

# STORMWATER UPDATE

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## EIT / EMT Training Upcoming Dates

**Wichita, KS**  
**March 30-31**  
**April 1-2**  
**April 20-21**  
**April 22-23**  
**June 15-16**  
**June 17-18**

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**WPCMs are required to have completed both the EIT and the EMT courses within the 12 months prior to beginning work on a project or being designated as WPCM for a project.**

All completed inspection reports must be submitted to the responsible Area Engineer and the contractor's WPCM within 24 hours of each inspection.

The Area Engineer must sign within 3 calendar days and submit to [stormwaterinspection@ksdot.org](mailto:stormwaterinspection@ksdot.org)

Failure to complete and submit inspection reports on time **will** result in penalties

## Be Prepared

Winter is upon us. It is important to think about and be prepared for the impact of winter weather on your project and your SWPPP. The permit and the specification requirements are the same all year long, but the challenge of meeting them can be significantly greater during the winter.

Keeping a close eye on the forecast is vital for winter success. Winter storms can put a halt to project work at any time, and for an unknown duration. Failure to plan for predicted winter storms and have the necessary BMPs in place before they hit can lead to costly permit violations. Limiting the work area to that which can be quickly stabilized before a storm hits is an invaluable strategy for winter compliance. Close monitoring of installed BMPs and prompt maintenance is also necessary to avoid having to complete repairs in difficult conditions.

Our obligations to monitor our construction sites does not change with the winter conditions either. In accordance with the Consent Decree, our specifications require that the WPCM continue to visit the project and conduct a thorough review on a weekly basis. Inspections must continue to be completed according to the schedule. Exceeding 14 days between inspections will result in the assessment of penalties every time it occurs.



## Notice of Acceptance

As many of our projects are nearing completion I get a number of questions regarding what the Contractor's obligations are and when have they been met. Under our current specifications, the Contractor is responsible for maintenance of the SWPPP and all installed BMPs until the Notice of Acceptance has been given. This responsibility includes participating in the joint SWPPP inspections and providing a WPCM who visits the project on a weekly basis.

The contractor can be relieved of their responsibility with a partial Notice of Acceptance only if all physical work on the project has been completed. For example, the 180-day observation period for pavement markings is not considered to be physical work. The completion of permanent seeding, however is considered to be physical work.

All outstanding maintenance and corrective actions should be completed prior to Acceptance. This should also include removal of unnecessary BMPs.



## Wildlife

There are a number of new wildlife-related specifications being implemented across the state. These specifications have been written to minimize the effects of our construction projects on specific threatened or endangered species. Many of the provisions will also have a direct impact on the SWPPP for projects in the affected areas. These specifications should be carefully reviewed and applicable provisions incorporated into each project's SWPPP as necessary.





## Specification Update

The following language has been added to the special provisions for temporary erosion control (07-PS0360-R7 and 07-9002-R10) and for clearing and grubbing (07-2008-R1):

**DO NOT** clear and grub areas unless work will actively be performed in the exposed area (or portions of the exposed area) within 7 calendar days on exposed steep slope areas (40% or greater) or within 14 calendar days for all other exposed areas. If areas are cleared and grubbed and not finished graded, not part of project phasing and no meaningful work toward the completion of the bid item is performed within the exposed area (or portions of the exposed area) for 7 calendar days on exposed steep slope areas (40% or greater) or 14 calendar days for all other exposed areas, stabilize and maintain stabilization at these exposed areas according to **SECTION 901** at no cost to KDOT.

The intention of this provision is to limit the disturbed area of the project to that which is necessary to proceed with the work. If the Contractor chooses to clear and grub areas of the project where work is not scheduled to begin immediately then the required stabilization is to be completed at no cost to KDOT. Contractors should be encouraged to schedule their work to minimize such interim stabilization and proceed continuously towards the finished condition.

This language is included in the specifications for all projects beginning with the October, 2014 letting.

