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Southern Illinois Environmental Compliance Seminar

The Jefferson County and Williamson County Soil & Water Conservation Districts joined with A.S.P. Enterprises to organize an Environmental Compliance Seminar dealing with urban erosion problems. Our goal was to educate our audience on both regulations on development sites and best management practices to control soil erosion and manage sediment runoff. Topics that were covered include NPDES Phase II Stormwater Regulations, Preparing and Implementing Stormwater Plans Onsite, ABCs of Best Management Practices, Site Plan Reviews and Measures for Compliance, IDOT Perspectives of NPDES, Understanding How and When to Work on Streams, and Water Quality and Quantity Systems. A total of 6.5 PDH credit hours were offered to each participant. The target audience was engineers, inspectors, municipalities, urban contractors, CPESCs, highway departments, and architects.

The brochure was sent to all of the Southern Illinois SWCDs so that they could send the information to those in their county. A.S.P. also sent the brochure to their contacts. The Seminar was held on January 15, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Vernon, Illinois with a total of 106 participants in attendance. Many positive remarks and suggestions were received about the seminar from the completed surveys. There is a great interest in an outdoor workshop demonstrating best management practices. Also, the participants would like to see this kind of seminar offered every year or at least every other year. The success of the event was due to the coordinated efforts of A.S.P. Enterprises, the Southern Illinois SWCDs, IEPA, IDOT, The City of Carbondale, and Midwest Streams, Inc. Special thanks to A.S.P. Enterprises, who has a strong interest in education of BMPs, for being the primary sponsor, helping with speaker contacts, and handling the registration process.

Contact the Williamson County Soil & Water Conservation District for more information on projects and activities.