



# Maryland

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Memorandum

March 8, 2016

From: Water Management Administration  
Sediment, Stormwater, and Dam Safety Program

To: County and Municipal Erosion and Sediment Control Professionals,  
Soil Conservation District Personnel, and Interested Parties

Re: Maryland Certification of Responsible Personnel On-line Training and Exam

Dear Colleagues:

Maryland's erosion and sediment control Certification of Responsible Personnel training has been recently updated with an on-line version. The training materials have been revised to reflect the State's 2011 Erosion and Sediment Control update to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR). As required by COMAR 26.17.01.06 and Environment Article § 4-104 (full text attached), any Responsible Personnel must have a certificate of training issued by MDE or an MDE approved training program.

Individuals may now register and take the on-line training and examination at:  
<http://mderpc.mde.state.md.us/Account/login.aspx>

The Certification of Responsible Personnel training is valid for three years and automatically renews unless otherwise notified by MDE. Because of the significant changes included in the 2011 regulation update, MDE is requiring all certificate holders who went through training prior to 2012 to renew their certification via the on-line course by December 31, 2016. Not only will this ensure that participants are familiar with the most current version of the program, but proof of certification will be available on-line as documentation. MDE requests your help in making the industry at large aware of these changes.

Thank you for helping MDE in the administration of this important program. Effective erosion and sediment control is fundamental in our effort to protect local streams and restore Chesapeake Bay. If you should have any questions regarding this training, please contact me at (410) 537-3545 or contact Mr. Pat Depkin, Sediment and Stormwater Program Review Division at (410) 537-3628 or email [pat.depkin@maryland.gov](mailto:pat.depkin@maryland.gov) for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond P. Bahr".

Raymond P. Bahr  
Water Management Administration

**Attachment 1**  
**Environmental Article § 4-104.**

- (a) In this section, "responsible personnel" means any foreman, superintendent, or project engineer who is in charge of on-site clearing and grading operations or sediment control associated with a construction project.
- (b) After July 1, 1983, any applicant for sediment and erosion control plan approval shall certify to the appropriate jurisdiction that any responsible personnel involved in the construction project will have a certificate of attendance at a Department of the Environment approved training program for the control of sediment and erosion before beginning the project. A certificate shall be valid for a 3-year period. A certificate shall be automatically renewed unless the Department of the Environment notifies the certificate holder that additional training is required.
- (c) The appropriate governmental entity authorized to approve grading and sediment control plans may waive the requirement of this section for the responsible personnel on any project involving four or fewer residential units.
- (d) Any person may develop and conduct a training program if the program content and instructor are approved by and meet the requirements set by the Department of the Environment.