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RE: TH23 Concrete and cementitious management for stone masonry construction.

I want to express my thanks and gratitude for a job well done that included not just stone veneer application but also sensitivity to the natural environment, ground water and storm water points of discharge. It has been my mission for 2009 construction season to learn existing and new best management practices that address concrete and cementitious materials on MnDOT projects. Your employees demonstrated techniques that exemplify the best of the construction activity for the TH23 city of St Cloud road reconstruction project that included small mixer wash and mix slurry containment, small tub containment of cementitious mixtures and bonding agents, wall wash preparation slop control and tool washing in premeditated areas that prevented illicit discharge to surface and ground waters of the state. In addition, I saw no dust or stone chip residue outside a small debris zone at the base of the abutment walls, or on plywood or plastic containment sheeting. Good housekeeping practices were evident on how clean the project looked at the end of each day in the stone work area (I can not say this for other subcontractors on the project). I made an effort to personally thank the workers when I saw excellent BMPs as a feedback mechanism that their efforts matter and are noticed.

As a result in observing excellent practices, your company will help me deliver a new MnDOT Guidance Document Chapter on the management of stone and masonry best practices that meet the Construction NPDES Permit requirements.

I will be using photographs taken of your companies operations in teaching 2009/10 Construction Site Management Programs in Minnesota, South Dakota and at the International Erosion Control Association in Texas early next year.

Thank-you for the strong environmental commitment and implementation of best management practices. Environmental leadership starts at the top, and was clearly seen in the field.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dwayne Stenlund', written in a cursive style.