

## Storm Warnings

"We must all hang together...  
...as Benjamin Franklin once  
said, or assuredly, we shall all  
hang separately."

(Washington, D.C.-November  
15, 2004)

EPA Announces 2004 Storm  
Water Enforcement Statistics;  
\$4.8 Billion Worth

EPA enforcement actions  
concluded in fiscal year (FY)  
2004 will reduce a projected  
one billion pounds of pollution  
and require cleanups estimated  
to total a record \$4.8 billion  
- significant increases from  
last year.

"EPA's enforcement strategy is  
focused on what matters most:  
achieving real environmental  
improvements that benefit  
everyone," said Tom Skinner, EPA  
Acting Assistant Administrator  
for the Office of Enforcement  
and Compliance Assurance. "We  
are getting significant, real-world  
pollution reductions through  
mechanisms like injunctive  
relief - pushing companies to  
install more effective pollution  
controls - and supplemental  
environmental projects, which  
improve the environment and  
public health both nationwide  
and close to home."

Unfortunately, this press  
release only caps off what has  
been a tumultuous year with  
EPA's storm water enforcement  
strategy. Back in May, Tom Skinner,  
quoted above, had these  
words to say when announcing  
a Wal-Mart consent decree. The  
Wal-Mart agreement marked the  
beginning of a new initiative to  
aggressively pursue companies  
and construction contractors  
who violate storm water regula-  
tions." The \$3.1 million fine,  
"is the largest civil penalty ever  
paid" for storm water violations.  
Skinner went on to say that the  
Wal-Mart settlement "kicks off



what is, in essence, a campaign  
to enforce storm water require-  
ments."

For years our industry's  
strategy to avoid EPA fines and  
penalties was not unlike the  
child crossing his figures behind  
his back, after he told his par-  
ents a fib.

Those days are gone. Examine  
the stated EPA enforcement  
strategy below, in existence  
since the spring of 2003.

EPA Enforcement Strategy:  
Spring 2003

Rather than trying to address  
the thousands of contractors  
operating each day, the Agency  
plans to focus its efforts on several  
large developers responsible  
for a majority of the nation's  
construction activities. These  
firms fall into two categories of  
large-scale construction opera-  
tions: (1) commercial develop-  
ment of "big-box" stores and  
their associated developers, and  
(2) large national and residential  
developers.

Sadly, we are all wearing a  
bull's-eye that we can not see.  
EPA believes according to their  
compliance and enforcement

strategy documents that only  
35% of homebuilders are in full  
compliance. Based on EPA's  
strategy to group "big-box" retail  
stores and large national and  
residential developers in the  
same target group, the recent  
Wal-Mart settlement could have  
far reaching impacts on the resi-  
dential industry. The Consent  
Decree with Wal-Mart requires  
extensive training for employees  
and contractors, daily inspec-  
tions, compliance audits every  
two weeks, monthly reports  
to the EPA, Correction of BMP  
failures within 24 hours, and  
more. We have not seen what  
the EPA intends for residen-  
tial developers and national  
builders, but if the Commercial  
Consent Decree with Wal-Mart is  
any indication, it can only get  
worse from here.

### What can we do?

To stay clear of trouble with  
the EPA, state and local agen-  
cies, builders and commercial  
contractors should ensure they  
are in full compliance with the  
Storm Water Permit Regulations.  
These 7 steps will help you stay  
in compliance:

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together or  
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—Benjamin Franklin

1. Permits - Ensure all opera-  
tors at the site have permit  
coverage before construction  
begins.
2. SWPPP/SWMP - Ensure the  
plan covers all phases of  
construction, from horizontal  
development to vertical con-  
struction, and are certified by  
ALL permittees.
3. Inspections/Record Keeping  
- Ensure all inspections are  
documented and deficiencies

are corrected quickly and  
documented.

4. Posted Notice - A copy of the  
NOI and the Posting Notice  
for each permittee must be  
posted at the entrance to the  
site or in the construction  
trailer.
5. Training - Ensure all person-  
nel at the site are aware of  
storm water requirements.
6. Clean Site - Keep the site  
clean and pay particular at-  
tention to dirt in the street,  
blowing trash, concrete and  
paint washout, leaks and  
spills, and BMP maintenance.
7. Termination - Make sure  
operational control is turned  
over to the homeowner or  
another builder or that all  
disturbed areas are covered  
in permanent grass.

With the recent upgrade in  
civil penalties to \$32,500/day  
and the new "Compliance Cam-  
paign," there has never been a  
better time to be sure you are in  
full compliance. I encourage ev-  
ery homebuilder and contractor  
to redouble their compliance ef-  
forts to be sure they are in FULL  
compliance with all current  
permit requirements. Discuss  
compliance issues at your local  
HBA and AGC to be sure that all  
are aware of the importance of  
this program and the potentially  
devastating financial repercus-  
sion that can come for all in our  
industry if compliance efforts  
are not increased. There is  
much at stake for our industry,  
and compliance is obtainable. If  
we all "hang together," hopefully  
we will avoid getting "hung  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Storm Water Pollution Prevention Risk Management Forum

A Risk Management Forum is  
slated for the upcoming Environ-  
mental Connection 2005 (EC05)  
international conference hosted  
by the International Erosion Con-  
trol Association (IECA) www.ieca.  
org on February 20-23. This Risk  
Management  
Forum will be  
a 90 minute  
interactive Q&A  
segment and a  
key session for  
EC05 in Dallas  
and is scheduled  
for Wednesday February 23 at  
10:30AM to 12 Noon.

A select panel of experts that  
span different categories within  
the storm water management and  
erosion and soil control industry  
will field questions from the EC05  
attendees. This panel will range  
from "dischargers" to "regulators"  
to "personnel who exercise practi-  
cal environmental solutions" who  
are all affected by US Clean Water  
Act compliance and enforcement.  
The Risk Management Forum for  
the EC05 Conference will consist

of the following panelists...

A representative from the EPA,  
a large national residential build-  
er (Jerry Richmond, Richmond  
American Homes), a national  
big-box builder (Shirley Morrow,  
WalMart), a national storm water  
engineering firm (Johnny Combs,  
Paradigm Engi-  
neering), a BMP  
installer (Joel  
Jonker, Down to  
Earth Compli-  
ance), a BMP

product supplier (Lee Pierce, SI  
Geosolutions), an environmental  
law firm (Paul Singarella, Latham  
& Watkins) and Ben Northcutt,  
the Executive Director of the  
IECA. The Storm Water Pollution  
Prevention Risk Management  
Forum will be moderated by  
John Hall, a national speaker and  
environmental consultant. This is  
an opportunity to ask questions  
on what really affects your busi-  
ness and profession.

All answers to questions will  
be available at www.ieca.org.



## International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Embraces America's Schools

Through a unique recycling al-  
liance with the America's Schools  
Program, the International Ero-  
sion Control Association  
(IECA) will financially  
help K-12 schools across  
the country while estab-  
lishing good environ-  
mental stewardship and  
developing funding for some  
strategic erosion-related initiatives.

Last year over 300 million ink  
printer cartridges and 55 million  
cell phones ended up in landfills  
across the United States, where  
they take over 1,000 years to  
decompose. Every year inkjet and  
laser cartridges account for over

200 million pounds of solid waste  
to our nation's landfills. Over 400  
million printer cartridges are sold  
in the U.S. every year and  
less than 20% of these are  
recycled. Each laser toner  
cartridge recycled saves  
3 quarts of oil that is  
required to produce a new  
cartridge.

The America's Schools program  
offers a no cost recycling solution  
to IECA members that is truly a  
win-win proposition for education,  
the environment and the IECA.

For more information visit  
www.ieca.org and click on the  
America's Schools icon.



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# Powerhouse Partnership

aims to help the **Construction Industry**  
 manage **Storm Water** and **compliance issues**

Two big players in the storm water compliance arena have teamed up in an effort to help home builders and commercial construction companies comply with State and Federal regulations concerning storm water runoff and erosion control issues. An effort that could possibly save construction companies millions of dollars in potential fines and environmental clean-up actions. And for Joe Public, the partnership means cleaner water, better soil and a better environment for our children and us.

Paradigm Engineering, LTD, of Lewisville, Texas, an environmental engineering and consulting company, and the International Erosion Control Association (IECA), a non-profit member association serving the erosion and sediment control profession, officially entered into a partnership November 1, 2004.



This union is welcome news to the almost-5000 members and clients they both serve.

Johnny Combs, PE, REM, CPSWQ, the CEO and founder of Paradigm, touts IECA as a Best Management Practice (BMP) and sees this partnership as a great asset for his homebuilder clients.

"Paradigm Engineering is very excited about our partnership with IECA. IECA is recognized as a leading authority within the erosion and soil control industry and through this collaboration we feel it offers even greater value to our clients. We are committed to 'Partners in Compliance' and take great strides to offer the most effective BMPs for our customers. The benefits of IECA as a BMP mirror our mission to offer



the most comprehensive service to our valuable clientele," says Combs.

IECA's Executive Director Ben Northcutt also sees a value-added impact for members of the association he represents. "This is an exciting partnership for IECA because it is going to help facilitate success for our members. There's no doubt in my mind that Paradigm's efforts will help grow our community of soil and water professionals, especially in the area of compliance and construction site engineering. As a result, our members can engage this community quickly and easily for new business opportunities, specialized education and new solution-specific technology. Our partnership with Paradigm pro-

vides another valuable tool that our members can add to their tool box of solutions," says Northcutt about the new partnership.

Paradigm Engineering, LTD specializes in storm water compliance and risk management, and has been helping companies comply with storm water regulations for over 10 years. Paradigm facilitates the relationship between federal, state and local government agencies and its clients by keeping on top of current trends in compliance regulations, enforcement and technologies impacting industry and the environment. Paradigm also develops storm water management programs that reduce the risk, cost and hassles its clients face in achieving compliance. These programs are battle tested through the successful defense of hundreds of EPA enforcement

actions across their 1,800-strong nationwide client base. Paradigm's 1,800-client list currently includes companies such as the following: The Home Depot, Centex Homes, KB Home, DR Horton, Richmond American Homes, Ryland Homes, Beazer Homes, Pulte Homes, Lennox Homes and many more.

IECA is a non-profit, member organization that provides education, resource information and business opportunities for professionals in and affected by the erosion and sediment industry. IECA's mission is to connect, educate and develop the worldwide erosion and sediment control community. The association's more than 2900 members represent 52 countries and 17 fields of practice and serves as the global resource for people who share a common concern for the prevention and control of erosion. IECA's diverse membership supplies a unique network of specialists who are capable of solving a broad range of challenges caused by soil erosion and its by-product, sediment. This community of professionals really does make IECA an essential BMP.

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*For more information about Paradigm please visit [www.paradigm-engineering.com](http://www.paradigm-engineering.com) and to learn more about IECA visit [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).*

## Concrete Washout Systems To Capture, Contain And Control

Concrete Washout Systems (CWS) has been raising eyebrows and attention of many people within the construction, regulatory and environmental community with their patent pending concrete washout systems box. This revolutionary system is designed to capture, contain and control the caustic concrete wastewater and washout material from concrete trucks and pumps on construction jobsites. What drives this rapidly developing niche market is the tighter regulations and stricter enforcement from the US EPA, state and local governments, along with advocacy groups' watchful eyes and CWS's own missionary work.

CWS provides the construction community a much needed risk management and compliance solution for a problem that has plagued the



industry for decades. With the concrete washout system, companies can be assured they have the best available technology and service on the market today. In fact, one of the largest environmental engineering firms, Paradigm Engineering, has begun incorporating the concrete washout systems into their clients' Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP).

CWS has been awarded numerous environmental

awards ranging from their innovative design of the product to capturing and containing the caustic material and developing other patent pending technologies to address the caustic wastewater. CWS has been recognized by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) for their implementation of a system that resulted in a measurable improvement in environmental protection; by the Sacramento Environmental

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Commission for voluntarily exceeding environmental regulatory requirements; and by the Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center for their efforts in pollution prevention practices.

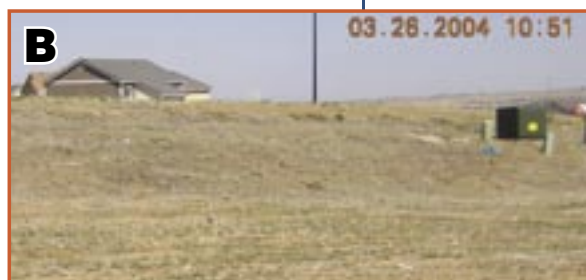
The simplicity of CWS's business model allows for waste haulers to easily adapt and develop a value-added service to offer the construction industry clients they serve. Since the concrete washout system was developed to be deployed from a roll-off truck, waste haulers can easily penetrate the market. Along with that, waste haulers will see higher profit

margins than they see within their own industry. This has caused one of CWS' partners to sell off their trash hauling business to concentrate solely on the exploding concrete washout market.

CWS has developed a licensed business opportunity to expand the reach of their specialized system with plans to penetrate the market rapidly. In the short time CWS has been in operation, they have already developed partnerships covering Northern and Southern California, Las Vegas and Denver. By the beginning of 2005, CWS plans on having partners operating in Phoenix and Tucson, Southern Florida, Central California and Reno, Nevada.

Visit Concrete Washout Systems' booth at The World of Concrete January 18-21, the IECA's Environmental Connection 05 February 21-23, ConExpo-ConAgg March 15-19 and the Waste Expo May 2-5.

*For more information call (877) 2-WASHOUT or visit [www.concretewashout.com](http://www.concretewashout.com)*



*These two sites were seeded and mulched in the same week of June 2003 about a mile apart. Both sites should have experienced the same temperature and precipitation levels. Yet, the proper preparation and application of the seeding process resulted in heavy, consistent growth as Photo A demonstrates, while poor prep resulted in poor growth as Photo B proves.*

### Down to Earth Compliance:

# Quality as a BMP

Down to Earth Compliance (DTEC), a leading erosion and soil control services installer in Colorado, has found the best way to manage NPDES risk is by maintaining high standards. DTEC is a ten year old end-to-end solutions company that specializes in controlling water pollutants from construction, industrial erosion and non-natural cuts in the land. Joel Jonker, founder of DTEC, as well as the entire staff, stresses quality first in all they do.

Across the United States the compliance and enforcement criteria in meeting US Clean Water Act regulations has been stepped up significantly. The construction industry has to establish Best Management Practices (BMPs) to meet their Storm Water Manage-

ment Plans (SWMP) and DTEC has found that taking the extra time to prepare and execute proper on-site BMPs pays dividends for their clients.

The photos shown at left are from two sites that were seeded and mulched in the same week of June 2003. Since they are a mile apart, both sites should have experienced the same temperatures and precipitation levels. The heavy, consistent growth in Photo A demonstrates proper preparation and application of this seeding process. Through exercising a quality-first philosophy, superior results were achieved that will minimize erosion, lower maintenance costs and help minimize liability under stormwater discharge permit laws. Seeding is one of the many

BMPs used to satisfy Storm Water Managements Plans. Education is another BMP highly regarded as one of the most effective means of reducing on-site pollution. As chair of the Home Builders Association of Metro Denver's Storm Water Pollution Task Force, Mr. Jonker not only educates the DTEC staff about the best BMPs, he even trains much of his competition through workshops the task force conducts.

Quality in preparation, application and education has proven to be a BMP that stands the test of time for DTEC and most importantly for the building industry they serve.

*For more information call (303) 306-1606 or visit [www.trustdtec.com](http://www.trustdtec.com).*



# What's all the fuss about Storm Water Management Plans?



## Environmental Compliance... An Ever Changing Landscape

By John Hall

What's all the fuss about Storm Water Management Plans? The HBA of Metro Denver recently held a SWMP training session for a packed house and had to immediately schedule another event just to meet the demand for this environmental compliance issue. Additionally, a storm water pollution task force was developed by the HBA of Metro Denver to help guide its members through the ever changing federal, state and local US Clean Water Act criteria. The task force is made up of seasoned professionals from different segments within the erosion and soil control industry. At the inception of this project, the knowledge bank included Joel Jonker, founder of Down To Earth Compliance, a best management practice (BMP) installer; Dale Hoffman, safety manager for KB Home; Saskia van Woudenberg, with Nilex, a BMP distributor; Ken Slattery from the HBA and Built Green as well as myself, John Hall, a national industry consultant, founder of Hall Solutions Group, the Host of the Environmental Channel on the All Government Network and producer of BMP Today. Today this task force has expanded to include a wide array of industry professionals.

I conduct SWMP seminars and training across the US and it is apparent that builders are very concerned about minimizing their liability within this serious compliance regulatory environment. Dale Hoffman from KB Home compared meeting this criteria to "jumping on a bus



going 60 miles an hour". I agree with Dale's assessment. If your livelihood is made within the building industry you better get up to speed or you're setting yourself up for a significant liability.

"I've never had a series of workshops fill up this fast, or be so well received," "the questionnaires reflect strongly that our membership is very motivated to get updated on this issue, and as quickly as possible"

Ken Slattery  
Built Green Specialist  
HBA of Metro Denver

During the SWMP training, the segment that seems to garner the most interest is the US Environmental Protection Agency's FY2003 enforcement and compliance results. Here are the some of facts:

- Nearly \$2.9 billion committed by violators to correct violations
- A combined total of 146 sentenced years for criminals who willfully or knowingly broke

the law

- Almost 19,000 compliance inspections conducted by the EPA
- \$167 million in administrative, criminal and civil judicial penalties

What type of the enforcement is occurring in Colorado as example? The Denver Post ran a story last summer with this headline:

EPA fines 12 companies for violations- Twelve construction companies have been fined almost \$1 million by the EPA for failing to adequately manage stormwater runoff from their projects. They listed each builder by name in The Post article and this type of negative press in highlighted everyday against builders across the country.

We have only seen the tip of the iceberg as it relates to enforcement. The US EPA has been doing national audits on builders to see if they are budgeting for erosion and soil control. The Reno, Nevada area was recently bit with a broad

mandate to comply and implement SWMP best management practices or be issued stop work orders and/or be fined. In some cases the regulatory agencies are getting creative for those trying to circumvent the process. A few builders that are delaying the installation of BMPs by speculating that the fine may be cheaper than putting in erosion and soil control are receiving an administrative civil liability fine, and a fine calculating what the BMPs would have cost and then they still need to install the BMPs after both of those fines. One such builder could have been compliant for about one tenth of what it ultimately cost him.

What drives the enforcement of the storm water quality regulations? Advocacy and environmental groups frequently sue the US EPA or any known violator of the US Clean Water Act. The construction industry has been deemed to be a prime target for non-compliance. All of this has been accelerated by Phase II of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) going into effect in March 2003. The NPDES is part of the building permit process and under Phase I any parcel of land 5 acres or greater is required to have SWMP in place to be compliance to water quality laws. Phase I accounted for approximately 35% of all construction starts. Phase II requires any project one acre or more to have a SWMP in place. This accounts for approximately 75% of all construction starts.

This has created a tremendous urgency in the construction industry to achieve stormwater compliance..

Ben Northcutt, Executive Director of the International Erosion Control Association had this to say about what is driving this acceleration.

"I believe there are two noteworthy forces that are driving the growth. First, there is the federal regulatory environment, specifically NPDES Phase II. Now, a far greater number of construction projects and government entities must operate in a regulatory compliance mode. As enforcement of Phase II grows as well, it is inevitable that erosion and sediment control will no longer be neglected or avoided and, instead, become standard operating procedures for the construction industry. The second force, though not as obvious, but potentially as significant, is third party involvement. I've long advocated the expression, "Never forget or underestimate your neighbors." If you ignore the law simply because there's no enforcement in place, chances are your neighbors will remind you of the law. It's not uncommon for neighborhood associations, environmental groups and even individual citizens to file law suits with respect to environmental impacts caused by negligent or careless erosion and sediment control practices."


Industry trends also document the urgency we are seeing in complying to SWMP execution. As an example almost all products and services used to keep the industry compliant are growing due to demand. Brad Cooley from SI Geosolutions, a manufacturer of storm water, erosion, turf reinforcement, and geotextile products commented, "over the last year we have seen a significant increase in the demand for his storm water and erosion related products in the West."

However I believe Joel Jonker from Down To Earth Compliance who has almost a decade in keeping the building industry compliant to SWMP laws said it best "Home builders and developers are realizing that although compliance carries some costs with it, non-compliance carries the risk of significant fines and bad publicity. Make sure the engineer and contractor you choose to help you comply are the best in the business, because superficial attempts at compliance are not enough today."

In closing, do everything you can to minimize your liability because this isn't a fad or trend it is a long term mandate with severe consequences for ignoring the challenge everyone in this industry faces in remaining compliant to the US Clean Water Act.

For your comments, please e-mail HallSolutionsGroup@HotMail.com

For a better quality of life.



HBA HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION of METRO DENVER

# HBA Storm Water Pollution Prevention Jump Start

program to be Launched in January 2005

The HBA Storm Water Pollution Prevention Jump Start Program was developed to help duplicate the HBA Metro Denver Storm Water Task Force and associated programs resulting from this committee. This all inclusive package will guide you through all the details in how this highly successful and established program can assist HBA chapters across the United States with information for their membership that is indigenous to their specific region of the country.

This task force committee was formed to help educate the building industry on the strict Storm Water Pollution Prevention regulations and Best Management Practices (BMP's) in staying compliant with federal, state and local Clean Water laws. The task force consists of regulatory inspectors, builders, engineers, industry consultants, BMP installers and BMP distributors, products and services.

The Jump Start Program includes but is limited to:

1. Guidelines for establishing storm water pollution task force
2. Guidelines for executing SWPPP-SWMP workshops
3. SWPPP-SWMP Power Point Presentation
4. How to develop an expert panel and execute Q & A
5. Contact numbers and e-mail addresses for regulatory officials
6. Local, State and Federal regulations
7. Regional permit applications and fees
8. EPA region contacts
9. MS4 guidelines
10. Sample e-mail notices for workshops
11. Sample stories written about task force and workshops
12. Listing of Best Available Technology BMP Products
13. Listing of IECA Chapters and contact names
14. Compliance Risk Assessment
15. How to handle enforcement inspections
16. IECA Resource Page
17. IECA Member BMP List
18. Most Common Reasons for Non-Compliance
19. NPDES Orientation
20. Individual State SWMP-SWPPP Guidance
21. Individual State Stormwater Facts
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  - a. Engineers
  - b. Installers
  - c. Distributors
  - d. Builders
  - e. Consultants
23. HBA co-branded storm water poster

For more information contact John Hall at 303.944.4225.



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# SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

- Report spills immediately to owner.
- Employees will not be punished for reporting spills.
- Contain spill, start cleanup, report if over reportable quantity.

**In case of a reportable quantity release call:**  
**EPA National Response Center**  
**(800) 424-8802**

Material	Media Released To	Reportable Quantity
Engine Oil, Fuel, Hydraulic & Brake Fluid	Land	25 Gallons
Engine Oil, Fuel, Hydraulic & Brake Fluid	Water	Visible Sheen
Antifreeze	Land	100 Lbs. (13 Gallons)
Battery Acid	Land, Water	100 Lbs.
Refrigerant	Air	1 Lb.
Gasoline	Air, Land, Water	100 Lbs.
Engine Degreasers	Air, Land, Water	100 Lbs.



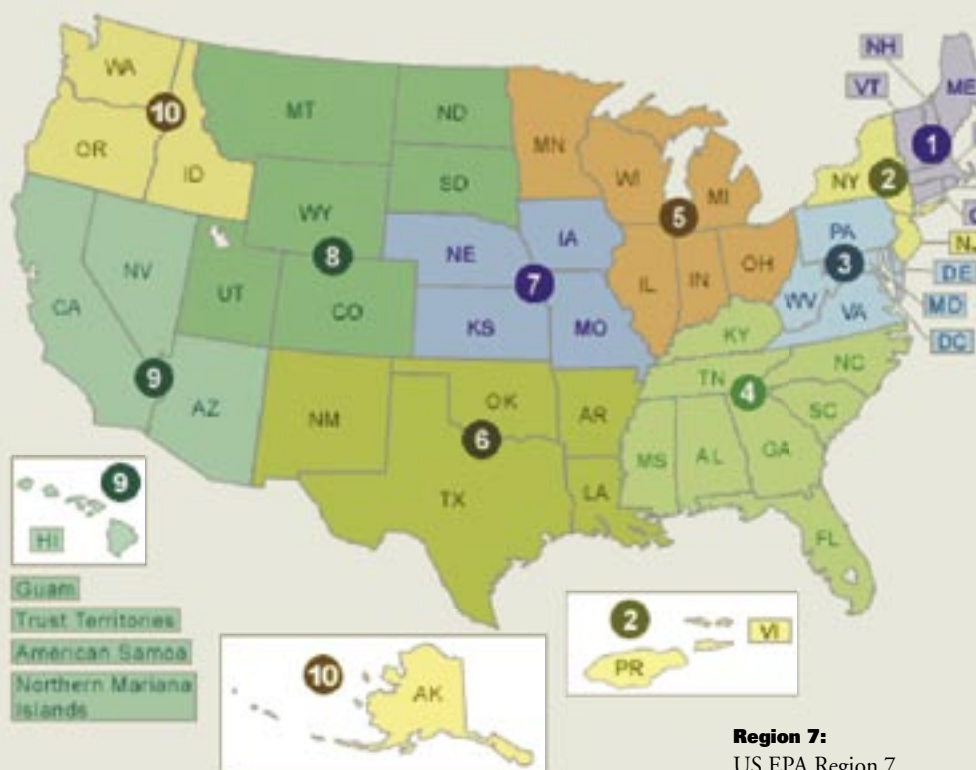
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The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) and Paradigm Engineering is offering a tremendous opportunity in establishing an outstanding Best Management Practice through association membership, international conference attendance and continued education. Paradigm Engineering has made arrangements with the IECA for you to take advantage of significant savings in receiving valuable membership benefits as well as price breaks on registration fees to the IECA's Environmental Connection 2005 international conference in Dallas on February 20-23rd.

Learn how to:

- Develop sound risk management strategies.
- Avoid fines and penalties.
- Understand storm water management plans.
- Proper inspection guidelines.
- Design and implement effective erosion control.
- Resource legal advice.

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### FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to BMP Today. Our primary goal is to offer and discuss Best Management Practice (BMP) compliance issues and opportunities around the globe. This is your professional forum to create better communication and understanding of today's BMPs.

Send us your stories of what's new and what's news in the soil and erosion control industry in your part of the world!

While we cannot respond to every inquiry, we'll review all



stories. Photographs are appreciated and may be submitted in JPG format to our e-mail address noted below.

Don't forget to attend the International Erosion Control Association's (IECA) Environmental Connection 2005 international conference in Dallas, February 20 - 23. Register today at [www.ieca.org/](http://www.ieca.org/). See you there!

-Jan Dowker

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### BMP NEWS & NOTES

Hall Solutions Group will be conducting a workshop on marketing and public relations at the upcoming IECA's Environmental Connection 2005 (EC 05) conference in Dallas. Learn how to promote your product or service as well as position your company with positive public

relations within the environmental compliance arena. We hope to see you at EC 05! For more info on EC 05 visit [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).

Hall Solutions Group has entered into an agreement with Crown Broadcasting to develop broadcast elements for their clients. Crown Broadcasting offers a

wide array of broadcast services. John Hall from HSG said "I have worked with Crown on many projects and their commitment to quality and cost effective video production is without equal. HSG is proud to make this formal announcement in our effort to secure the best valuable resources for our clients."

