

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**  
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**TO:** County Engineers (Distribution 618)  
City Engineers (Distribution 650)  
District State Aid Engineers

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**SUBJECT:** Erosion Control Certification

**EXPIRATION**

This Technical Memorandum revises Chapter 400 of the State Aid Manual, and will remain in effect until superseded or placed in the State Aid Manual.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In May of 2002, Mn/DOT initiated a program for training inspectors and contractors in erosion control installation, inspection, and site management, and in 2003, Mn/DOT required certified inspectors and contractor foremen on Mn/DOT river crossing and grading projects.

This training was also made available to local agency personnel, and was recommended by State Aid for all agencies. Since that time, almost all state-aid local agencies have sent one or more of their personnel to the training.

Since erosion control has become such an important element of construction and inspection of local highway projects, and since nearly all local agencies have already taken the appropriate training, State Aid will be requiring certified erosion control technicians and contractors on local federal aid and state aid funded projects beginning in 2004.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

For state-aid or local Federal-aid projects let after January 1, 2004, any water crossing projects or grading/reconstruction projects must have both a local agency inspector and a contractor foreman certified in Construction Site Erosion/Sediment Control.

Designer erosion training is recommended, but not required.

The certification program acknowledged by Mn/Dot is the program offered by the University of Minnesota (Dept of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering). For information on registration, call the University at (612) 625-9733 or 1-800-646-2282, or visit the website at <http://erosion.coafes.umn.edu>. A copy of the training manual can be viewed at [www.dot.state.mn.us/environment](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/environment).

Suggestions for special provisions can be found on the Office of Technical Support Web site. The special provisions are listed in section S-257 on page 297, “2573 Erosion Control Supervisor”. The website address is <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/tecsup/prov/pdf/sp2000.pdf>

**QUESTIONS:**

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