



Surface Water Identification and Training Course (SWITC)

Tuesday, May 9 – Friday, May 12, 2017

Class Location:

W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc.
616 Colonnade Drive
Charlotte, NC 28205

Registration Fee:

NCAEP Members: \$650
Non-members: \$675

Conducted by:

John R. Dorney and David Penrose
Moffatt & Nichol, Raleigh and Penrose Environmental, respectively

Introduction: This 4-day lecture and field course will focus on the standard North Carolina methodology (V. 4.11, Sept. 1, 2010) that is used statewide by the Division of Water Resources and many local governments for identifying intermittent and perennial streams and their origins. Environmental consultants, federal and state agency personnel, and local government staff members who deal with regulatory programs related to streams are encouraged to attend. Emphasis will be on piedmont streams with a portion of the field work being conducted on coastal plain streams. For more information on the stream identification methodology, see the Division website at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/waterresources/streamdeterminations>. During the course we will visit streams in varying conditions in three of the Level IV Piedmont ecoregions (Southern Outer Piedmont, Slate Belt, and Triassic basins) all in or near Charlotte.

This course is offered in coordination with the NC Division of Water Resources and follows the same curriculum as the course taught by DWQ instructors. The course will include a written and field test. Staff within DFR, DWR, or local delegated programs who take the course and pass the written and field tests will be certified to make definitive determinations of stream origins subject to the buffer rules. Individuals other than those authorized for certification who take the course and pass the written and field tests will receive a "Certificate of Training" that can be used with delegated or designated local governments. Though the method is specific to North Carolina, this course will also be useful for professionals who work in other states such as Tennessee, Georgia or Virginia. Continuing education credits have been requested and approved for Foresters (SAF), Engineers (NCBELS), Landscape Architects (NCBOLA), Erosion & Sediment Control (CPESC), and Storm Water Quality (CPSWQ). In addition, others can be sought upon request. Applicants who are interested in continuing education credits must notify us by email so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Instructors:

John R. Dorney: Senior Environmental Scientist, Moffatt & Nichol and retired from NC Division of Water Quality, Wetlands and Stormwater Branch. Mr. Dorney worked with the Division of Water Quality for over 29 years, was actively involved in the development of the Riparian Buffer Protection Rules and the NC Stream Identification Method, and has taught courses in the method for more than 10 years. He is an expert in wetland and stream functional assessment, isolated wetlands as well as wetland and stream permitting.

David Penrose: Director and Senior Environmental Scientist, Penrose Environmental. Retired from NC State University, Water Quality Group and previously employed by the NC Division of Water Quality. Mr. Penrose also helped develop the NC Method. He has previously taught the Stream Identification class plus other classes on aquatic insect ecology through NC State University. Mr. Penrose is past President of the Society for Freshwater Science (formerly the North American Benthological Society), an international scientific organization whose purpose is to promote further understanding of freshwater ecosystems.

Additional experienced instructors will be provided if required by high class enrollment.

Logistics: The lecture portion of the course will be conducted at the W.K. Dickson Co, Inc. offices at 616 Colonnade Drive, Charlotte, NC. Lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday will be on your own, with several restaurants conveniently located near the W.K. Dickson offices. For the field trips on Thursday and Friday, boxed lunches and bottled water will be provided. All field trips will depart from the W.K.

Dickson Co, Inc parking lot unless otherwise announced in class. Field trips are conducted in all weather conditions except unsafe weather. If field trips cannot be conducted due to weather, the class or a portion thereof will be rescheduled. Knee boots or hiking boots will be adequate for the field trips.

The registration fee includes the SWITC manual, field trip transportation and drinking water, Thursday and Friday boxed lunches, maps of field sites, soil augers, nets and sorting pans to be used during class. You may bring your own auger and macrobenthos sampling gear, if you prefer. Liability waivers must be signed upon your arrival to class.

Registration: Class enrollment is set at a minimum of 25 registrants and a maximum of 35 registrants. Please submit your completed application form on or before April 24, 2017 to the NC Association of Environmental Professionals at www.ncaep.org. Registration fees must be received by NC AEP no later than April 28, 2017. Cancellations prior to April 13 will receive a full refund. Cancellations after May 1 will receive a refund of the registration fee less a \$100 administrative fee. Paid registrations may be transferred to another individual upon written request. No refunds will be given after the start of the class. Registrations after May 5, 2017 will be charged an additional \$100.00.

Tentative Course Agenda

Tuesday – May 9. WK Dickson & Co., Inc.

8:30 – 9:00	Check In
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Introductions (<i>John Dorney</i>)
9:10 – 9:30	SWITC Course; Background, Objectives and Overview (<i>John Dorney</i>)
9:30 – 10:00	Stream Networks and Hydrologic Functions (<i>Dave Penrose</i>)
10:00 – 11:00	Geomorphology and the NC Stream ID Method (<i>John</i>)
11:00 – 12:00	Role of Aquatic Biology in Stream ID (<i>Dave</i>)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (on own)
1:00 – 1:30	Stream Maps (<i>John</i>)
1:30 – 2:15	Methodology for Id of Intermittent and Perennial Streams (<i>John</i>)
2:15 – 5:00	Field Site – Reedy Creek Park Stream Sites (in your own cars)
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner – on own
6:30 – 8:00	Procedures for Field ID of Macrobenthos (<i>Dave</i>) in WK Dickson Building

Wednesday – May 10 WK Dickson & Co. followed by vans for field visits.

8:00 – 8:30	Headwater Streams (<i>Dave</i>)
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8:30 – 8:45	Riparian Zones: Definition and Functions (<i>John</i>)
8:45 – 9:30	Overview of NC Buffer Rules (<i>John</i>)
9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 10:05	Forestry and the Buffer rules (<i>John</i>)
10:05 – 10:30	Stormwater Management and the Buffer Rules (<i>John</i>)
10:30 – 10:45	Break
10:45 – 11:15	Urban Streams (<i>John</i>)
11:15 – 11:45	Buffer Documentation and Permitting (<i>John</i>)
11:45 – 12:00	Compliance & Enforcement of the Buffer Rules (<i>John</i>)
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch – on own
1:00 – 4:45	Field Site –Urban Stream Sites in and around Charlotte
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner – on own (proceeded or followed by optional beer summit at local brewpub)

Thursday – May 11 start at WK Dickson front parking lot. Vans for field visits.

8:00 – 8:30	Travel to field site Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge
9:30 – 12:00	Field sites – Triassic field sites at Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch in field on way to next stop (provided)
1:15 – 5:00	Field Site – Cane Creek Park, Waxhaw –Slate Belt Streams
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner – on own
6:30	Study!

Friday – May 11 start at Mint Hill Veteran’s Memorial Park entrance off of I-485 and Mint Hill Road, Mint Hill

8:00 – 8:15	Review any final questions
8:15 – 9:45	Written test
9:45 – 11:30	Field test – rural (at Mint Hill Veteran’s Memorial Park)
11:30 to 12:30	Travel to urban test sites and field lunch (provided)
12:30 to 2:00	Field test – urban, review written and field tests, turn in class evaluation forms and adjourn