

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: August 2008

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1. Upcoming Blue Card Courses (Contractor's Certification): August 20 and October 8, 2008

Upcoming Blue Card Courses (Contractor's Certification) are scheduled for August 20 and October 8, 2008. The Contractor's Training course is a ½-day course that gives an overview of the Sediment and Stormwater Program, its regulations, and required erosion and sediment control measures in the State of Delaware. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information. The course fee is \$60, which includes continental breakfast and a course book.

2. Next CCR Recertification Course: November 13, 2008

The Certified Construction Reviewer certification is only valid for five years; therefore, CCR recertification is offered to those wishing to continue certification. The next one-day refresher will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008. The course fee is \$90, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

3. Featured Products

The Filtrexx soxx product proposes the use of the soxx used in a pyramid application to perform as a sediment trap. This application would be ideal for quick implementation, very short term traps needs, and use in extreme weather (high summer, winter) conditions when stabilization efforts are difficult to accomplish. DNREC is willing to see this application tested on a construction site and to verify its ability to meet the DNREC specifications. At this time, it is not an approved DNREC sediment trap method. Please contact the Sediment and Stormwater Program if you would like to test this application.

http://www.mulchplus.com/design_spec_files/4.1.9%20SWPPP%20-%20Sediment%20Trapp.pdf

4. Link of the Month: ArcGIS Explorer

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are becoming an increasingly important tool for those in the environmental management field and the Sediment and Stormwater Program is no exception. Skills in using and interpreting spatial data will become a necessity for agency staff as well as the regulated community. Although the software necessary to create and edit this data can be quite expensive, there are several data viewers that can be downloaded for free. One such viewer is ESRI's ArcGIS Explorer. Unlike most of the other free viewers, ArcGIS Explorer drapes the data over a base digital elevation model (DEM). This allows the user to view the data in both overhead and in 3D perspective similar to Google Earth. It also has the ability to connect to GIS servers through an Internet connection to allow viewing of available data. ArcGIS Explorer can be downloaded from ESRI's Web site:

<http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis/explorer/index.html>