

### 3.22 RESPONSIBLE PERSON TRAINING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR EROSION/SEDIMENT CONTROL

- ❑ *Question: Are you a foreman, superintendent or project engineer who is in charge of on-site clearing and grading operations or sediment control? **OR***
- ❑ *Question: Do you install or oversee the installation of erosion and sediment controls? **OR***
- ❑ *Question: Are you involved with the design of erosion and sediment control strategies for land-disturbing activities?*

**Why do I need this approval?**

Contractors, developers, and other construction industry personnel's knowledge about erosion and sediment control principles, implementation techniques, and specifications associated with various best management practices are an essential component of Maryland's statewide sediment control program. Recognizing the necessity of education to successfully implement the program, a certification for people in positions of responsibility for on-site sediment control implementation is conducted. The purpose of the "Responsible Person" certification is to train field personnel on techniques and standards that assist with field implementation of erosion and sediment controls.

**What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?**

STATE: Environment Article §4-104, COMAR 26.17.01.06.

**What is the process to get this approval?**

Responsible personnel training certification:

1. Prior registration to the class is not required.
2. Attend the training class.
3. Pass an examination.
4. The certification card will be mailed to you within two weeks.

**How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?**

Type of Approval	Turnaround Time
Certification of responsible personnel	2 weeks
Responsible personnel training program approval	4 weeks

**Are there any other requirements?**

Anyone interested in learning about the best management practices associated with erosion and sediment control is encouraged to attend the one-day training seminar. PRE-APPROVAL: As a condition of receiving plan approval, the developer/applicant must certify that a "responsible person" will be on-site during construction.

**Once I get this approval, how long will it last?**

The certificate of training is valid for a three-year period and is automatically renewed unless the Department notifies the certification holder that additional training is required. The training program approval does not require renewal.

**How much will this approval cost?**

No fee.

**Do I need to know any additional information?**

The training course is given by the Department and some local jurisdictions throughout the State. For information on a training course near you, call (410) 537-3543. The training course may also be scheduled by special request for 30 people or more.

**Who do I contact with additional questions?**

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