

New Guidance Standard for ESC Measure Installation and Maintenance Coming this Fall

A new standard, CSA W208, *Erosion and Sediment Control Installation and Maintenance* is set to publish this November. The standard contains:

- Installation and maintenance best practices;
- Guidance on following product-specific manufacturer instructions;
- An ESC measure quick reference guide, organized by work site location and intended functionality; and
- Installation and maintenance requirements centered on conformity with site-specific ESC plans.

The objectives of CSA W208 are:

- Bringing greater consistency to ESC measure installation and maintenance in a way that supports successful application and functionality, and that is compatible with individual manufacturer recommendations, local laws and other codes of practice;
- Promoting an open line of communication amongst the ESC installer, regulatory authority, and the ESCP designer during installation and maintenance phases, as site conditions change and adaptive management is often needed; and
- Focusing user attention on the critical installation and maintenance steps outlined by the designer in the ESCP, to help avoid mistakes and demonstrate compliance with the plan and other regulatory requirements.

Chaired by Khoa Ly-Kilis of Clearway Construction and GTSWCA Environment Committee Member, CSA W208 was developed by a committee of ESC and stormwater professionals, construction contractors, and product manufacturers from across Canada.

Further updates will be posted once the standard publishes.