

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: January 2010

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1. Contractors Training Course (Blue Card) 2010 Schedule Now Available

The Contractor's Training course (Blue Card) 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.

The next course will be held February 3rd at the Modern Maturity Center. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

For up-to-date information on future Blue Card Courses being offered, please visit: <http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/Drainage/Pages/BlueCard.aspx>

2. Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course Scheduled for March 3, 10, 17 and 24 (required field ½ day), 2010

A Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) is a private inspector of sediment and stormwater controls who is hired by a developer when required by the review agency. This 3½-day course offers detailed information on sediment control and stormwater management practices, and is provided as training to individuals who wish to qualify as Certified Construction Reviewers as specified in the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations. In addition, the course will benefit anyone in the government, engineering, consulting, contracting, or land development professions that work in the field of sediment and stormwater management.

The CCR course is currently offered once a year and the Certification is valid for five years. This 3½-day course will be held Wednesdays March 3, 10, 17 and 24 (mandatory ½-day field trip), 2010. The course fee is \$225, which includes continental breakfast and lunch for each day and course materials. Participants must attend all 3½-days in order to obtain certification, in addition to passing a written exam. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at

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3. EPA Issues Rule to Reduce Water Pollution from Construction Sites

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued a final rule to help reduce water pollution from construction sites. The agency believes this rule, which takes effect in February 2010 and will be phased in over four years, will significantly improve the quality of water nationwide.

The final rule requires construction site owners and operators that disturb one or more acres to use best management practices to ensure that soil disturbed during construction activity does not pollute nearby water bodies. In addition, owners and operators of sites that impact 10 or more acres of land at one time will be required to monitor discharges and ensure they comply with specific limits on discharges to minimize the impact on nearby water bodies. This is the first time that EPA has imposed national monitoring requirements and enforceable numeric limitations on construction site stormwater discharges. For more information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/guide/construction>