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Erosion and Sediment Control

- Erosion and Sediment Control (E&SC)
  - Rule 5: What is it
    - 327 IAC 15-5-1 The purpose of this rule is to establish requirements for storm water discharges from construction activities of one (1) acre or more so that the public health, existing water uses, and aquatic biota are protected.
    - Sediment/Pollution runoff from project site
Erosion and Sediment Control

- Who Regulates Rule 5
  - Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM)

- Where is INDOT’s Past Compliance?
  - INDOT Compliance Data
    - Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) or the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) Inspection Reports
      - July 2006 to October 2009
      - Analyzed for compliance
      - Overall Rating of Satisfactory, Marginal and Unsatisfactory
Figure 1: Erosion and Sediment Control Inspection Report Results
July 2006-October 2009 Inspections
Report Prepared 11/3/09
Inspection Report Results

- Of the inspection reports received between July 2006 and October 2009:
  - 155 inspection reports received
  - 62 contracts received inspection reports
  - 83.2% of all reports were either unsatisfactory or marginal
  - IDEM Inspections Complaint driven and not consistent across the State and INDOT Districts
Inspection Report Results

- Of the inspection reports received between July 2006 and October 2009: (cont.)

  - Repeat Inspection Reports
    - Avg. 2.5 inspection reports/contract
    - 60% rec’d on previously inspected contracts
    - 79.0% unsatisfactory or marginal First Notice
    - 86.2% unsat. or marg. Repeat Inspections
**INDOT Statewide Compliance**

- **Largest Observed Violators**
  - Typically Larger Projects
    - New Alignment/Added Travel Lanes
    - (large grading = lots of exposed soil)
  - Overwintering Projects
    - Exposed Soils not stabilized prior to end of growing season
  - Projects with Dewatering
    - Dewatering methods typically aren’t adequate
  - Projects with Work in Waterway
    - Bridges/structures
INDOT Contract Items Results

- Of the INDOT Contracts Active from January 1, 2007 to September 1, 2009:
  - 493 Contracts let with E&SC items ($1,932,601,471)
  - 0.46% ($8,889,966) of budget Temporary E&SC items including change orders
  - 0.14% ($2,705,642) of budget Temp. E&SC items dispersed
  - 70% (roughly $6 million) of E&SC Item dollars in the contracts were not paid for on INDOT contracts
Conclusions:

- INDOT must acknowledge that a majority of our contracts are out of compliance with Rule 5 E&SC.
- Despite previous notification of a lack of compliance, INDOT staff and its contractors are not responsive to the violation notices resulting in repeat inspections, repeat violations and potential IDEM and EPA enforcement. (Do the plans include measures necessary to be responsive?)
- The lack of implementation of $6 million worth of E&SC items that are in the contracts must be further investigated and likely contributes to the lack of compliance. (Thoughtful Design?)
- The risk of non-compliance is too great for current INDOT projects to delay participation in changing current INDOT practices.
INDOT Changes - Design

- Joint Transportation Research Program (JTRP)
- Addresses Research Needs for INDOT
  - INDOT’s need for E&SC research
    - Current State of Compliance
    - SPR – 2853
      - “Assessment and Selection of Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Highway Construction, Retrofitting and Maintenance”
      - Published October 2006
      - Wasn’t implemented (Reorganization)
INDOT Changes - Design

Joint Transportation Research Program

- INDOT’s need for E&SC research
  - Indiana Stormwater Quality Manual (Oct. ‘07)
    - http://www.in.gov/idem/4899.htm
INDOT Changes - Design

- JTRP SPR – 3312
  - Identification and Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for E&SC that Conform to the Indiana Storm Water Quality Regulations and Guidance
- Lead Investigator – Dr. Lynn Corson
- Study Advisory Committee Members
  - INDOT Project Management, Design, Construction, Maintenance Staff
  - Consultants, Contractors, IDEM
INDOT Changes - Design

- JTRP SPR – 3312
  - Goals
    1. Update the BMP list, descriptions and matrix according to IDEM Manual
    2. Review the recommendations in SPR-2853 and recommend changes to the Standards Committee
    3. Revise and re-submit INDOT’s NPDES Stormwater permit application to IDEM
INDOT Changes - Design

- JTRP SPR – 3312
  - Goals
    4. Develop, adapt or adopt an E&SC training curriculum
    5. Prepare a field manual of BMPs and standards
What’s Coming?

- Task Force Recommendations
  - Monetary Damages for Contractor
  - Training
  - E&SC Specialist at each District
- Demonstration Projects
  - Design Build E&SC
  - Rapid Stabilization Areas
New EPA Regulations

- Will require monitoring of runoff from construction sites
- IDEM will be determining how regulations will be implemented in Indiana
- Expect new guidelines within the next year or two.
Questions?

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