AASHTO NTPEP (ECP/SRD)
Erosion Control Products / Sediment Retention Devices
Quarterly Conference Call
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Agenda:

1. DataMine 3.0
   Status: Beta Testing
   Task Force: Tracy (AL), Brennan (GA), Jay (TRI), Kurt (American), Vince & Debugging Team (AASHTO)
   Tasks: Look for “Bugs” in all functions for all user types.
   Verify that available testing options match the new ECP/SRD Work Plan.
   Verify the new ECTC 5D (12 lb/sf) & 5E (14 lb/sf) product types are included.
   Future: Merge existing data and reports from DM2.0
   ○ Manufacturers and State users: please let us know if you find any issues once 3.0 goes live.

2. SRD Pilot Project
   Status: Initial reports containing data only were sent to participating manufacturers.
   Tasks: Finalize scope, contract, and timeline for project summary/analysis report.
   Future: Woolpert will draft project report for review.
   Task Force: Tracy (AL), Brennan (GA), John (WI), Ben (G&S&W), Michael (Profile), Kurt (American)
   Feedback to testing facilities & wrap-up meeting.

3. ECP/SRD Work Plan
   Status: Ballot was approved – NTPEP does not require chairs/vice-chairs to respond officially to negatives and that these be found non-persuasive. Comments received discussed on call.
   Tasks: Finalize the Work Plan for posting. Address editorial comments. Add “Deliverables” section. Tracy (AL)
   Summary: Editorial and clarification changes throughout. These include correcting spelling errors, correcting titles and designations of referenced test methods, and updating headers, footers, links, and the NTPEP logo for the new version.
   SRD test TM11340 was removed along with the link to the related GASWCC document.
   The RECP index test applicability was clarified based on the type of RECP.
   The description of Large Scale Channel Testing for Rolled ECPs was split to better clarify the two options available.
   The evaluation frequency for ECPs was revised to allow Large Scale Tests to be substituted for the corresponding Bench Scale Tests or added separately.
   The evaluation frequency for SRDs was clarified to show that the SRD program is not cyclical.
   The Timeline was updated to better reflect anticipated duration of tasks based on the type of evaluation.
12.3.4 was added to explain how additional large scale testing data will be reported. Members on the call expressed concern regarding the removal of year designation which was done as part of a program wide move to make sure technical committees are referencing and testing according to the most current standards. Voting members are to provide input via email or ballot system. Action Item: Maribel to send email to state members regarding year designation.

Future: Work on Audit Plan. Add HECPs to cyclical program.

4. HECP Testing
Status: Trial IR Scans being run on products submitted by volunteer manufacturers. Allen (MN)
Tasks: Determine if IR Scans are a good method to validate product consistency.
Future: Determine what cyclical index tests and toxicity tests will be run for HECPs. Determine if there are any performance tests that can be offered. Determine other type products that may benefit from the same set of tests.
Task Force: Tracy (AL), Brennan (GA), Allen (MN), Winson (PA), John (WI), Peter (WI), Kurt (American), Michael (Profile), Earl (Rainier), Scott (Terra Novo), Joel (TRI)

5. Large Scale Testing & Reports
Status: Large Scale Testing is ON HOLD for the 2017 1st Submission Cycle
Two volunteer manufacturers have begun the Large Scale report review process. One slope, one unvegetated channel, and one vegetated/unvegetated combo channel. There has been difficulty in taking the data collected and using calculations to verify the final reported performance values.
Goals: Provide enough information in the reports for the end user to verify the data supports the reported values. Simplify the reports for the end users and for the testing facilities. Add information in the reports of the upper limits of channel testing at TRI.
Future: A new Expert Panel of 14 volunteers has been formed to aide in the Large Scale Report revision efforts. Scope and tasks to be emailed by the end of January.
Expert Panel: Jason Nice (KS), Carl Spirio (FL), Jason Russell (FL), Bob LaRoche (MD), Ron Poe (NE), Robert Marshall (OR), Chris Swanson (VA), John (WI), Ted Sherrod (AECOM), Wesley Zech (AU E&SCTF), Michael Perez (AU E&SCTF), Wesley Donald (AU E&SCTF), Jerald Fifield (HydroDynamics), Tina Evans (HydroDynamics)
Members on the call expressed concern about the way NTPEP handled this internally and expect opportunities for state members to provide input before adopting measures that affect their specifications/certification programs.

6. Future Action Items:
- ECP User Guide – Provide more online resources linking to states’ information that use NTPEP. Provide “how to” for transitioning to NTPEP.
- Research alternate grass species and possible impacts for large scale channel testing.

7. Annual Meeting Update
- Sunday, March 12th through Thursday, March 16th, 2017
- Seaport Hotel & World Trade Center, Boston, Massachusetts
- ECP Session will be a Conference Call / Webinar before the Annual Meeting March 9th, 2017 1:30pm Eastern Time

NEXT CALL – Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 12:30 pm ET