

News From

Rhode Island



Dear Lisa,

We wanted to remind you about the two, upcoming informational sessions that will be held to discuss the final draft of the ***Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual***. ***You have a choice of dates: May 26th or June 2nd.***

We also wanted to let you know about a wastewater workshop sponsored by the New England Onsite Wastewater Training Center: ***Innovative & Alternative Technology Field Overview***. Details about this May 27th workshop are included below. Don't forget to ask for the municipal official discount!

We hope you can join us!

Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual: Final Draft

This informational session will be held on two different dates in two different locations to accommodate both northern and southern Rhode Island residents.

Informational Session #1

Date: May 26, 2010

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick Campus, Room 4080

Informational Session #2

Date: June 2, 2010

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus, Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences, Room 100

These informational sessions will provide a review of the changes to the manual, since the initial draft was first presented last June, and, more importantly, allow for feedback and discussion with the public. The revised manual contains many substantive revisions based on comments and further technical considerations, as well as several additions including detailed design examples.

Topics Will Include:

- Introduction to the manual and an overview of comments received
- Overview of changes from the 2009 draft
- Review of the manual chapters and appendices with opportunity for discussion
- Next steps

Appropriate for: designers, planners, municipal officials, and anyone interested in stormwater standards

Registration:

Not required, but a parking pass is required for the session held at the URI campus.

A detailed agenda, directions, and URI parking pass are now posted on the [NEMO website](#).

Because the review portion of the sessions will not cover the entire contents of the manual, we recommend that you review the changes prior to attending. In order to facilitate this effort, **the 2009 draft, the 2010 final draft, a special "track-changes" version that shows changes between the two documents, and summary documents can be accessed online at:**

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/benviron/water/permits/ripdes/stwater/t4guide/desman.htm>

Presenters Include: Staff of RI Department of Environmental Management, Coastal Resources Management Council, and *Horsley Witten Group*

If you have any **questions**, please contact Margarita Chatterton at: (401) 222-4700 or margarita.chatterton@dem.ri.gov

Innovative & Alternative Technology Field Overview

Date: May 27, 2010

Time: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Location: University of Rhode Island, Peckham Farm,
New England Onsite Wastewater Training Center

This field class is held at the NEOWT Center located at URI Peckham Farm. Come to this hands-on class and "kick the wastewater treatment system tires". You'll learn about proper treatment trains (and treatment abilities) of all the advanced treatment technologies approved in Southern New England. We'll discuss sand, textile and peat filters, fixed activated sludge treatment units, aerobic treatment units, trickling filters for residential or commercial applications and recently approved "leachfield renovation" technology.

Instructors: Brian Moore (RIDEM), NEOWTP Staff.

Cost: Special discounts are available to RI municipal officials for selected classes offered by URI's New England Onsite Wastewater Training Center. These classes focus on management of onsite systems and are particularly useful for municipal officials who make land use decisions in unsewered areas and for wastewater managers and commissioners. These are co-sponsored by RI NEMO with support from RI HEALTH to promote drinking water source protection.

Rhode Island Government Rate*: \$50 (early-bird)
/ \$65

Standard Rate: \$95 (early-bird) / \$120

Continuing Education Units: 2 RI CEU; 4 MA TCH

Registration:

A Registration Form (available as a PDF from the [NEMO website](#)) and payment must be received to hold your place.

*The Government Rate applies to RI municipal officials, state agencies, and non-profits, with no CEUs provided. This is a 50% discount from standard rates. For standard registration, please visit the [NEOWTC registration website](#).

Fee includes workshop materials and light refreshments.

Early registration deadline is 14 days before each scheduled class date.

Where class size is limited, registration under the government rate is subject to availability. Registration will be confirmed 1 week before the class date.

For additional information, please contact David Kalen at 401-874-5950.

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