



# Maine Nonpoint Source Training News



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## Center Announces Winter/Spring 2009 Training Schedule

**A** number of courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2009 Winter/Spring Training Schedule.

**Course offerings for contractors** interested in certification include basic and advanced sessions in erosion control best management practices. These will be held in six locations throughout the state.

**For contractors who install septic systems**, two sessions in basic installation techniques will be held; one in Farmington and one in Presque Isle. These are always popular programs, so please register early.

**For those individuals interested in the new updated Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules that will take effect in 2009**, the Center will sponsor four courses on these updated rules. This should be of interest to system designers, installers, plumbing inspectors, etc. Again due to the many individuals interested in these rules, it is important to register early since seating will be limited.

**For Site evaluators**, the Center is sponsoring for the first time ever, a special program entitled: Ethical and Technical Issues for the Site Evaluator. This session will be held in two locations in the state.



*If your road looks like this in the spring, you may want to attend a session on non-traditional solutions to gravel road problems. See pages two and three to register.*

The program is designed to assist evaluators with various issues they may encounter in their work.

**For those individuals who are interested in being certified as an inspector of subsurface wastewater disposal systems**, a session on this type of inspection will be held in Wells in February. Due to recent legislation requiring these inspections in the coastal zone, there should be an increased demand for individuals providing this service.

**For landscape contractors interested in becoming LakeSmart Landscapers**, a course on LakeSmart practices will be held

in Augusta in March. Those attending this course will be listed on the Department's web page as LakeSmart Landscapers.

**For owners of camp roads**, a new program designed to provide assistance with camp road problems is being offered in two locations. The sessions will emphasize practical cost effective solutions that minimize road impacts to waterbodies.

*The listing on the next page outlines all of the courses being offered. Please register for as many as you'd like by using the registration form on page 3*

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All course hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted. Registration for all Courses is from 8:00 to 8:15 A.M.

### 1) Basic & Advanced Erosion Control For Contractors

Session #N0964 Lewiston, January 29, 2009  
Ramada Inn  
Registration Deadline: 1/21/09

Session #N0966 Fairfield, February 4, 2009  
MDOT Safety and Training Center  
Registration Deadline: 1/27/09

Session #N0965 Saco, February 11, 2009  
Holiday Inn Express  
Registration Deadline: 2/03/09

Session #N0967 Machias, February 25, 2009  
Bluebird Ranch Restaurant  
Registration Deadline: 2/17/09

Session #N0968 Houlton, March 10, 2009  
Shiretown Motor Inn  
Registration Deadline: 3/02/09

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#### LEA SPONSORED

Bridgton, March 24, 2009, LEA Headquarters

Please register with the Lakes Environmental Association for this course in Bridgton by calling 647-8580.

### 2) Ethical and Technical Issues for the Site Evaluator

Session #J0915 Portland, February 4, 2009  
Holiday Inn West  
Registration Deadline: 1/28/09

Session #J0916 Brewer, February 6, 2009  
Jeff's Catering  
Registration Deadline: 1/30/09

### 3) Subsurface Wastewater System Inspection

Session #J0917 Wells, February 26, 2009  
Village By the Sea  
Registration Deadline: 2/12/09

### 4) Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rule Revisions

Session #J0918 Augusta, March 5, 2009  
State Fire Marshal's Office  
Registration Deadline: 2/19/09

Session #J0919 Brewer, March 11, 2009  
Jeff's Catering  
Registration Deadline: 2/25/09

Session #J0920 Presque Isle, March 18, 2009  
Edmunds Conference Center  
Registration Deadline: 3/04/09

Session #J0921 Portland, March 31, 2009  
Holiday Inn West  
Registration Deadline: 3/17/09

### 5) Basic Onsite Wastewater System Installation

Session #J0922 Farmington, April 7, 2009  
Granary Brew & Pub  
Registration Deadline: 3/24/09

Session #J0923 Presque Isle, April 14, 2009  
Edmunds Conference Center  
Registration Deadline: 3/31/09

### 6) LakeSmart Training For Landscapers

Session #N0969 Augusta, March 17, 2009  
Augusta Civic Center  
Registration Deadline: 3/09/09

### 7) Non-Traditional Solutions to Gravel Road Problems

Course hours: 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Session #N0970 Belgrade June 9, 2009  
Center For All Seasons  
Registration Deadline: 6/01/09

Session #N0971 Ellsworth, June 16, 2009  
The Grind  
Registration Deadline: 6/08/09

## Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center Course Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The Courses I would like to attend are:

Course # \_\_\_\_\_ Session # \_\_\_\_\_ to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ Course Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town)

Course # \_\_\_\_\_ Session # \_\_\_\_\_ to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ Course Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town)

*Course fees can be paid by check or credit card. Please make payable to: J.E.T.C.C. For credit card payments, please complete the following:*

Credit card (check one)

Visa  MC  Discover Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

(3 digit code located on back of card (Visa only) \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that an additional \$15 late fee will be assessed on all course registrations received after the registration deadline date.*

**Course Fees:**

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| 1) Basic & Advanced Erosion Control Practices - \$70        | 4) Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rule Revisions - \$75 | 7) Nontraditional Solutions to Gravel Road Problems - \$30 |
| 2) Ethical & Technical Issues For the Site Evaluator - \$75 | 5) Basic On site Wastewater System Installation - \$75  |  |
| 3) Subsurface Waste System Inspection - \$75                | 6) LakeSmart for Landscapers - \$70                     |  |

Send this form along with the appropriate fees to:

**J.E.T.C.C.**

**P.O. Box 487 Scarborough, Maine 04070-0487**

**Tel. (207) 253-8020 Fax: (207) 771-9028**

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### 2008 Fall Training Season Hosts Over 310 Participants



**T**he Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 2008 Fall Training season was successful in reaching several groups. Training was held for contractors, engineers, consultants and state and local officials

In October, the Center partnered with the Northeast Chapter of the

International Erosion Control Association to sponsor a Conference and Trade Show in South Portland. The three day event featured informative presentations on various topics related to erosion and sediment control in addition to a CPESC exam review course and certification exam. A total of **66** participants attended this event.

In November and early December, four workshops on bio-filters were offered to the state's engineering community. The half-day workshops featured presentations on bio-filter design and installation. A total of **124** participants attended these sessions.

In December, instruction in erosion control was again provided to contractors throughout the State. In addition to three basic and advanced courses in erosion control best management practices, three sessions of a continuing education course featuring Vegetation Establishment provided for re-certification credits for certified individuals. A total of **123** people attended these two programs.

*The Center would again like to thank the Advisory Committee members, instructors, J.E.T.C.C., and other organizations who made the Fall 2008 training season successful!*

# 600 Certified Individuals in the State Has Only Scratched the Surface



**A**s a result of cooperation between the Center, the Maine Department of Transportation, and the Associated General Contractors of Maine, along with the assistance of organizations such as the State's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, J.E.T.C.C. and the Lakes Environmental Association, nearly **600** individuals have been certified in erosion and sediment control practices. These individuals are located in **159** municipalities throughout the state, in all **16** counties. In addition to certified individuals, **21** companies in various parts of the state have also been certified.

Although the number of certified individuals seems extensive, only **207** of the approximately 900 companies in the state have certified personnel. Three separate surveys of construction projects also indicate that less than 10 percent of construction companies in the survey employed certified individuals. These companies enjoy an 80 to 90% compliance rate as compared to 40 to 50% for those who do not employ

certified staff.

In addition we have over 700 individuals who have participated in the certification training but have yet to have a site evaluated for certification purposes.

Clearly, we have only scratched the surface with our certification efforts and have a long way to go to increase the number of individuals certified to significantly improve compliance with the state's erosion and sediment control law.

With the recent passage of Legislation requiring that a certified individual be present on site to supervise soil disturbance work in the shoreland zone, it is anticipated that many more individuals will participate in the certification program prior to 2013, when the law takes effect.

For those of you who are considering certification, or who are currently certification candidates, the Center asks that you participate in the training and/or have your construction site evaluated as soon as possible, well in advance of the 2013 effective date. Waiting until the last minute to obtain needed training or an evaluation may result in crowded classes and significant delays. Also, it is to your advantage to get certified as soon as possible so that you can take advantage of free advertising, expedited permitting and discounts offered by erosion control material suppliers.

For those of you who inspect or supervise construction work or otherwise work with contractors on a regular basis, we at the Center would encourage you to promote the certification program whenever possible. Each contractor who is trained and certified translates into increased compliance and consequently, better water quality for all of us.

## Report on Minimizing Impacts From Camp Roads, Driveways and Boat Ramps To be Presented to Legislature

**A**s a result of the passage of LD 2249 the Department was required by the legislature to submit a report evaluating strategies to diminish the impact of private roads, driveways and boat ramps on lake water quality. Center staff and other DEP staff members have been working together with a stakeholder group throughout the summer and fall to develop the report.

The report includes road standards to be used to assess existing roads and driveways, recommended funding mechanisms for road work and recommended statutory changes to allow municipalities to maintain and repair private roads and driveways to protect water quality. In addition, the report recommends the development of a web site for road owners, training programs on the development of road associations as well as a road association registry.

For more information, or if you would like a copy of the report, please contact Bill Laflamme at 287-7726.