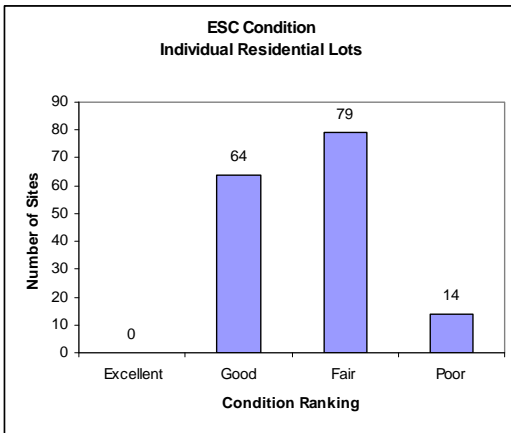


## The Job's Not Finished Until the ESC BMPs Are Removed

It's encouraging to see such good statistics when it comes to contractors preventing erosion and controlling sediment loss during the construction process. It's important to complete those pesky end-of-project details, too. After the permanent vegetation is established and the site is stabilized, don't forget to go back and remove any erosion and sediment control (ESC) Best Management Practices (BMPs). The worst problems: left-in-place inlet protection and silt fence. When inlet protection is not removed, it can clog storm sewers and cause localized flooding. Don't create unwanted liability exposure. Silt fence that is not removed at the end of a job becomes a source of complaints by residents and businesses when they discover it after the builder has left the premises. Be sure to maintain your "good neighbor" reputation by removing it in a timely manner. Last but not least, be sure to file your Notice of Termination once your site is stabilized. As long as your permit is left open, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency maintains the right to inspect your site for violations.

### ESC Compliance Update

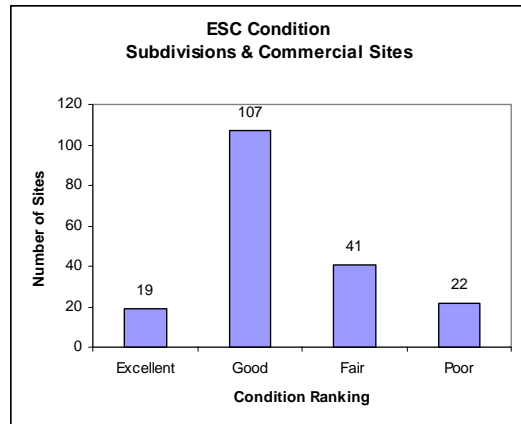
As builders and developers know, erosion and sediment control inspections are in full swing. Here's a summary of what we're seeing so far this year.



There are 157 homes under construction and every site has been inspected at least once. From an ESC standpoint, none are in excellent condition, 41% are in good condition, 50% are in fair condition, and 9% are in poor condition. These results are similar to those seen in previous years. Four individual lot sites have received stop work warnings and six have received stop work orders. Six sites are idle.

There are 24 subdivisions and 29 commercial development sites under construction and most sites have had multiple inspections. From an ESC

standpoint, 10% are in excellent condition, 57% are in good condition, 22% are in fair condition, and 12% are in poor condition. This represents a decrease in the number of sites in excellent and fair condition and an increase in the number of sites in good and poor conditions. Seven sites have received stop work warnings and two have received stop work orders. Forty-six sites are idle.



With building market slump, don't be tempted to skimp on ESC measures. A stop work order or a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency fine would have financial consequences that outweigh the cost of implementing correct ESC BMPs at the beginning of a project.