



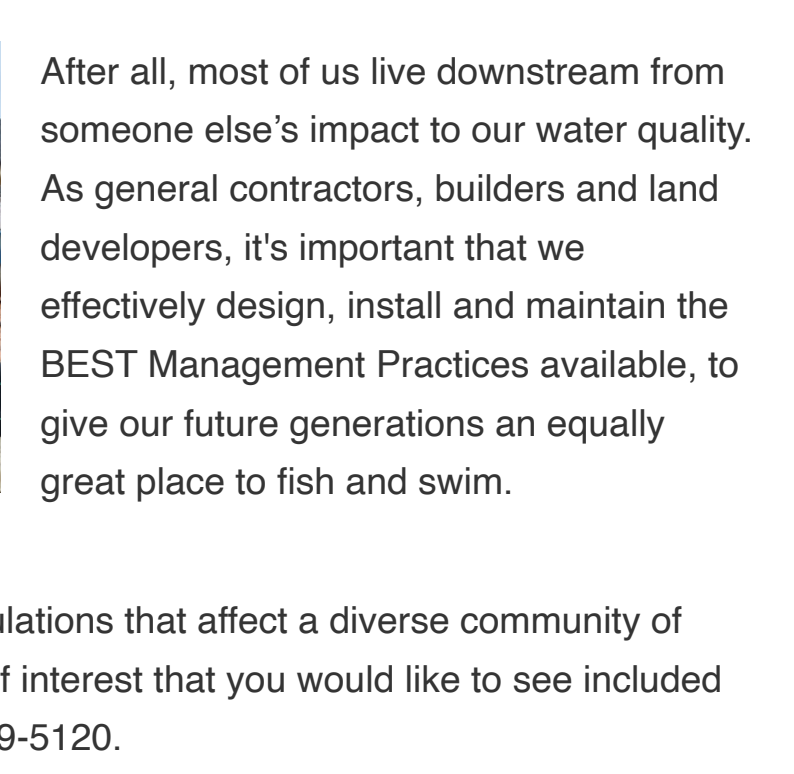
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Safeguarding America's Water Quality

Are state and local regulators overly aggressive at enforcing land disturbance permits established to protect their watersheds? If you're a land developer paying for the design, installation and maintenance of erosion, sedimentation and pollution control plans (E&PC Plans) and the fines that accompany improper compliance efforts, you might say "Yes," but if you're a resident living in a nice house on the lake that fills with sediment every time it rains, you would probably say "NO." It's a proven fact that when a sediment discharge impairs a stream from being able to provide a beneficial use, like fishing and/or swimming, enforcement for permit violations have to cause the violator to spend more time and attention toward properly designing, installing and maintaining their BMPs.

As Americans, we cannot take our eyes off of the importance of America's water quality. While a general contractor's project may only last a few months, the impact of discharges full of sediment will be felt for years to come. Respecting our neighbors, including the fish downstream, is what compliance and enforcement of the NPDES Permitting program is all about! It's what makes America a great place to live.



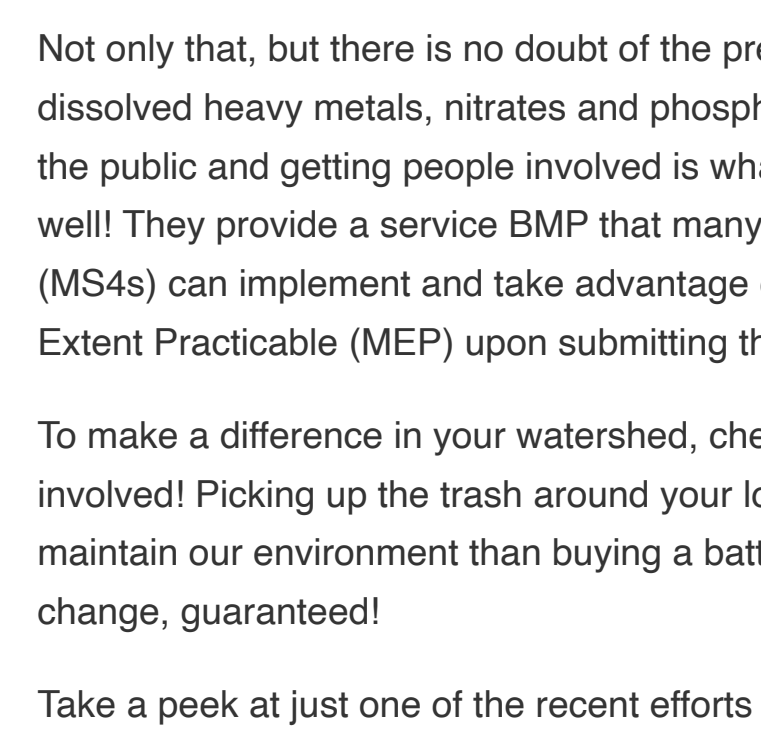
After all, most of us live downstream from someone else's impact to our water quality. As general contractors, builders and land developers, it's important that we effectively design, install and maintain the BEST Management Practices available, to give our future generations an equally great place to fish and swim.

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 to see included in this newsletter, please contact us at 678-469-5120.

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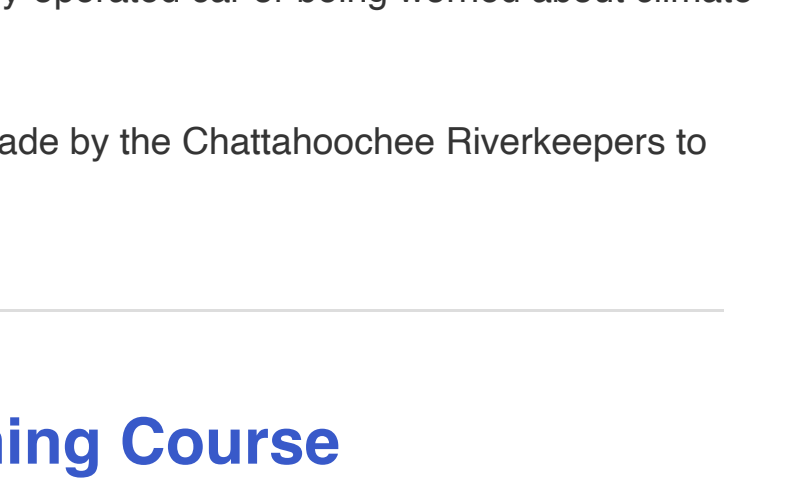
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Clean Waters, Healthy Communities: The Impact of Environmental Action by Riverkeeper Organizations



Groups like the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers, Georgia River Network, Hoosier Environmental Council, etc. are very active in their efforts to clean up our surface water resources – but these groups do much more than that!

Seeing these pictures (photo credit: Chattahoochee Riverkeepers) can be alarming for those that don't bother to walk down to their local creek. More of us need to see this stuff in person! Chances are storm drains are much of the source for the visible pollution you see here. While sediment for many people is not considered to be a big deal, just think about the "dirt" in this picture that's burying the environment that fish require to live.

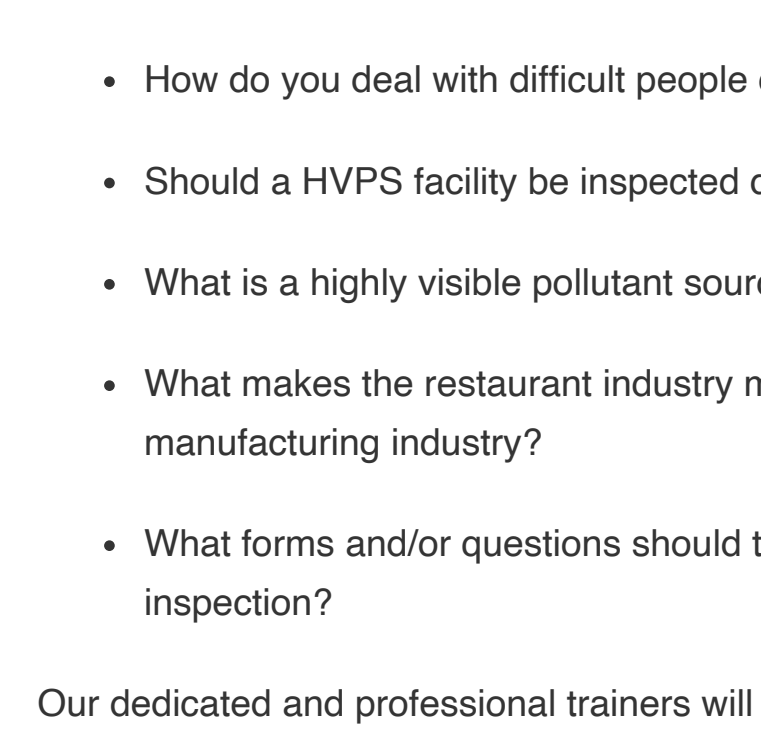


Not only that, but there is no doubt of the presence of invisible pollutants like E.coli, dissolved heavy metals, nitrates and phosphates that we can't see in the water. Educating the public and getting people involved is what organizations like the Riverkeepers do very well! They provide a service BMP that many municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) can implement and take advantage of when they report their efforts to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) upon submitting their annual reports for MCMs 1 and 2.

To make a difference in your watershed, check out a local environmental group and get involved! Picking up the trash around your local stream or river will do more to improve and maintain our environment than buying a battery-operated car or being worried about climate change, guaranteed!

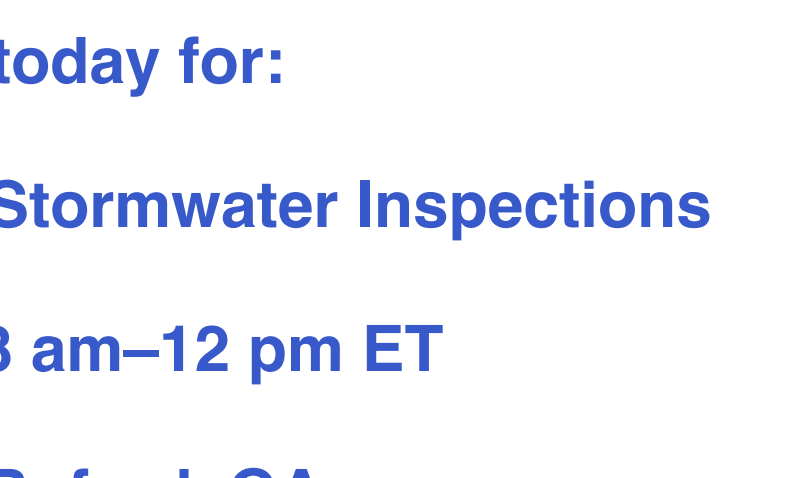
Take a peek at just one of the recent efforts made by the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers to clean up a local Georgia waterway [here](#).

HVPS Training Course



As a regulatory enforcement inspector, are you confident in your ability to inspect a facility with a highly visible pollutant source (HVPS)? Industrial and HVPS facilities require extra care to be effective during site inspection and our **HVPS & Industrial Site Stormwater Inspections** course is just the course to give you the knowledge you need to do right by the residents, visitors and aquatic organisms that live near these facilities.

We invite you to consider this 4-hour training which will better prepare you for effective stormwater inspections.



The course will answer many common questions such as:

- Can misunderstanding the definition of an "outfall" or a stormwater "structure" cause your site inspection to be ineffective?
- How do you deal with difficult people during your site inspection?
- Should a HVPS facility be inspected differently than an Industrial Facility? If so, how?
- What is a highly visible pollutant source (HVPS) versus an industrial facility, really?
- What makes the restaurant industry more of a potential watershed polluter than the manufacturing industry?
- What forms and/or questions should the MS4 inspector ask when performing their inspection?

Our dedicated and professional trainers will make sure your questions are answered and that you have taken your knowledge to the next level by the time you complete this course.

Register today for:

HVPS & Industrial Site Stormwater Inspections

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HVPS

Highly Visible Pollutant Sources

Common Examples

Auto Repair Facilities, Landscape Companies or Gas Stations
Highly Visible Pollutant Sources are areas where land use and/or activities generate highly contaminated runoff with concentrations of pollutants in excess of those usually found in stormwater.

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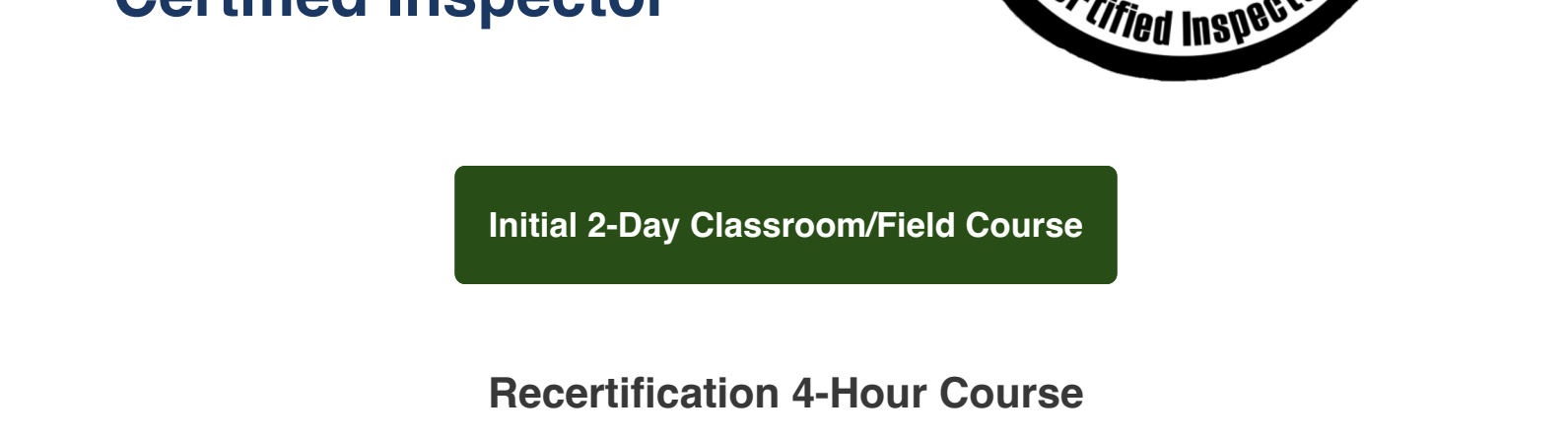
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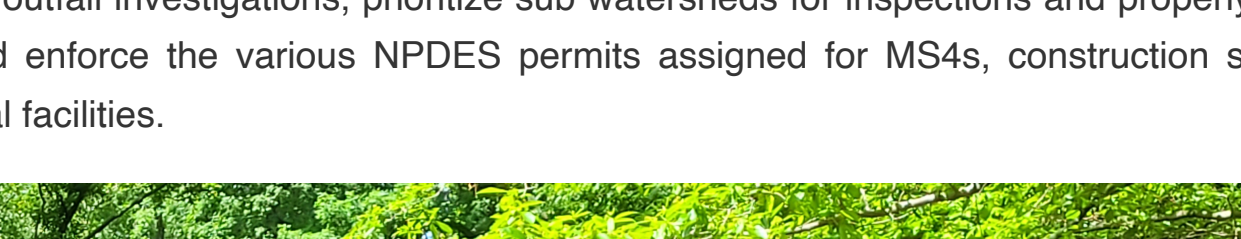


For the NPDES Permittees, being able to demonstrate your intent to comply is paramount if you are to be protected from regulatory enforcement actions or third party lawsuits! WaterWatchPRO provides the first step in that regard by relaying daily rainfall data, without you as the superintendent having to worry about recording it yourself! Check it out, hundreds of people have and they love it!

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Initial 2-Day Classroom/Field Course

Recertification 4-Hour Course

Recertification 4-Hour Course Online

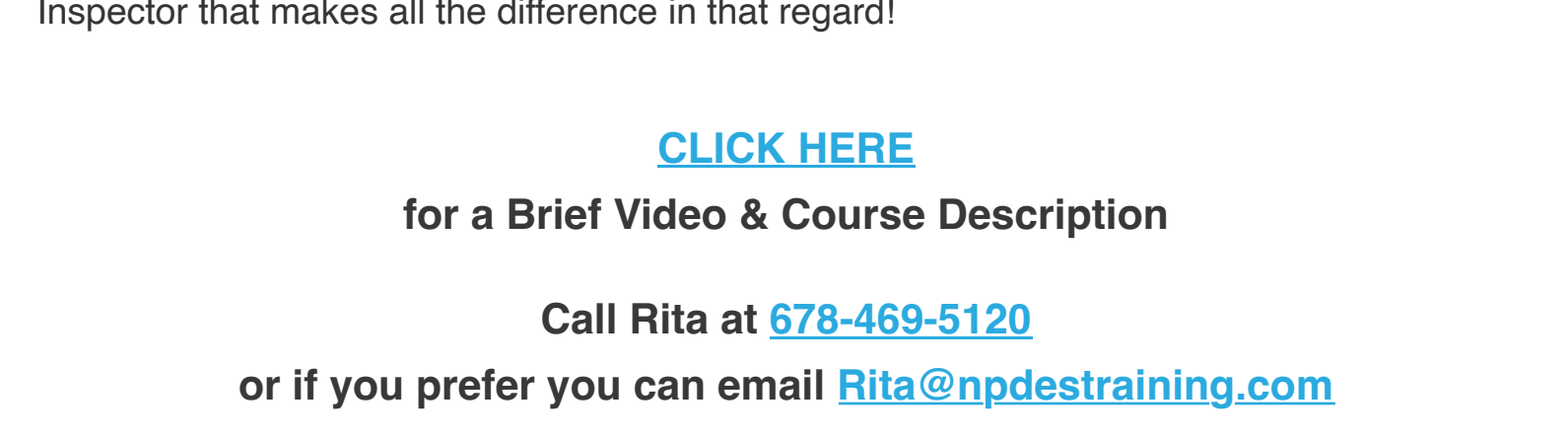
Recertification 4-Hour Course Classroom

MS4CECI Course Information

One of our most popular courses, this 2-day seminar is developed and designed specifically for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) compliance and enforcement personnel, field inspectors, stormwater managers and consultants, with a focus on MS4 stormwater permit compliance and enforcement responsibilities.

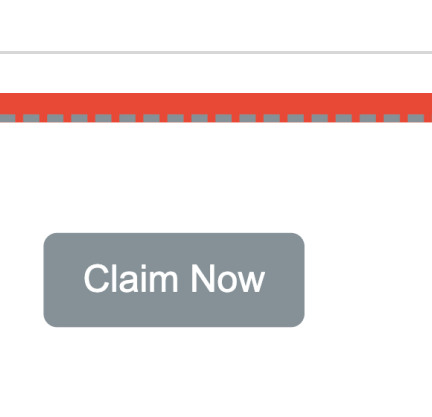
An examination is conducted immediately following classroom instruction. Course attendees are required to achieve a minimum examination score of 70% for their 3-year MS4CECI Certificate.

The MS4CECI course was designed by federal, state and local regulatory personnel as well as stormwater consultants with over 100 years of combined experience in educating MS4 stormwater personnel to manage and perform stormwater inspections of municipal, commercial, industrial and construction activities. The 2-day seminar teaches federal and state stormwater laws as well as local ordinances, and provides instruction on how to perform outfall investigations, prioritize sub watersheds for inspections and properly comply with and enforce the various NPDES permits assigned for MS4s, construction sites and industrial facilities.



MS4GIT:

MS4 Green
Infrastructure
Technician



The MS4GIT Course is a 1-day training experience focusing on Green Infrastructure BMPs and their installation & maintenance. Attendees will learn how to identify and solve issues surrounding poor maintenance, as well as avoid GI failures entirely.



This course was designed especially for stormwater managers, stormwater engineers and consultants, MS4 inspectors and maintenance crews.

Upon completion, trainees will have learned to:

- Implement correct construction sequencing protocol for BMPs
- Understand how to read a BMP landscape plan
- Identify soil mixtures and calculate soil / material volumes
- Identify and select appropriate plants for BMPs
- Understand maintenance requirements of BMPs
- Identify common problems and solutions for BMPs
- Understand how to implement a landscape maintenance plan
- Evaluate plant performance and how to replace failing plants

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MS4 Stormwater Inspector

4-Hour Online Course



This course will give you the confidence you need to properly perform a facility inspection. Believe it or not, it's actually fun to work with the compliance community in protecting our watersheds, and that's what this course will help you do!

Everyone agrees that we need to keep our watersheds clean and it's the MS4 Stormwater Inspector that makes all the difference in that regard!

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We Must Demand that American Cities Comply with Their Own NPDES Permits!

How can a city government hold a general contractor or industrial operator accountable for NPDES compliance when they themselves are in major violation of their own permit requirements?

The message Los Angeles (see above) is sending their residents when they blow off common sense water quality do's and don'ts is inexcusable in America and part of the reason people are leaving Los Angeles. The city (with obvious tolerance from the State) is willingly violating its MS4 Permit by pressure washing human excrement, syringes and other pollutants directly down their storm drains. Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and others are just another reminder of how important it is that we Americans demand their compliance with Clean Water Act NPDES rules & regulations! Every time you go fishing or jump in the lake to take a swim, be grateful for the our NPDES permitting program that makes it all possible IF polluters are made to comply. Respecting our neighbors downstream is what America is all about and it's compliance with NPDES Permits that helps us do that!

"We all need to view NPDES Permit compliance as an investment in our nation's future quality of life, so our children will also have an equally great place to live, swim, fish, boat and hunt tomorrow!" – T. Luke Owen

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