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1. Upcoming Contractor's Certification Course (Blue Card)

The Contractor's Training course 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 courses will be held December 5, 2007 and February 6, 2008. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at [Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us](mailto: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. Spring Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course

The next CCR Course will held on February 27, March 5, 12 (mandatory field day), & 19, 2008. This program offers detailed information on sediment and stormwater measures and 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, Section 12. 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. Please e-mail Joanne Gedney at [Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us](mailto:Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us) or call 302-739-9921 for course information.

3. Regulatory Advisory Committee Meeting Summary (Held 10/16/07)

The Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC) has been convened for revisions to the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations*. The RAC is comprised of DNREC and other government agencies, environmental groups, and the regulated community including homebuilders, contractors, and designers. The RAC's first meeting was held on October 16, 2007 where the background on the revisions was shared along with thoughts on the proposed changes to the regulations. Potential subcommittees were discussed as well as additional members for the RAC. The Regulatory Advisory Committee will meet again January 22, 2008 with meetings following monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month. RAC meeting are open to the public. If you would like to have your contact information added to the interested parties list to receive notice of the meetings and other information

regarding the revisions to the Regulations, please send an e-mail containing your name, company, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address to [Elaine.Webb@state.de.us](mailto:Elaine.Webb@state.de.us).

#### 4. Villanova University Conference Summary

Members of the DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program staff attended the 2007 Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Symposium at Villanova University in October 2007. The symposium is sponsored every other year by the Villanova Urban Stormwater Partnership (VUSP), and this year's theme was "Moving Toward Sustainability" to highlight VUSP's joint initiatives with Temple University's Center for Sustainable Communities. Several presentations were given by members of the New Castle County Department of Land Use staff, including a presentation about the County's proposed Water Management Code. For more information, please visit the following links:

VUSP: <http://www3.villanova.edu/VUSP/>

Symposium webcast:

[http://egrfaculty.villanova.edu/public/Civil\\_Environmental/WREE/VUSP\\_2007\\_Sym/Web/index.htm](http://egrfaculty.villanova.edu/public/Civil_Environmental/WREE/VUSP_2007_Sym/Web/index.htm)

Temple Center for Sustainable Communities:

<http://www.temple.edu/ambler/csc/>

#### 5. Community Service Through Stormwater Outreach & Education

In early November, a team of teens from the HOPE Commission Youth Employment Program took on the Delaware Storm Drain Marking Program and adhered more than 150 storm drain markers to storm drains through their community of Southbridge located in South Wilmington. To help prevent flooding, the students also cleaned leaves and trash out of the storm drains.

The markers, which stated "No Dumping. Drains to River", were placed on the storm drains to remind residents that what goes down the drain ultimately ends up in the nearest waterway. Before heading out, representatives from both the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program and DNREC Coastal Programs met with the group to discuss some of the negative impacts that stormwater pollution can have on the environment, our water, and neighboring marshes.

The HOPE Commission Youth Employment Program is an initiative aimed at encouraging inner-city high school students to become more involved with their communities. For more information on this program, please contact Charles Madden, HOPE Commission, at (302) 652-3928. For more information about the Delaware Storm Drain Marking Program, please contact Beth Krumrine at (302) 739-9921.

#### 6. Link of the Month: U of D Biologists Uncover Phragmites Hidden Weapon

<http://www.udel.edu/PR/UDaily/2008/oct/invader101107.html>