The UWRL recently received an Institutional Recognition Award from ASTM International for testing that led to improvements to ASTM's D6459 Test Method for Determination of Rolled Erosion Control Product (RECP) Performance in Protecting Hillslopes from Rainfall-Induced Erosion.

The UWRL provides erosion control testing services in their indoor rainfall-based erosion test facility. The rainfall simulator was the only one of its kind when it was built in 1974. C. Earl Israelson initiated the erosion control testing program in the 1980s, and the program is currently managed by UWRL Associate Director Blake Tullis.

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