

## DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: May 2013

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### 1. **2013 Blue Card Class Dates**

The DNREC Contractor's Certification Course remaining dates for 2013 are **September 11<sup>th</sup>** and **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. The Contractor's Certification Course, also known as the "Blue Card 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. 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. **2013 CCR Recertification Course: October 23, 2013**

The 2013 Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Recertification Course will be held on **October 23, 2013**. Eligible individuals will be notified by the Department with additional registration information in the coming months.

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

A second Public Hearing on the revisions to the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations was held on April 23, 2013. 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 at the following link:

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

#### **4. Delaware DataMIL No Longer Available After June 30, 2013**

The Delaware Geologic Survey recently announced the retirement of the Delaware DataMIL service. The Delaware DataMIL is an online web application that provides accurate, up-to-date topographic maps for Delaware. Unfortunately, the DataMIL currently relies on aging software and hardware that has become increasingly difficult to maintain, and unstable, which has led to a rising number of service disruptions. In anticipation of the loss of personnel and funding necessary to maintain the software and hardware systems that support DataMIL, the Delaware DataMIL in its current form will no longer be available after **June 30, 2013**. Users should also be aware that an unforeseen fatal system failure could cause the DataMIL service to expire prior to this date.

While some of the DataMIL layers had been proposed for use in preparing reports under the revised Sediment & Stormwater Regulations, these have since been replaced by data from DNREC's Delaware Environmental Navigator (DEN). The latest proposed revisions to the Technical Document contain the links to the DEN for any affected data layers in these reports. The DEN is available at the following link:

<http://www.nav.dnrec.delaware.gov/DEN3/Search/MapSearch.aspx>

Click on the "Main" radio button to launch the map application. (NOTE: Some layers, such as parcel data, are only viewable after zooming in to a higher level of detail.)

#### **5. EPA Proposes Changes to Final Rule on ELGs for Construction & Development**

EPA is proposing changes to a 2009 Final Rule (40 CFR 450) addressing stormwater discharges from the Construction and Development (C&D) point source category. These revisions are being made subsequent to a settlement agreement. The proposed rule would make several revisions to the non-numeric requirements of the existing rule, as well as withdraw the numeric discharge standards which are currently stayed. EPA will take public comment until **May 31, 2013**. A Fact Sheet and excerpt from the Federal Register are available at EPA's C&D Web page:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/guide/construction/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=666240>

#### **6. Link of the Month: The Watt's Branch Restoration Project**

The U.S. Geological Survey recently released an analysis of the Watts Branch of the Anacostia River in Prince Georges County, Md. and Washington, D.C. that documents how restoration work on this urban tributary has had a substantial impact on the local economy in addition to the environmental benefits. The analysis, conducted by USGS economists Catherine Cullinane

Thomas and Elizabeth Myrick, found that restoring Watts Branch had a substantial impact on the local economy.

The restoration directly accounted for 26 jobs and more than \$1.5 million in local labor income including salaries, wages and benefits and \$1.5 million in local value added (the contribution of expenditures to Gross Domestic Product). Moreover, the restoration indirectly supported an additional 19 jobs, providing an additional \$1.1 million in labor income and \$1.9 in value added to the local economy. Restoring Watts Branch contributed more than \$3 million to a struggling local economy. Additional information is available at the link below:

<http://www.fort.usgs.gov/Products/Publications/23592/23592.pdf>