

## DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: December 2013

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### 1. **Training Update for Revised Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations**

The Department is now in the process of rolling out its training sessions targeted at individuals who will be preparing plans and engineering computations under the revised Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations. The effective date of the revised regulations is January 1, 2014. The first round of training has now been completed in all three counties. The next **Level 1** training session has been scheduled for **February 19, 2014** at the new Dover Public Library. Prospective participants should hold this date. Additional information regarding registration will be posted in the January 2014 listserve.

The Department is also developing a **Level 2** training course for those individuals who have completed the Level 1 training and would like more “hands on” training in the use of the new version of the Delaware Urban Runoff Management Model (DURMM). Individuals who have completed the Level 1 training will be contacted directly with more information regarding Level 2 training.

### 2. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2014: February 5, May 7, September 10, December 10**

DNREC Contractor's Certification Course dates for 2014 have been set for **February 5<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and December 10<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 by clicking on the course date at the following link:**

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

### 3. **2014 CCR Course Dates: March 5, 12, 19 and 26**

The 2014 Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course dates have been set. The CCR Course will be held on four consecutive **Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2014**. All dates except for March 19, 2014 will be held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, Delaware, and are full days. The March 19 date is a mandatory half-day field trip to be held at locations to be determined closer to the date of the course. The CCR course cost is \$225 per person. Registration is required prior to the course. Additional information regarding registration is available at the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Documents/Sediment%20and%20Stormwater%20Program/Certifications/CCR%202014%20Registration%20package.pdf>

#### **4. Link of the Month: Link of the Month: The United (Watershed) States of America**

Among the many achievements of adventurer and geologist John Wesley Powell, one of the lesser-known was a proposal to form the western states along watershed boundaries. He even went so far as to develop a map of what these watershed-based states would look like. Despite his foresight on matters such as commerce, transportation and water conflicts, the rail companies were able to convince Congress that state boundaries should be aligned to facilitate agriculture. Powell's proposal fell out of favor and became a footnote in history. Community Builders, a project of the Sonoran Institute with a mission to assist communities looking for creative ways to spur development with fewer resources, took Powell's original proposal and went one step further to develop a "United Watershed States of America" map of the entire country as a "what if" exercise. The background on the development of their map, along with Powell's proposed map of the western states can be viewed at the following Web site:

<http://communitybuilders.net/the-united-watershed-states-of-america/>