

# **TRAINED INDIVIDUAL FAQs**

## **Why do I have to do this?**

Simply put: it's required. Rule 5 enforcement has been going on in Indiana for more than 10 years, but municipal inspectors still report seeing many of the most basic Rule 5 violations on sites during the construction season. Through multiple discussions with numerous contractors regarding the issues and problems, it became clear to our participating MS4 coordinators that far too many of the contractors really do not understand the practices that they have the task and responsibility of installing, maintaining and eventually removing. Contractors need to be knowledgeable enough to know when a practice is failing or is even ill-prescribed for given site conditions. This will allow them to fix the failure effectively and/or work with the project engineer to ensure that the construction site stays in compliance (therefore avoiding fines and stop-work orders).

Construction site run-off is one of the leading pollution sources to local streams and is therefore a regulatory and quality-of-life priority for all local municipalities. Enforcement is on the rise; therefore, being trained and certified is a great way to stay in compliance, and even secure future business as a responsible contractor.

## **Why take the White River Alliance course?**

Many other training programs exist that focus on becoming a "Certified Inspector" for Rule 5 sites. However, this program is designed from the perspective of the contractor, rather than that of an outside inspector. Program content targets specific best management practices, including the mechanics of how these practices are designed to work, as well as how to better install and maintain them from the contractor's perspective.

## **Who should attend and do I need recertification?**

Contractors, builders, developers and engineers will all benefit from attending; however, the training is definitely targeted to contractors and those physically developing the site.

Certifications are valid for **two years** from the date the test was passed. If you attended and passed the test last year, you do not need to attend again this year; however, you will need to attend the following year in order to keep your certification valid. Gaps in certification will require retesting. If you attended last year, but did not take the test, you can attend the workshop again and sit for the test, or just register to sit for the test. Likewise, if you attended last year and passed the test and simply want to refresh your knowledge, you are welcomed and encouraged to attend again this year.

Both the Basic Training and Advanced Training will be offered to participants every year. The Advanced Training is open to all. For those who have previously obtained the Basic Training Trained Individual certification, the Advanced Training counts towards the 2-year recertification requirement.

## **Does this count for continuing education credits?**

Yes, this qualifies for continuing education credits for sediment and erosion control inspection certifications such as CISEC, CPESC, and CESSWI.

If you are uncertain of your certification standing or have other program questions, please contact Lisa at [lisa@thewhiteriveralliance.org](mailto:lisa@thewhiteriveralliance.org).