

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: October 2008

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1. 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. This one-day refresher will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008. **CCRs whose certification will expire in the current year will be notified to take the CCR Recertification course.** The course fee is \$90, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and course materials. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information. The last day for registration is **November 6, 2008.**

2. Next Blue Card Course (Contractor's Certification): December 9, 2008

The next Blue Card Course (Contractor's Certification) is scheduled for December 9, 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 course materials.

3. CCR Course: March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2009

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 4, 11, 18 (mandatory ½-day field trip) and 25, 2009. 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 Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

4. Link of the Month: NRC Report on Urban Stormwater Management in the U.S.

The National Research Council, Water Sciences and Technology Board has just released the report Urban Stormwater Management in the United States (Committee on Reducing Stormwater Discharge Contributions to Water Pollution, National Research Council, National Academies Press). The report is the product of a 2-year process undertaken by a 15-member committee of national experts. The study was commissioned by EPA in 2006 to evaluate the NPDES stormwater program and make recommendations for improvement of the program.

The 513 page report provides a description of the history of stormwater management in the United States; an overview of stormwater regulations and the federal regulatory program; and information on a number of relevant scientific and technological issues such as hydrology, geomorphology, biology, monitoring and modeling. The report also provides a number of significant findings and recommendations on how stormwater management in the United States should be improved to achieve better environmental outcomes. Two of the more notable suggestions are that flow should be considered a pollutant and that stormwater discharge permitting should be done on a watershed basis. The findings from this report will likely influence EPA's, and hence the States', policy on stormwater management for the foreseeable future.

A pre-publication version of the study report is available at:

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/nrc_stormwaterreport.pdf

The NRC press release is at:

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=12465>