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### **IECA's Muddy Water Blues Field Day Returns to Franklin, Tennessee**

Steamboat Springs, CO. The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) will be returning to Franklin, Tennessee May 10 & 11 to present *Muddy Water Blues*, a classroom and field day educational event aimed at helping the construction industry stay compliant with today's stormwater regulations. The event, sponsored by the City of Nashville, City of Franklin, Williamson County and the Southeast Chapter of IECA, will take place at the Ag EXPO Park in Franklin.

With the implementation of the EPA's Phase II regulations and local requirements such as the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Construction General Permit, knowledge of proper erosion and sediment control techniques and stormwater quality protection becomes critical to avoid fines and stay compliant with local and federal regulations.

*Muddy Water Blues* begins with a day of intensive classroom training. Attendees are able to choose from TDEC's Level 1 workshop "Fundamentals of Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control for Construction Sites" or "Designing for Effective Sediment and Erosion Control on Linear Construction Sites," presented by Dr. Jerald S. Fifield, CPESC.

The following day the lectures come to life at the field day. Industry professionals will see more than 30 Best Management Practices (BMPs) installed. IECA instructors will be on hand to further explain proper installation, uses and conditions for each product. Equipment demonstrations will show how today's technology can make stormwater protection and erosion control easier and more efficient.

"Coupling the field day with technical presentations gives a more complete picture of each BMP," said Beth Chesson, CPESC, CPSWQ, Senior Project Manager for Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. and President of IECA's Southeast Chapter.

Case studies and short sessions on topics ranging from pervious concrete to inspections and maintenance will be presented by local and regional authorities such as Dwane Jones, Assistant Area Specialized Agent,

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Environmental Education, North Carolina State University-Cooperative Extension; Michael Hunt, Manager of Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Metro Water Services, NPDES Program; and Dr. Heather Brown, Associate Professor at Middle Tennessee State University.

“We think education is the problem solver,” said Don Green, Stormwater Coordinator for the City of Franklin. It is imperative that engineers, land developers and contractors become educated about better site design, ways to reduce run-off and improve the quality of the water leaving their site, said Green.

For more information about the sessions offered at *Muddy Water Blues* or to register for the event, visit [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).

### **About IECA**

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world’s oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion. For more information about state-of-the-art educational events and materials, please visit our web site at [www.ieca.org](http://www.ieca.org).

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