

NEWS FROM DELAWARE'S OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, 4/24/12

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NEWS UPDATES:

DNREC PLANS EVENTS TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2012 - The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is holding a variety of events to celebrate the 42nd annual Earth Day on Sunday, April 22. "For more than 40 years, Earth Day has been a day to celebrate and promote conservation of our planet. For DNREC and our environmental conservation partners such as the Delaware Nature Society, Delaware Wildlands and the many other community groups and volunteers who support efforts to conserve our precious natural resources, Earth Day is every day," said DNREC Secretary Collin O'Mara. "We hope that many more Delawareans will join us this Earth Day weekend by cleaning up trash along the Christina River, celebrating the adoption of our wetlands, participating in our State Parks programs or simply getting outdoors to enjoy our natural world." For a list of events or additional information, please visit: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/News/Pages/DNREC-plans-events-to-celebrate-Earth-Day-2012.aspx>

TWO WILMINGTON HOTELS JOIN DELAWARE'S GREEN LODGING PROGRAM - Two hotels in Wilmington have become the newest members of the Delaware Green Lodging Program, having received certification by implementing best conservation and pollution prevention practices at their facilities. Newly certified are the Inn at Wilmington and the adjacent Wilmington Brandywine Courtyard by Marriott. Both facilities, operated by Hersha Hospitality, met the requirements for certification by implementing the five basic green lodging practices: recycling, water conservation, optional linen service, energy conservation and a "green events" package. Both properties also participate in EarthView, an internal program developed by Hersha Hospitality that embraces environmental and community stewardship as an integral part of maintaining and building a successful business. The Inn at Wilmington and the Wilmington Brandywine Courtyard also went beyond the minimum green lodging requirements by adopting additional creative and common sense ideas that include: partnering with Clean the World, an organization that collects used soap and shampoo for distribution to countries where diseases and death related to hygiene are common; purchasing paper products that meet EPA minimum standards for recycled content material; using recycled key cards with policies in place to reduce the number of cards that get thrown away; and discontinuing the placement of phone books in rooms to reduce paper waste. Both hotels also have an "Eco-Leader" onsite with responsibility for managing environmental initiatives. In addition, the Wilmington Brandywine Courtyard has discontinued the use of Styrofoam except for a disposable hot cup required by its brand. The hotel is working with the company to find environmentally friendly alternatives. Pollution prevention practices within the basic requirements implemented by the newly-certified hotels include:

- Use of non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Recycling glass, aluminum and steel cans, plastic, office paper, newspapers, cardboard, toner cartridges and kitchen grease.
- Tracking overall waste bills, energy usage and wastewater and overall energy bills
- Use of dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables

- Donation of excess food from events and purchase of locally grown produce
- Use of compact fluorescent lightbulbs, individual thermostats, natural lighting and LED exit signs
- Green cleaners
- Preventive maintenance of all appliances, HVAC systems and vehicles
- Use of low flow faucets and showerheads
- Minimization of impervious areas
- Purchase of EnergyStar computers, appliances and other products.

The Delaware Green Lodging Program is a voluntary program. Facilities that meet the requirements receive a certificate and window decals and can display the Delaware Green Lodging logo on marketing materials. For additional information, please contact Don Long at (302) 739-9403 or visit: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/News/Pages/Two-Wilmington-hotels-join-Delawares-Green-Lodging-Program.aspx>

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY – The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) along with DNREC's Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Section and Environmental Crimes Unit has partnered with Nanticoke Health Services to hold a medication take back event on April 28th, 2012 from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Mears Health Campus, 200 Rawlins Drive (formerly Health Services Drive) in Seaford. There will be various sites open in Delaware on this day accepting prescription and over the counter medication for disposal. For additional information, please contact Leslie Mairs at (302) 739-9403 or visit: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

UPCOMING AIR, WASTE & WATER-RELATED HEARINGS, MEETINGS & EVENTS:

PUBLIC HEARING – The Division of Water will conduct a public hearing on the evening of Thursday, April 26, 2012 commencing at 6:00 PM, at the DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship Lewes Facility at 901 Pilottown Road, Lewes. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit views of interested parties in regards to the Subaqueous Lands and Wetlands Permit Applications filed by Mark and Sherry Hughes to construct a 3 foot by 38 foot walkway over State regulated wetlands, a 4 foot by 131 foot pier, a 6 foot by 36 foot dock with a boat lift, two 3 foot by 12 foot finger piers and 4 free standing pilings in Steeles Cove, Indian River Bay, at 4 Cove View, Highview Subdivision, Long Neck. For additional information please contact Gayle Calder at (302) 739-9943 or visit: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1405&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeld=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

RECYCLING PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL – The Recycling Public Advisory Council (RPAC) will hold their monthly meeting on April 25, 2012 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm at the DNREC Lukens Drive facility, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle 19720. For additional information, please contact Bill Miller at (302) 739-9403 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/80DF11A370E6970D852579E30045ED40?open>

PUBLIC WORKSHOP - CHRYSLER NEWARK ASSEMBLY PLANT SITE - OU-4 & OU-9 – A public workshop will be held on April 26, 2012 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the University of Delaware - Clayton Hall - Room 119, 100 David Hollowell Drive, Newark – 19716 to review and invite public comment on the Proposed Plans of Remedial Action for Operable Units 4 & 9 at the Chrysler Newark Assembly Plant Site. For additional information, please contact Robert Newsome at (302) 395-2600 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/BC1CA9E50D0D5814852579E4004E7338?open>

CITIZEN'S TECHICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The Citizen's Technical Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on May 2, 2012 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Kent Co. Administration Building, Bay Road, Dover -19901. For additional information, please contact Dawna Nickerson at (302) 739-9945 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/FF08507C18B5991A852579980058DB91?open>

ON-SITE SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD – The On-Site Systems Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on May 2, 2012 from 9:15am – 11:00am at the DNREC Richardson and Robbins Building; DWHS Conf Room B228, 89 Kings Highway, Dover – 19901. For additional information, please contact Dawn Baker at (302) 739-9948 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/6E0CF96E238C8339852579DC00533AF3?open>

PUBLIC HEARING - The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Ground Water Discharges Section (GWDS) will be holding a public hearing on May 3, 2012 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the DNREC auditorium in the Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover – 19901, regarding proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Design, Installation, and Operation of On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems. This hearing will focus on the entire proposed final draft version and changes to existing exhibits and additional new exhibits. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Owens at (302) 739-9948 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/DF67DFC95514F0C9852579D40062C3BA?open>

WATER SUPPLY COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING – The Water Supply Coordinating Council will hold a public meeting on May 9, 2012 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Kent County Administration Building, 555 Bay Road, Dover – 19901. For additional information, please contact Dawna Nickerson at (302) 739-9945 or visit: <http://calendar.delaware.gov/eGov/Calendar.nsf/Meetings/8FB0EE789E3AF5958525799F0068978C?open>

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OR APPEAL:

WELL PERMITS – The following have filed an application:

W/G Land Ventures LLC c/o Jeff Wells needs to construct an irrigation well that is 110' deep by 16 inches in diameter. The well is located north of Reynolds Pond Road and east of Holly Tree Rd. The site is located about 2 miles northeast of Ellendale. The desired capacity of this well is 1200 gpm.

Wayne Baker LLC needs to construct an irrigation well that is 100' deep by 16 inches in diameter. The well is located on the west side of Indian Mission Road and north of Hollyville Rd. The site is located about 5 miles southeast of Harbeson. The desired capacity of this well is 1000 gpm.

Thomas Bennett needs to construct an irrigation well that is 95' deep by 10 inches in diameter. The well is located north of Rt 1 and east of Sharps Rd. The site is located about 2 miles east of Milford. The desired capacity of this well is 900 gpm.

A public hearing concerning the above applications will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 30, 2012. For additional information please contact Patty Murray at (302) 739-9945 or visit: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1418&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

WATER ALLOCATION PERMITS –

Tidewater Utilities, Inc. has applied to reclassify well permit #95932 from its test well classification to a public well classification to provide a backup supply for the Morningside Village public water supply. The property is located on Wheatley Rd, approximately 400 feet south of Rifle Range Road and Draper Mill Road 2 mile southeast of Bridgeville. A public hearing concerning the above application will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 30, 2012. For additional information please contact Patty Murray at (302) 739-9945 or visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1418&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeld=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

Elliott Family Partnership has applied for an allocation for their farm operations. The wells are located on Cr 454 and Cr 453, about 3 miles from Delmar. The allocation for this system is 1,440,000 gpd.

Alice Layton has applied for an allocation for their farm operations. The wells are located on Cr 62 and Rt 24, about 3 miles south east of Laurel. The allocation for this system is 2,304,000 gpd

A public hearing concerning the above application will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by May 8, 2012. For additional information please contact Patty Murray at (302) 739-9945 or visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1427&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeld=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

SITE INVESTIGATION AND RESTORATION – The Division’s Site Investigation and Restoration Section (SIRS) is responsible for the identification, evaluation and remediation of sites in Delaware that have had past releases of hazardous substances. The Section manages the contaminated sites under three major programs in accordance with the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Act (HSCA). The three programs are the Brownfields Development Program, the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and the HSCA Enforcement Program (for sites requiring enforcement action). The Brownfields Development Program encourages the cleanup and redevelopment of vacant, abandoned or underutilized properties, which may be contaminated. A party seeking to develop such a property negotiates with SIRS for a Brownfields Development Agreement (BDA) to perform an investigation and, if necessary, a remedial action or remedy, for the purpose of addressing the risks posed by past releases of hazardous substances at these sites. However, a BDA is only available to parties that are not current site owners. The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement is available to site owners, who want to clean up their sites and are already liable as a potentially responsible party for the site. For site-specific information on the following sites, please see SIRS’s superfund site files database at: <http://docs.dnrec.delaware.gov/sirsitefiles.cfm>.

NOTIFICATION OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING A VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE SHELLHORN & HILL, INC.

SITE (DE-1516) – The Site Investigation and Restoration Section (SIRS) is currently negotiating a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement with Shellhorn & Hill, Inc. regarding the Shellhorn & Hill, Inc. Site (DE-1516) located at 205 S. Market Street and 501 S. Market Street in Wilmington. The approximate 5.75 acre Site is comprised of two parcels and is known by New Castle County as tax parcel numbers 26-059.00-008 and 26-049.00-009. For additional information, please contact John Cargill at (302) 395-2600 or visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1402&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeld=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

WATER PERMITTING PROGRAM - The Division of Water monitors, manages and protects Delaware’s ground and surface waters, tidal wetlands and underwater lands. The Division is a link to the Delaware Estuary Program, Inland Bays Estuary Program and the Delaware River Basin Commission, and provides centralized computer and geographic information system services. The Division also provides public education and outreach programs. Applications below are available for inspection or copies may be obtained by contacting: Gayle Calder, Wetlands and Subaqueous Lands Section, 89 Kings Highway, Dover – 19901, or by calling (302) 739-9943. A public hearing on the applications below will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC determines that a hearing is in the public interest or if a written meritorious objection to the application is received within 20 days of the initial notice.

SUBAQUEOUS LANDS PERMIT APPLICATIONS

87 Tidewaters LLC-To remove an existing boat lift in a boat basin and to construct a new 4 by 20 foot long dock in the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal at 87 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres,

Mary Jane Lyons-To construct a 6 by 20 foot dock extension, a boat lift with 2 pilings and 2 free-standing pilings attached to an existing 6 by 25 foot dock in the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal at 103 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres

Lighthouse Christian Center-To widen an existing road crossing by extending two bottomless arched culverts creating a total footprint of 3108 square feet, placing 4461 square feet of stone riprap, installing a log vein and modifying 210 linear feet of stream channel in Swan Creek, at Lighthouse Christian Center, on Carpenters Pit Road, south of New Wharf Road, Milford

A public hearing on the above applications will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 28, 2012. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1417&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

SUBAQUEOUS LANDS LEASE APPLICATIONS

Sandy Cove Townhouse Community -To construct a 4 foot by 50 foot pier and 5 foot by 25 foot fishing dock in White Creek, south of Sandy Cove Road, Ocean View.

A public hearing on the above applications will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 28, 2012. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1417&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

SUBAQUEOUS LANDS WATER QUALITY APPLICATION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-To hydraulically maintenance dredge the navigation channel of the Nanticoke river to a depth of 12 feet below mean low water and a width of 100 feet, dredging 86,000 cubic yards of material and disposing the material on property belonging to Sussex County at the former Woodland Park Golf Course on Woodland Road, Seaford, Sussex County, DE

A public hearing on the above applications will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 28, 2012. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1417&Source=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ednrec%2Edelaware%2Egov%2FLists%2FPublic%2520Notices%2FAllItems%2Easpx&ContentTypeId=0x010034FD6D348B0CF04392485E93FC15AB3A>

SUBAQUEOUS LANDS LEASE, MARINA AND WETLANDS APPLICATION

Cove at Sandy Landing HOA-To construct a 22 slip marina consisting of a 6 by 20 foot walkway over State Regulated Wetlands a 6 by 250 foot pier, a 6 by 24 foot dock, eight- 4 by 24 foot finger piers, two-6 by 24 foot finger piers and 24 freestanding pilings in the Indian River Bay at Central Park Circle, off of Sandy Landing and Falling Point roads, Dagsboro

A public hearing on the above applications will NOT be held unless the Secretary of DNREC receives a request for a hearing by April 28, 2012. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Lists/Public%20Notices/DispForm.aspx?ID=1417>

EMPLOYEE UPDATES:

Effective April 15, Matt Rendon joined the Division of Air Quality as an Engineer I in the Engineering/Compliance

Effective April 15, Frank Bloodsworth joined the Division of Air Quality as an Engineer II in the Planning section.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

24-Hour Report and Spill Notification Line - 1-800-662-8802
Aboveground Storage Tanks - 302-395-2500
Air Quality - New Castle Office - 302-323-4542
Asbestos New Castle - 302-323-4542
Asbestos Kent & Sussex - 302-739-9402
Biosolids Permits - 302-739-9946
Boiler Safety - 302-744-2735
Brownfields - 302-395-2600
Delaware Estuary Program - 302-739-9949
Division of Air Quality Director's office - 302-739-9402
Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances Director's Office - 302-739-9400
Division of Water Director's Office - 302-739-9950
Dock/Dredging/Bulkheads/Rip-Rap/Wetlands & Subaqueous Lands – 302-739-9943
Emergency Prevention and Response - 302-739-9404
Environmental Crimes Unit - 302-739-9401 or 1-800-662-8802
Hazardous Waste - 302-739-9403
Loans & Grants for Wastewater and Septics (Financial Assistance Branch) - 302-739-9941
Medical Waste - 302-739-9403
Non-Hazardous Liquid Waste Transporters - 302-739-9948
On-site Wastewater Licensing Program - 302-739-9948
Open Burning - 302-739-9402
Outreach Ombudsman - 302-395-2515
Recycling - 302-739-9403
Septic System Permits - Large Systems (Community & I/A) State-wide - 302-739-9948
Septic System Permits - Small Systems for Kent & New Castle Counties - 302-739-9947
Septic System Permits - Small Systems for Sussex County & Holding Tank Compliance Program - 302-856-4561
Site Investigation & Restoration Branch (Superfund/Brownfields) - 302-395-2600
Solid Waste - 302-739-9403
Source Water Protection - 302-739-9945
Stormwater Permits - 302-739-9946
Surface Water Discharge Permits (NPDES) - 302-739-9946
Underground Injection Control & Spray Irrigation - 302-739-9948
Underground Storage Tanks - 302-395-2500
Wastewater Collection, Conveyance and/or Treatment Facility Construction Permits – 302-739-9946
Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators - 302-739-9946
Water Allocation Permits - 302-739-9945
Water Testing - Drinking Water (Division of Public Health) - 302-741-8630
Well Driller's License - 302-739-9944
Well Permits & Licensing - 302-739-9944