

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW NPDES CERTIFICATION AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS

The passage of House Bill 285 brings with it a new Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program and charges the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission with managing and administering the new education and certification process.

The Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act states that all persons involved in land disturbing activities must be trained and certified no later than December 31, 2006. Depending on your level of involvement in the land disturbing process, several of your employees will probably need to attend a Level 1A or Level 1B course and successfully pass a formal examination.

By December 31st, you will be required to have at least one person on-site for each entity involved with land disturbing activity that is certified by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

It is estimated that 26,000 people will have to be certified by December 31st, 2006. More information can be found at the Commission's website, <http://gaswcc.org>.

