

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: April 2013

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1. **2013 Blue Card Class Dates**

The DNREC Contractor's Certification Course remaining dates for 2013 are **September 11th** and **December 11th**. The Contractor's Certification Course, also known as the "Blue Card Course", is a 1/2-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. Under the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations, at least one person in responsible charge of a construction site must have successfully completed the Contractor's Certification Course. **Registration forms are available on the Sediment & Stormwater Program Web site under the "Certification Information" header:**

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/BlueCard.aspx>

2. **Revisions to the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations: UPDATE**

It has been more than a year since the first Public Hearing on the Revisions to the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations*. Since that time, DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program staff has met with stakeholders including the Regulatory Advisory Committee to address comments received on the proposed revisions to the regulations. Comments received on the proposed Technical Document have been addressed and the Technical Document has been finalized as well.

The revised regulations were posted in the State Register of Regulations on April 1, 2013. A second Public Hearing on the regulation revisions has been scheduled for **April 23, 2013, beginning at 6pm** in the DNREC Auditorium, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Comments on the revisions to the regulations will be accepted until **May 8, 2013**. Hard copies of the proposed regulations and supporting Technical Document are available for review at the following locations:

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Kirkwood Library
6000 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington DE 19808

Kent County Public Library
497 South Red Haven Lane

Dover, DE 19901

Georgetown Public Library
123 West Pine Street,
Georgetown, DE 19947

The documents are also available online at the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/RegRevisions.aspx>

3. Reissuance of MS4 Permit for New Castle County Jurisdictions

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Water, reports that the Legal Notice for the Reissuance of NPDES MS4 Permit for New Castle County, The Delaware Department of Transportation, the towns of Bellefonte, Elsmere, and Newport, and the cities of Delaware City, New Castle, and Wilmington was posted **on March 27, 2013** in the News Journal and the Delaware State News. The proposed permit along with the full appendices and accompanying fact sheet is now available for review at:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/wr/Information/SWDInfo/Pages/MS4.aspx>.

Any additional comments must be received by the Department, in writing, within the public comment period of thirty (30) days after initial advertisement. If there are no additional comments, the Department expects to reissue this permit on or about April 29, 2013.

4. EPA Issues Revised Effluent Limit Guidelines (ELGs) for Construction & Development

The proposed Construction & Development ELG was published in the Federal Register on April 1, 2013. The proposed revisions to 40 CFR part 450 consist of the following three elements:

- Addition of a definition of “infeasible” consistent with the preamble to the 2009 final rule and 2012 Construction General Permit (CGP);
- Revisions to the effluent limitations reflecting the best practicable control technology currently available (BPT), effluent limitations reflecting the best available technology economically achievable (BAT), effluent limitations reflecting the best conventional pollutant control technology (BCT), and the new source performance standards reflecting the best available demonstrated control technology (NSPS) found at 40 CFR 450.21, 450.22, 450.23 and 450.24, respectively; and
- Withdrawing the numeric turbidity effluent limitation and monitoring requirements found at 40 CFR 450.22(a) and 450.22(b) and reserving these subparts.

The proposal is open for comment until **May 31, 2013**. The proposed rule is available from the following links:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-01/pdf/2013-07097.pdf>

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5. Link of the Month: WEF Stormwater Report

The Water Environment Federation's Stormwater Report was highlighted in a previous edition of this listserv. Up until now, this has been one of several reports that WEF maintained on its main Web site. However, the topic has become so popular that the Stormwater Report now has its own dedicated Web page. The Report contains late-breaking news and comment on stormwater related topics from around the country. Users can also subscribe to their news service. The new link for the WEF Stormwater Report is:

<http://stormwater.wef.org/>