

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: March 2014

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

Level 1 Training for Revised Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations

As long as we see the need, the Department will continue to offer **Level 1** training targeted at individuals who will be preparing plans and engineering computations under the revised *Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations* that became effective January 1, 2014. This **Level 1** training includes an overview of the following: changes to the regulations, technical document, Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, post construction stormwater BMP standards and specifications, plan review process, DURMMv.2, and example site analysis. The waiting list is short and there is no future Level 1 training scheduled at this time. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list to be notified of the next scheduled **Level 1** training, contact elaine.webb@state.de.us.

Level 2 Training for Revised Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations

The Department has also developed 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 (DURMMv.2). Individuals who have completed the Level 1 training have been contacted directly with more information regarding **Level 2** training class offerings. If you have completed the Level 1 training and would like to attend a Level 2 class, please contact elaine.webb@state.de.us to be placed on the waiting list to be notified of upcoming **Level 2** classes.

Weather-Related Closings and Delays

In the event of inclement weather on the days of Sediment and Stormwater Regulations Training to be held at the Dover Public Library, the class will be canceled and rescheduled if any of the following closings are in effect:

- State of Emergency for the State of Delaware
- State of Delaware Kent County offices closed
- City of Dover offices closed

If weather causes a delay in opening of government offices, the class will begin at the **latest** planned opening time of either State offices or City of Dover offices.

[Click here](#) for State of Delaware weather closings.

[Click here](#) for the City of Dover website.

2. **Updates to the Technical Document**

On February 26, 2014 the Department posted a Public Notice regarding updates to the Technical Document. Specifically, the following documents have been revised:

Article 3.02.1.1 Stormwater Assessment Study Checklist

Article 3.02.1.3 Stormwater Assessment Report

These revisions were necessitated by the retirement of the DataMIL website, updates to contact information, etc.

In addition, the Department will be posting a Public Notice in April 2014 regarding further updates to the Technical Document. A fifteen (15) day comment period will follow the public notice.

3. Blue Card Course Dates for 2014: May 29, September 10, December 10

DNREC Contractor's Certification Course scheduled for **May 14th** is **FULL**. An additional course date has been set for **May 29th**, along with the original remaining dates of **September 10th** and **December 10th**. 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 by clicking on the course date at the following link:**

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

4. Link of the Month: "Clean Water for Delaware's Future" Initiative

Governor Jack Markell and DNREC Secretary Collin O'Mara have proposed *Clean Water for Delaware's Future* – a comprehensive upgrade plan for protecting public health and cleaning up Delaware's bays, rivers and streams within a generation, while creating jobs and strengthening Delaware's economy. Most of Delaware's waters do not meet water quality standards for their designated uses – drinking, swimming and supporting fish and other aquatic life. The state's list of impaired waters includes 377 bodies of water that suffer from excess nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), low dissolved oxygen, toxics, and bacteria. Extensive analysis of chemical contaminants in fish has led to advisories that fish are unsafe to eat in more than 30 waterways statewide.

Clean Water for Delaware's Future will generate additional funding for wastewater, stormwater and drinking water projects throughout the state. Funds will be used to support projects that will:

- Remove toxics and restore streams and rivers;
- Repair and update wastewater and drinking water treatment plants;
- Modernize stormwater infrastructure in communities to improve flood and storm resilience;
- Support conservation/agricultural practices that prevent pollutants from reaching surface and ground waters;

- Protect and restore critical natural resources like wetlands and forests that help purify water and mitigate flooding; and
- Make important upgrades to industries, which will systematically reduce impacts to water resources.

For additional information, including a background video and Sec. O'Mara's presentation, visit the Department's "Clean Water for Delaware's Future" web page:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/Pages/Clean-Water-for-Delawares-Future.aspx>