



# Iron-Enhanced Sand

## An Innovation in Stormwater Runoff Treatment

Now there's a more cost effective way to clean up the nation's stormwater runoff. It's centered on the reduction of phosphorus through the use of elemental iron mixed with sand.

Research at the University of Minnesota led to the discovery of this iron-sand filtration. It works through a chemical process in which phosphorus molecules in water bind to iron particles within the sand filter as water passes through. Testing revealed that sand mixed with 5% iron filings captures an average of 88% phosphate for at least 200 m of treated depth, significantly greater than a sand filter without iron filings.\*

### Typical uses for iron-enhanced sands

- Areas with minimal groundwater intrusion or tailwater effects
- Use in a treatment sequence or as a standalone Best Management Practice (BMP)
- Can be used as a retrofit for existing areas

### Key features of this new filtration process

- High pollutant removal rates; contaminants are eliminated as the water passes through the material
- Little maintenance needed after initial installation; natural flow of groundwater does all the work
- Good for nutrient impaired water
- Suitable for cold climates

For information on how to use iron-enhanced sand, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency website ([www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)). The site includes information on two key filtration applications:

- Iron-enhanced sand filter basin
- Iron-enhanced sand bench in wet ponds

\* Erickson, A., Fulliver, J., Weiss, P. (2012). Capturing phosphates with iron enhanced sand filtration.

*Plaisted trucks delivered 3,500 tons of iron-aggregate mix for this project at the Costco property in Woodbury, Minn.*



*C-33 Washed Sand*



*The iron aggregate used in our iron-enhanced sand blend is produced by Connelly-GMS, Inc. This product, designed to meet standards developed using EnviroMetal Technologies, Inc. (ETI) patented technology, has been proven effective in laboratory testing and in over 100 full-scale systems.*



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