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LEVEL I B ADVANCED FUNDAMENTAL SEMINAR

2 DAY COURSE WITH EXAM

- **Regulatory Enforcement Inspectors** (i.e., Local Issuing Authority and EPD staff)
- Non-regulatory personnel inspectors (i.e., contracted by a Local Issuing Authority to do regulatory work).

LEVEL II INTRODUCTION TO DESIGN SEMINAR

2 DAY COURSE WITH EXAM

- **Design Professionals** preparing ES&PC plans
- **Plan Reviewers** (including EPD, GSWCC, NRCS and Local Issuing Authorities with “plan review authority”)

NOTE: Georgia’s Education and Certification Program does not recognize reciprocity with any other state erosion and sedimentation education certification.

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*Georgia’s Education
and Certification
Program for Persons
Involved with Land
Disturbing Activities*

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EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION ACT

The Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act of 1975 (Act), as amended, states that “persons involved in land development design, review, permitting, construction, monitoring or inspection of any land disturbing activity shall meet the education and training certification requirements, dependent on his or her level of involvement in the process” as developed and administered by the **Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission** (GSWCC).

The Act states that for each site on which land disturbing activity occurs, each entity or person acting as either a primary, secondary or tertiary permittee, as defined in the **State General Permits**, shall have as a minimum one person, who is responsible in charge of erosion and sedimentation control activities on behalf of the permittee, meet the Level IA certification requirements (O.C.G.A. 12-7-19(a)(2)).

The Act also states that if a permittee has met the certification requirements, then any person or entity involved in land disturbing activity at the site and operating in a **subcontractor capacity** for the permittee must meet the Subcontractor Awareness education requirements (O.C.G.A. 12-7-19(a)(4)).

NOTE: It is important to consider “what are my job responsibilities” and if these responsibilities include involvement with land disturbing activities, then your attendance at one or more of these courses may be necessary.

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LEVEL I SUBCONTRACTOR AWARENESS SEMINAR

2 HOUR COURSE WITH NO EXAM

The following is a list of positions/occupations who, if conducting land disturbing activities and not otherwise exempt will need to attend the **Subcontractor Awareness Seminar**. The list is not a complete listing of all job titles, but rather is a sample of those that are more common. It is useful to consider your specific job responsibilities, and if those responsibilities include involvement with land disturbing activities, then your attendance at this course is necessary unless somebody else with your work crew/company/entity has already satisfied this requirement for every project or site. While some land-disturbing activities are exempt from the Act and its education and training certification requirements, many individuals will have to comply with these requirements due to conditions in the **State General Permits**.

- Grading personnel, as well as grading and earthmoving equipment operators
- Irrigation system personnel (residential, commercial and industrial sites)
- Landscape personnel
- Utility personnel (excludes entities regulated by the PSC or FERC, and other entities listed in O.C.G.A. 12-7-17(10) located within a common development)

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- Wastewater personnel installing on-site systems (includes septic tank excavation and drain fields)
- Well drilling personnel (includes directional boring equipment operators)
- Plumbers and electricians (will require certification if conducting a land disturbing activity within a permitted project site)
- Best Management Practices (BMP) installation and maintenance personnel
- Water quality sampling personnel
- Other personnel involved in land disturbing activities acting as a subcontractor

LEVEL IA FUNDAMENTAL SEMINAR

1 DAY COURSE WITH EXAM

- Builders, contractors, developers or site superintendents in responsible charge of erosion and sedimentation control activities **on behalf of a primary, secondary or tertiary permittee**
- **E&SC inspectors** (“certified personnel”) contracted by a permittee to ensure compliance with the **State General Permits**