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**ECTC meets Associations and Government Agencies at the
Washington D.C. meeting**

(St. Paul, MN) - On June 20-21 2005, the members of the Erosion Control Technology Council (ECTC) met with government agencies and association partners in Washington D.C. The Associations included were: American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), National Association of County Engineers (NACE), American Society of Landscape Architects and (ASLA), Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Members of ECTC also met with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the ECTC's Installers Training Program that ECTC has developed and is working in partnership with industry associations to present.

The recent implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II stormwater regulations mandates that every construction site one acre in size or larger must have a stormwater plan. The use of rolled erosion control products (RECPs) are recognized best management practices. When RECPs are used to control soil migration from construction sites, the quality of stormwater is positively impacted. This training program consists of a review of the NPDES regulations, an overview of RECPs, instruction on the proper installation techniques for RECPs and design and selection of RECPs.

As a result of these meetings, ECTC has partnered with the Solid Waste Association of North America to conduct this course via their E-course Program. This course will be held on October 11 & 18, 2005. Contact Bob Wolfe, SWANA 240-494-2256 to sign up for this course. In a separate agreement, ECTC will be conducting a course at the American Road and Transportation



Builders Association's Intertraffic North America Show. This show is scheduled for 27-29 September 2005 in Baltimore, MD. The session is entitled, "An Overview of the State-of-the-Art in Erosion Control Products" and will be held on 28 September 2005. For more information or to register for this course visit the Intertraffic website at: <http://www.northamerica.intertraffic.com>.

For more information on the availability of these courses, please contact Laurie Honnigford at 651-554-1895. You may also visit the <http://www.ectc.org> website for links to each of these events.

The Erosion Control Technology Council is a non-profit group committed to advancing the use of rolled erosion control materials by providing education and leadership in the industry. ECTC will assist engineers, designers and other interested individuals or organizations in the proper application of products and establishes standards for testing and performance. For further information about the resources that ECTC can provide, contact Laurie Honnigford at 651-554-1895 or <mailto:laurie@ectc.org>