Erosion Control Products
May 2006 Minutes

General Overview
- Recertification letters have been sent out to 4 companies.
- Only one product has been resubmitted so far on the 3 year cycle.
- Last printed report was issued in August 2005. More recent test results are available on the website.
- 13 products tested since last year, 3 currently under evaluation, and 7 awaiting sampling. 23 products in total.

Retesting
How much of a change in a product would constitute enough of a change to require (or allow) retesting?
- Discussed changes that may warrant retesting. A change of netting or straw type could warrant retesting.
- If a product changes, it needs a new name to differentiate from previous product.
- If a manufacturer produces the same product at multiple locations, we will sample from all locations

Private labeling
The Geotextile panel requires a certified letter from the manufacturer that a private label product is the same as a product already tested by NTPEP. We will handle private label products in the same way as the Geotextile program. Private label relationships will not be publicly identified.
   If a manufacturer starts making an existing, previously tested product at a second facility, and index values of the product are the same, we can accept the product of the second facility as being the same as the first. We will do full testing at the 3 year interval.

Testing Protocol review for testing of non-rolled erosion products

**ASTM D1117** - Swell test may not work on basic hydraulic mulch. Can probably do water holding capacity test. Will discuss procedure during the next conference call.

**Thickness and light penetration** are important characteristics that we should be able to test.

We should be able to test non-rolled products for slope erosion (ECTC 2) and plant growth (ECTC 4)

Not all hydraulically applied are suitable for shear test (ECTC 3). Could be an option if manufacturer wants to be listed that way.
Discussed appropriateness of **tensile strength** testing. This may not be applicable to non-rolled products although we may be able to test them eventually.

Test samples can be hydraulically applied with a small hydroteeder.

**Use of Sand**
Sand does not work as a test soil for soil flocculents that are designed to work with the soils chemistry, namely particle charges. Will develop a mix of sand and clay to come up with a uniform test soil. It was expressed by the states attending that the same soil be used for all tests including rolled products. Will ballot States for acceptance of test soil blend.

**Name change**
Will change the name of the product panel from “Rolled Erosion Control Products” to “Erosion Control Products” because non-rolled products will be tested.

**Review of Datamine**
- Will list products by product name and manufacturer instead of just RECP sample number. This will allow products to be searched by product name.
- Will add a link in datamine that brings you to the PDF file of complete test data and graphs.

**Other**
Products that haven’t been resubmitted with the 3-year retest period will be removed from the datamine and website. Discussed the possibility of having a list of removed products.

There was some discussion of reporting dates and interval. Will discuss this further at conference call.

A conference call will be scheduled for the near future.

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