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News & Notes from the Erosion Control Technology Council

GROUND

SPECIFYING RECPs WITH QDOR™

Building an Added Layer of Confidence around AASHTO's NTPEP Program.

by Tim Lancaster, North American Green

Many state DOTs are now integrating the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) National Transportation Product Evaluation Program into their rolled erosion control product (RECP) specifications. NTPEP, which entails third party random sample collection by an AASHTO representative and both large-scale performance testing and index/bench-scale product testing at an AASHTO designated laboratory. NTPEP provides unbiased test results for states' to use in screening product quality and consistency to specification. With the advent of ECTC's Quality Data Oversight and Review (QDOR) program, which fully incorporates the AASHTO NTPEP Index and Bench-Scale Testing as a prerequisite for product listings, state officials and other quality-conscious specifiers now have an even more comprehensive tool for ensuring that only the highest quality, performance-tested and proven RECPs are used on their projects.



The QDOR program involves a comprehensive process by which RECPs, their supporting NTPEP Index/Bench-Scale test results, viable large-scale test data and are reviewed by committee. In order to be "QDOR listed", the RECP must meet a stringent list of criteria for the product's designated application type/s. The QDOR program not only requires all RECPs to be enrolled in NTPEP, it also screens products based on large-scale test performance with test methods such as ASTM D6459 and D6460 being the standard protocol.

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Special Points of Interest

HECP Installation Video is now available! ECTC is pleased to announce that a Hydraulic Erosion Control Products Installation video is now available. This video is similar in format to the RECP installation video. The HECP video gives step by step instructions on applying these products on the job. The video is ideal for training sessions and may be used by anyone wanting this instruction. The video can be viewed on the ECTC website.

Available online at www.ectc.com.

Get to Know ECTC Members

This issue we profile Sam Morris

How many years have you been in the erosion control business? **17 years**

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why? **Wenona, IL.**

The same spot that I have lived for all but **6 years of my adult life. I am a farm boy at**

heart and my nearest neighbor is 1 mile away. The chickens make sure that you do not oversleep and there is nothing better than farm fresh produce. In today's world, you can travel and communicate globally with relative ease, but I like the pace of the rural lifestyle when I am not working.

What are you reading right now? **Alex Berenson's Midnight House**

Where is your favorite vacation spot? **Hawaii.**

What is your favorite music? **Old time rock and roll.**

What is your favorite movie? **Top Gun - I feel the need for speed.**

How do you spend your free time? **Scooping manure, fixing fence, weeding the garden.**

If you weren't in the erosion control business what would you be doing? **Who knows?**

Four objectives that describe yourself? **Fun, certifiably insane, tenacious, and easy going.**

List one accomplishment you are most proud of? **Helping turn a very rough idea into a multimillion dollar business that sustains many families.**

Chocolate or vanilla? **Absolutely vanilla.**

What is your favorite food? **Homemade Lasagna (my wife's special vintage).**

What is the weirdest job you have ever held? **Does my current job count?**



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Through this in-depth validation process, the QDOR program provides a listing of RECPs that have undergone standard industry tests for physical make-up and performance, and are consistently produced to high quality standards. That being said, with all the review work completed by an ECTC designated committee, and an up-to-date listing of QDOR validated products maintained by the organization, states and other specifiers will find incorporating QDOR into their RECP specifications simple and easy. Just a couple sentences inserted into specifications requiring RECPs to be QDOR listed will do it (see website for examples www.qdor.org). And, QDOR is a fully self-funded program, so it costs specifiers absolutely nothing to use its services! In a nutshell, QDOR simply builds an added layer of confidence around AASHTO NTPEP Bench-Scale and Index Program for less worry about adequate erosion control, and further saves specifiers substantial time and money in pre-screening products for performance capabilities and quality.

Submitting Products:

Manufacturers interested in submitting a product or products for the QDOR™ program, please contact:

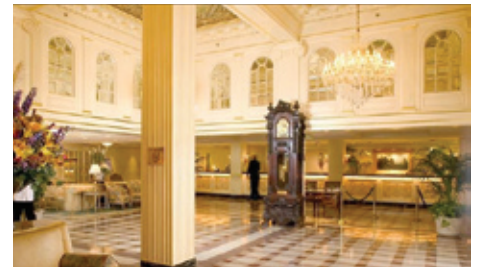
Laurie Honnigford,
ECTC Executive Director
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Contact Laurie to alert the ECTC office of your intent to submit a product under the QDOR™ program. The data that must be submitted is entered into an online database. Please provide your name, your company name and the specific product(s) that you are interested in submitting to the QDOR™ program. You will receive log in information after the initial submittal.

ECTC MEETINGS

December ECTC Meetings

December 7-9, 2010
 Hotel: Hotel Monteleone
 Phone: 504-523-3341
 214 Royal Street
 New Orleans, LA 70130
The room block will be held until November 17, 2010. Please reference Erosion Control Technology Council when making your reservations. Sleeping rooms are \$115.00/night.



December 7-9, 2010 Hotel Monteleone, New Orleans, LA

Tuesday December 7, 2010		Wednesday December 8, 2010	Thursday December 9, 2010
Opening Session Duration: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.		General Assembly Duration: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	QDOR Review Committee Duration 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon <i>QDOR Review Committee members only</i>
Technical Committee Meeting – RECP portion Duration: 9:45 a.m. – 12 noon	Marketing Committee Meeting Duration: 9:45 a.m. – 12 noon	QDOR Review Committee Duration 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon <i>QDOR Review Committee members only</i>	
* Lunch: 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.		* Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	* Lunch: 12 noon – 1:30 p.m.
Technical Committee Meeting – SRFPR portion Duration: 1:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Marketing Committee Meeting (cont.) Duration: 1:30 –4:00 p.m.	QDOR Review Committee (cont.) Duration: 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. <i>QDOR Review Committee members only</i>	QDOR Review Committee (cont.) Duration: 1:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. <i>QDOR Review Committee members only</i>
Technical Committee Meeting – HECP portion Duration: 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.			

** start / end time for lunch depends upon meeting agendas and are estimates for scheduling purposes*

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Thoughts From The Editor

Scott Nelson serves as Chief Editor for the ECTC Newsletter.

What is around the corner for ECTC is a question that is probably best answered by looking at what ECTC has accomplished this year. Some of the most telling advancements for ECTC this can be seen in three areas.

First, the QDOR program has finally made it past the point of development and is now moving into the final stage of full implementation. There has been a long period of debate by the directing membership as to how the program should look and function. That road has been traveled and now the road is that of getting the data logged so specifying agencies, designers and NTPEP can start looking to QDOR as it was designed to be used.

The next advancement was the development of a Hydraulic Erosion Control Products (HECP) specification. After two years of deliberation, this specification offers users a guideline for using HECPs.

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HYDRAULIC EROSION CONTROL Products Update

By Sam Morris, Phoenix Paper

After two years of work and deliberations, ECTC has recently approved and published a comprehensive specification and application chart for hydraulic erosion control products (HECPs). This specification is the product of consensus amongst the leading manufacturers of HECPs in the industry, and is designed to satisfy the needs of engineers, designers, hydro-seeding contractors and other end-users of these products. Formatted to be used in its entirety or easily modified as necessary by the end-user, this specification provides expert guidance from product classification and selection to product mixing and installation. For a copy of the HECP specification go to ECTC's website: www.ectc.org. Efforts to improve standardization within our industry continue as we work to develop new and improve existing test protocols suitable for HECPs.



Sam Morris

SEDIMENT RETENTION FIBER ROLLS Products Update

By Gabe Weaver, North American Green

The Sediment Retention Fiber Rolls committee is nearing completion of the SRFR Installation Guidelines. This guideline contains DWG drawings showing installation techniques for SRFRs. These DWG files will be available for engineers, designers and other end-users to download and use in their project specifications. These guidelines provide installers with step by step instructions to ensure a good installation of these products under different conditions. A press release will be sent out once the SRFR Installation Guidelines reach final approval. Upon approval by the membership, the SRFR Installation Guidelines will be posted on the ECTC website.



Gabe Weaver

ROLLED EROSION CONTROL Products Update

By Chad Lipsomb, Western Excelsior Co.

The Rolled Erosion Control Products committee has drafted a definition for the term "Functional Longevity." This term can be found on www.ectc.org website. The members have spent considerable time debating how to develop a definition that is descriptive and broad enough to encompass the requirements of this term. The RECP Committee also continues to support the efforts of the QDOR program.

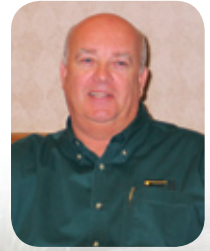


Chad Lipsomb

ECTC is starting to show results of work in that of the newly developed specification and application guidelines.

And the final, but by no means less important member of the trio is the work being done in the Sediment Retention Fiber Rolls (SRFR) group. The SRFR group has been working on installation guidelines for fiber rolls and it is expected to receive final approval during the December 2010 ECTC meetings.

These three areas of advancement in 2010 that have made giant steps toward assisting the erosion control industry in specifying and using products effectively. So what is around the corner? 2011 will not be a time to sit back, but to continue to build on the efforts from 2010.



Scott Nelson,
Geo-Synthetics, LLC



Mark Myrowich Honored for Service

Mark Myrowich was honored for his service to ECTC during the August 2010 meeting. Mark has served as the Chairman of the Marketing Committee during which time he has accomplished many outstanding projects. Mark lead the development of the RECP installation video, the QDOR marketing campaign, the RECP installation guideline, and the development of the HECF video just to name a few of his many accomplishments.



Mark Myrowich,
ErosionControlBlanket.com

Jerry Bohannon named Marketing Committee Chairman

Jerry Bohannon accepted the nomination as Marketing Committee Chairman for the ECTC. "I have some big shoes to fill," commented Jerry Bohannon. "I look forward to the challenges ahead and will strive to continue the forward progress Mark started." The next Marketing Committee meeting will be held in New Orleans, LA in December.

WHO WE ARE

Members of the ECTC are committed to promoting the proper use of erosion control products by providing education and industry leadership. For more information, visit our website or contact any of the Directing Members listed here.

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Calendar of ECTC and Industry Events

ECTC Meeting
December 7-9, 2010
New Orleans, LA
Hotel Monteleone
www.ectc.org

ASTM D18 Meeting
Jan. 30-Feb. 2 2011
Baltimore, MD
Marriott Waterfront
www.astm.org

IECA Annual Conference
February 20-23, 2011
Orlando, FL
Disney's Corondo Springs Resort
www.ieca.org

StormCon Conference
August 21-25, 2011
Anaheim, CA
Anaheim Marriott
www.stormcon.com



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