



## **Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality™**

Many units of government have passed laws, ordinances and regulations that attempt to minimize the misuse of land and water resources. Controlling and providing storm water has created a need for the services of professionals trained in proper storm water quality methods and techniques. Such professionals must increasingly be able to show evidence of their qualifications and competence.

The *Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality*, (CPSWQ) is an established international certification process that recognizes individuals who have proven their ability in the field of storm water quality. In order to attain this certification, the applicant must:

1. Pass a peer review process to evaluate his/her education, work experience and on the job experiences.
2. They must have a minimum of 6 years of professional level experience in the storm water quality field plus a B.S. or higher degree in a related field.
3. Successful applicants may then sit for the CPSWQ Exam. This examination is designed to rigorously evaluate a person's knowledge and ability to apply storm water quality concepts.
4. Upon passing the exam, the CPSWQ must complete 60 hours of professional development units over a 3 year cycle to maintain their certification.
5. Comply with a strict code of ethics.
6. An "In Training" designation is offered to those who do not currently meet the above criteria. Further information about IT is available on our web site.

The CPSWQ certification was developed by CPESC, Inc. in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Today CPESC, Inc. has a close association with the *International Erosion Control Association* and the *Soil and Water Conservation Society*.

The CPSWQ Certification is designed to compliment other professional certifications and state licenses, to compliment the team approach to solving and developing sound resource management plans.

The field of storm water quality has evolved into an extremely technical field that demands knowledge, experience and competence. Knowledge of storm water runoff hydrology, storm water runoff capture and management, pollutant loading, pollutant monitoring techniques, pollutant removal techniques, erosion and sediment control techniques and procedures, and available storm water quality products is essential. The CPSWQ must have a working knowledge of current NPDES regulations along with state, province and local ordinances that would apply to a specific site.

The CPSWQ, working in cooperation with municipalities, engineers, developers, contractors and other design professionals have and will continue to provide professional expertise in addressing storm water management techniques and measures.

More information can be obtained from our web site:

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