



INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

Announcing The Issuance
Of The Independent SESC Inspector (ISI) Process
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U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers
Chicago District

Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC)

The Chicago District, Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) administers a permit program under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, which regulates various activities in waters of the United States, including wetlands. As a condition of permit issuance, the Corps requires appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures to be implemented and maintained until the construction site is re-vegetated and stabilized. It is a requirement of the Corps permitting program that an applicant submitting a joint application for work to develop a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (SESC) plan for the proposed project. The applicant is required to utilize SESC measures at the project site to control soil erosion and to ensure that sediment is not transported to waters of the U.S. during construction. The approved SESC measures shall be implemented prior to initiating clearing, grading, excavating or filling activities and shall be maintained throughout the construction period and until the site is stabilized. The submitted SESC plans should be prepared by a knowledgeable entity and installed and maintained in a serviceable condition throughout the duration of the project.

Independent SESC Inspector (ISI)

As part of the SESC process for projects in **Southern Cook County and Will County only**, an applicant is required to retain a qualified Independent SESC Inspector (ISI) to review the project's SESC plans. In addition, the applicant is required to provide the ISI with the information necessary to conduct an adequate technical review of the SESC plans for the site. The ISI shall provide to the Corps a copy of the SESC plans for the project accompanied by a detailed narrative describing the SESC measures to be implemented at the site. The ISI will attend preconstruction meetings, periodically inspect the site during construction to ensure proper installation and regular maintenance of the approved methods. The inspection report shall include a SESC checklist and photographs that represent current conditions of the site which shall be submitted to the Corps for review. The Corps retains the final decision about soil, water and the other natural resources, and any issues, opinions, findings, or actions resulting from the ISI process. This office retains the final decision about soil, water and the other natural resources, and any issues, opinions, findings, or actions resulting from the ISI process.

The line that divides Southern Cook County from Northern Cook County is 22nd Street (Cermak Avenue). Please be informed that all projects situated to the south of the dividing line only are subject to the ISI process as are all projects situated within Will County.

For more information, please visit <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/co-r/sesc.htm>