

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: November 2009

This month's topics:

- 1. Welcome Jeff Vance to the DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program**
- 2. Next Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course: March 3, 10, 17 and 24 (required field ½ day), 2010**
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1. Welcome Jeff Vance to the DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program

Don't be surprised to see Jeff Vance, the new DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program's field inspector, on your construction site. Jeff has a strong background in many fields, spending the majority of his career in the construction industry, with a background also in Facilities Maintenance and Ornamental Horticulture.

In his most recent position, Jeff worked with homeowners as part of the Debris Pit Program through the DNREC Division of Soil and Water Conservation. He is currently pursuing his Civil Engineering degree and a degree in Construction Management from Delaware Technical Community College. Welcome Jeff!



- 2. Next Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course: 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 Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

3. Link of the Month: Chesapeake Bay Executive Order

On May 15, 2009, the Obama Administration issued Executive Order 13508 calling for a renewed effort for the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay by the year 2025. Changes from current efforts under EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) include establishing 2-year milestones for each State and strong Federal oversight to ensure those milestones are achieved. Although Delaware was not an official signatory to the original CBP, this new Executive Order places additional responsibilities on the so-called "tributary States" of Delaware, West Virginia and New York. A Draft Strategy for meeting the goals of the Executive Order was released on November 9, 2009 which summarizes the current environmental state of the Bay, the leading stressors on Bay health and proposed measures to bring it back to the thriving ecosystem it once was. The report specifically identifies urban/suburban stormwater as the fastest growing stressor. As such, many of the proposed measures under the Draft Strategy are targeted at this sector. EPA has established a Web site which allows users to review the various documents associated with the Executive Order, information on upcoming public meetings and contact information for providing feedback. The Web site can be accessed through the following link:

<http://executiveorder.chesapeakebay.net/default.aspx>