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Certified Professionals in Storm Water Quality,
and Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector

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EnviroCert Meetings Overview

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Overview of EnviroCert meetings held in Huntsville, Alabama on February 21-22, 2009:

As one Board of Director member stated: "We had our first ever Congress meeting external to any conference or other distraction. We were able to focus on meeting our council peers and address the tasks at hand." Originally, each of the Executive Councils (CPESC, CPSWQ and CEWSSI) were to meet separately to conduct business. Executive Director, David Ward and myself decided to have a "grass-roots" group meeting in the morning to discuss common issues and have a very LARGE roundtable discussion. The morning session was very fruitful as items were discussed ranging from working on bolstering our relationship with our Founding Partners, ways of improving communication, the addition of over 100 new registrants in Malaysia and the continued work on updating of the manuals and exams to attempt to remain current with the ever changing technology. The afternoon session was devoted to each Council meeting independently to discuss the current program, ways to

CESSWI in Ohio

Dan Ross, CPESC, CESSWI

Ohio has been very active with CPESC. Ohio ODOT in 2006 made a ruling that to develop an SWPPP and inspect it, the planners and inspectors must go through the Review Course of CPESC and be certified by 2009. We have had over 500 people to go through the Review Course, and we have had an increase of over 140% of new CPESC certifications since 2006.

Based on this interest – the CESSWI certification is now gaining interest in Ohio to help the MS4's gain technical skills for their inspectors. ODOT has now accepted CESSWI as a requirement to be an inspector by July 1, 2009.

Courses have been started in 2008 and through March 2009, over 150 people have been through the course and we have over 50 people certified at this time.

The OHIO plan now has courses every month through June 2009. If you live in Ohio or a bordering state, check the CESSWI web site calendar for locations that will be offered in 2009. §



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improve said program, discussion of long range strategic plan and different marketing procedures.

On Sunday, the EnviroCert Board of Directors met to discuss how each Council meeting proceeded and to work on ensuring that there is continuity in and between each Certification Program as is possible. All of the Council members from each Certification Program as well as any Regional Representative were invited to sit in on the Board of Director's meeting. All attendees were given the opportunity to voice their opinion on the agenda items. All in all, the meetings were a huge success and we plan on having more of the "Congress" style meetings in the future.

Being new to this position and with the continued growth of our certification programs, I ask that all registrants be patient as we are going to be experiencing "growing pains" and I offer any registrant to contact me with suggestions and ideas on any issues that they may be encountering or not. Our ultimate goal is to not only provide an Internal Certification

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Program but to offer educational classes/seminars that provide refresher updates and continuing education. As good as computer technology is, I have challenged David and the Board of Directors for us to get out and have face-to-face meetings/communications to promote our Certification Programs and to pursue additional avenues of recognition in the professional community. David and I will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to lobby for our Certification Programs to be recognized by some of the National Organizations. With these tough economic times ahead of us, all organizations (i.e. EnviroCert International, IECA, SWCS, ASCE, ASFPM, etc) need to work together towards a common goal which is to provide an Internationally recognized program that is a leader in an ever-changing environment. §

CESSWI Council Meeting

Sue Clarke, CESSWI Council Chair

The newest certification under the EnviroCert umbrella is making quite the splash. Launched less than 2 years ago the number of registrants has topped the 400 mark, with many more applications waiting for approval. If you don't know about CESSWI, where have you been? Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspectors are individuals who have demonstrated their ability and proficiency in the inspection of construction and post construction stormwater systems and erosion control. These inspectors meet the intent of the term "qualified personnel" as conditioned in the suite of NPDES storm water permits including the Construction General Permit, both Phase I and Phase II Municipal permits and the Industrial multi sector permit.

Thirty five individuals attended the exam review course at the annual IECA conference in Reno in February, and 20 of those sat for the exam. The oversight committee is in the process of expanding upon the post construction module to address the

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Conference Roundup

EC 09—February 9-13, 2009: EnviroCert International, Inc. attended this conference. The conference was well attended and we received a lot of traffic at our booth. All three certification programs held their exam review classes and exams. The numbers were off somewhat over previous years, but all in all a good conference.

EPA Region 6 MS4 Conference—June 20-25-2009: This conference will be held in Houston, TX. Our plans are to provide exam review courses and exams for the CPESC and CESSWI programs. EnviroCert International, Inc. will be providing a booth at this conference.

SWCS Annual Conference—July 11-16, 2009: This conference will be held in Dearborn, MI. EnviroCert International, Inc. will be a co-sponsor of the conference and will be sponsoring the review of "DIRT—The Movie". The CPESC and CESSWI exam review classes and exams will be held. The CPESC Council will hold their quarterly meeting during the conference.

STORMCON—August 16-20, 2009: This conference will be held in Anaheim, CA. EnviroCert International, Inc. will be providing a booth, and the CPESC and CPSWQ exam review classes and exams. The CPSWQ Council will meet on the 15th prior to this conference.

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need to qualify and certify more individuals to assist municipalities in compliance with the newest conditions of the Municipal StormWater permits.

The CESSWI council had its annual meeting in Huntsville on February 21st and 22nd to discuss outstanding issues and adopt an operating budget for fiscal year 2009 – 2010. The first order of business was to approve Dan Ross, Administrative Vice Chair as our newest council member. This was in response to the “retirement” of Eric Scherer, Council Chair as of the end of the year. Eric will be greatly missed as he was such an advocate for the program and was a bounty of ideas. Thank you Dan and Eric.

CESSWI is in need of Regional Reps for region 1, region 5 and region 7. If someone is willing to step forward to fill one of these 3 vacancies, please contact the office. We also need instructors, so if you are so inclined, visit the website to find out how you can join our instructor pool.

Please remember that this program is only as good as its registrants. If you have any concerns, complaints, or kudos, please let us know, either by phone or email. §

EnviroCert International Staff Update

David Ward, Executive Director

The reorganization of our corporate structure has also brought about changes in our office in the form of new staff and staff reassignment. You as registrants need to know who to contact should you have questions or issues of concern. I wish to take this opportunity to introduce you to our staff.

Our CPESC Program Manager is John Brown. John has been with us for over 5 years and is a familiar face to most of you. He is also responsible for all computer/web page related issues. All questions related to the CPESC program should be directed to John.

Our Interim CESSWI Program Manager is Glenda Carmney. Glenda has been with us from the beginning in the role of Administrative Assistant. She continues to do some of those duties but is now focusing on the CESSWI Program. Questions related to the CESSWI program should be directed to her.

Leslie Saine has been with us for 2 years in a part-time position handling reception duties, mail, etc. She is the one you most likely hear answering the phone. Leslie is now moving her college courses to the evening and will be devoting more time to assisting our organization. In the interim she will be handling duties relating to the CPSWQ Program Manager and picking up some of the Administrative Assistant duties.

Paula Dicks has been with us for about a year in a part-time role as Education Coordinator. All questions relating to classes, exams, workbook and exam shipments should be directed to Paula.

On August 4, 2008, Dawn Cook came onboard as our Financial Assistant. She will be assisting with issues relating to financial matters in all programs. Dawn will be the first line of contact between us and our accountant.

With our expansion and reorganization we continue to have very dedicated staff to carry on the day-to-day activities of our programs. I am very proud of the abilities and dedication to the advancement of our programs of each staff person. We are willing to assist you in any way we can.

Don't Let it Go

John Brown, CPESC Program Manager

You've worked hard to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities that enable you to be successful in the erosion, sediment, and storm water industry. Along the way came the decision to gain certification through one or more of the EnviroCert International certification programs. More hard work, lots of paperwork, getting references, waiting for approval, and then ... a killer exam. You certainly do not want to risk losing something that you worked so hard to obtain.

So how do you stay on track with your certification? Here are some common pitfalls that you will want to avoid.

Contact Information. Keep your contact information current with EnviroCert International. When you change jobs or move to a new home, it is easy to forget to let us know. As a consequence, you may not receive official communications from us such as your annual renewal notice. Your certification could be suspended or ultimately revoked. Avoid this by remembering to keep your contact info current.

Renewal. Renewal notices for CPESC and CPSWQ are mailed out each year in late October and are due by the end of the calendar year. CESSWI renewal notices are mailed out three months prior to your certification anniversary month and are due by the end of your anniversary month. It is easy to stick the notice in your desk or in a folder intending to get to it later. Some times later turns out to be much later – like when you get a second notice that now includes a late fee. If this is you, you may want to put a note on your calendar to remind you to complete your renewal before the late fees and other penalties kick-in.

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Professional Development. We changed over from a professional development reporting system to a professional development auditing system. As a part of this change, you must now affirm your professional development hours each year on your renewal notice and return the completed notice to us. Many of our registrants' employers pay their renewal fees. If this applies to you, take time to complete the professional development affirmation section before you give the notice to your accounts payable person. If we receive your renewal notice and the professional development section is not completed, your recertification will be delayed and you may incur late fees.

Code of Ethics. Last but not least, remember that you are bound by a Code of Ethics for each certification that you hold. While we don't have a lot of problems in this area, we do take complaints against registrants very seriously. Typical complaints involve

unethical behaviors such as issuing false statements or documents, incompetence, or maliciously injuring the reputation of another registrant. Become familiar with the Code of Ethics that applies to your certification and let it be your guide. Don't take on work that is outside of your area of expertise. Remember, your certification is at stake and it is your reputation that will suffer.

If you have questions or concerns about any of the issues in this article, please contact us at (828) 655-6000. We are here to serve your certification needs.

New Registrants: 154

Registrants Score Card 	TOTAL Active: 3306 Suspended: 218
	CESSWI 2009 New Applicants: 303 New Registrants: 72
TOTAL Active: 504 Suspended: 10	TOTAL Active: 361 Suspended: 0

EnviroCert Calendar

July 11, 2009
 Dearborn, MI
 CPESC Council Meeting

CESSWI Council Meeting
 (date to be determined)

August 15, 2009
 Anaheim, CA
 CPSWQ Council Meeting

EnviroCert
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 BOD Meeting
 (date to be determined)

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