseas that would gladly trade places with you.

By T. Luke Owen



Apply the soil-specific polymer evenly over the surface of the sediment. Using the bucket of the removal equipment, stir it into the soil to a maximum of 3 feet deep. Allow the polymer to react with the soil for 10-20 minutes, the more mixing that is done, the less time this will take. The polymer will cause the sediment to thicken, allowing for easier removal.



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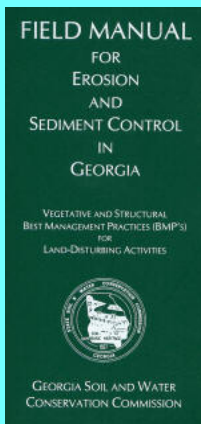
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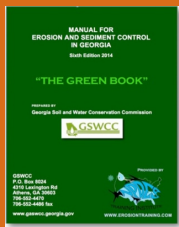
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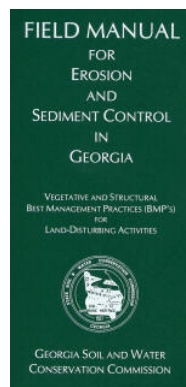
and the NPDES Training Institute is all over it! We work hard at keeping you up to speed with new BMPs, rules on State and Waters of the US, and NPDES General



Permit requirements. We know what's happening with the new BMPs, and how to utilize the new 2016 Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control.

The newly revised 2016 Edition of the Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control (Green Book) will more than likely be approved soon and will formally launch on January 1, 2016. The Revised Manual can be found at this link under "Related Items":

<http://gaswcc.georgia.gov/2016-edition-manual-erosion-and-sediment-control>



Many are asking, "Will the state publish an updated Field Manual with the new BMPs in it"? Today, thousands of construction workers, regulators, design professionals and plan reviewers have a 2002 Field Manual.

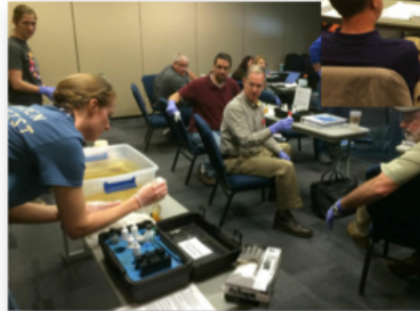
Stay tuned.....the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be diligently working on the updated Field Manual, as soon as the new 2016 Green Book becomes official.

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*Respecting our neighbors downstream is what NPDES is all about and the **BIG REMINDER**. It's OUR CHILDREN that will be living through decisions we've made today. It's important that we sacrifice a little to give our kids an equally great place to live, swim, fish, and hunt tomorrow!*

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 me at 678-469-5120.

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