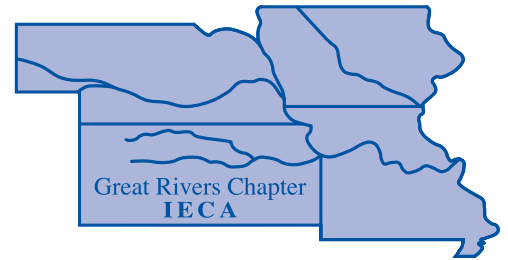


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President's Column *by Shirley D. Morrow*

Where has the year gone? It's that time of year – are you getting excited.... are you ready to party with us and maybe learn something at the same time? I am very excited about the upcoming Sixth Annual Great Rivers Chapter conference. We are back at Harrah's Casino like last year. We were very pleased with the accommodations and got a lot of good feedback on the rooms and food last year. This year we are adding an IECA full day class on the day before the Chapter conference. We have an excellent keynote speaker this year from the Chicago area who will enlighten us on how to better understand the natural stormwater system so we can effectively design stormwater management systems to reduce volumes. Then we are going to have two panel discussions about the hot topics of the day, NPDES Phase II and Watershed Management Studies going on in the Kansas City area.

I am also excited that we are bringing to Kansas City an IECA class that will cover all aspects of the NPDES Phase II

changes including how to select, install and maintain best management practices on your construction site. The Chapter will be hosting a reception after the class Thursday so come by and let's talk about what's going on in the industry or how the Chapter can help you.

Are you aware there are new effluent limitations being proposed by the EPA for construction activity? That's what is coming around the corner. What is coming around the corner for me is a new class I will be teaching. It will be a four-hour class focusing on writing and reviewing SWPPPs as well as inspecting construction sites. Does the SWPPP match what is at the site, is it working, what do I do if it isn't, and when is it a violation? All that in just four hours. I will debut the class in Vegas at the National IECA conference then teach it again at the Great Rivers Chapter Spring workshop, which will be held in Nebraska in March of 2003.

Hope to see everyone at the conference this year. Talk to you there!

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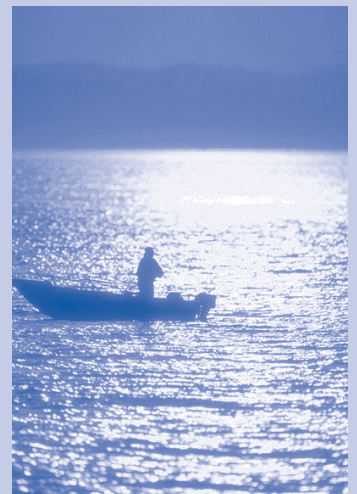
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ECTC Works With AASHTO, FHWA, and COE To Promote RECP Standardization

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has developed a National Transportation Product Evaluation Program (NTPEP) for rolled erosion control products (RECPs). NTPEP is a national testing program for many types of highway construction materials used by transportation agencies. At the May 20, 2002 general assembly, AASHTO and the Erosion Control Technology Council (ECTC) signed a Cooperative Agreement.

Comprised of state officials from Departments of Transportation, consultants and industry representatives nationwide, the NTPEP Oversight Committee has developed a detailed product-testing program designed to assist transportation agencies in specifying RECPs.

The goals and objectives of AASHTO and ECTC include: enhancing professionalism and integrity throughout the transportation industry; fostering a problem-solving attitude to ensure effective issue resolution; promoting quality based procurement of construction materials for cost-effectiveness in the construction, operation and maintenance of the nation's highway system; and investing in the highway system by promoting research and development.

In addition to the recent work with AASHTO, ECTC is assisting the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Corps of Engineers (COE) to modify and update their standard RECP specifications (FHWA FP03, Section 629 and COE Section 2370) to the latest industry standards, in an effort to promote consistency and standardization. These specifications are expected to be finalized and published next year.



ECTC is a non-profit group committed to advancing the use of RECPs by providing education and leadership in the industry. ECTC will assist engineers, designers, and other interested individuals or organizations in the proper selection and application of products and establishes standards for testing performance.

For more information about the resources that ECTC can provide, visit the website at www.ectc.org.



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American Public Works Association
September 23-27
Bartle Hall in Kansas City

ASCE 150th Anniversary Dinner
Saturday, October 26
Argosy Casino
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Great Rivers Chapter 6th Annual Conference
October 24-25
Harrah's Casino

Geosynthetics 2003
February 11-13
Atlanta, GA

IECA 34th Annual Conference & Expo
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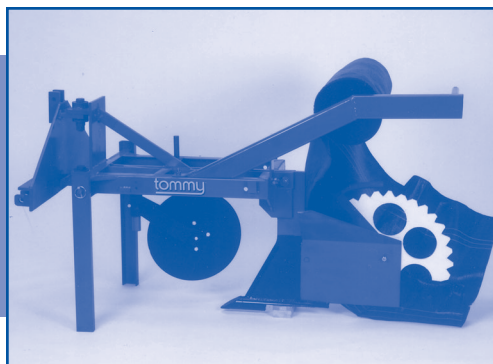
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