

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: April 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 next scheduled Level 1 Training will be held on **April 30, 2014**. Registration is being taken through Eventbrite and can be accessed from the Sediment and Stormwater Regulations Revision Training page at the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/Sediment-and-Stormwater-Regulations-Training.aspx>

At this time there are a limited number of seats available for the April 30, 2014 Level 1 training. After registration has closed 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.

2. **Updates to the Technical Document**

The Department is planning to post a Public Notice in April 2014 regarding further updates to the Technical Document. As a minimum, this update will include revised specifications for compost used for erosion & sediment control as well as permanent stormwater management practices. 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. EPA Defers National Post Construction Stormwater Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency confirmed that the agency is deferring action on its rule to address stormwater from newly built and redeveloped sites and instead will provide incentives, technical assistance and other approaches for cities and towns to address stormwater runoff themselves.

"EPA is updating its stormwater strategy to focus now on pursuing a suite of immediate actions to help support communities in addressing their stormwater challenges and deferring action on rulemaking to reduce stormwater discharges from newly developed and redeveloped sites or other regulatory changes to its stormwater program," the agency said in a March 19 statement.

In lieu of rulemaking, the EPA said it will provide incentives, technical assistance and other tools to communities to encourage them to implement strong stormwater programs; leverage existing requirements to strengthen municipal stormwater permits; and continue to promote green infrastructure as an integral part of stormwater management. Updates will be provided through EPA's Stormwater Rulemaking web site:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking.cfm>

5. Link of the Month: EPA Final 2014 C&D Rule

EPA promulgated the Construction and Development Effluent Guidelines and Standards (40 CFR Part 450) in 2009. The regulations were amended and the Final Rule was issued on March 6, 2014. The regulations apply to all construction sites that are subject to [NPDES](#) permit requirements (generally, sites with one or more acres of land disturbance). Construction site owners and operators are required to:

- implement erosion and sediment controls;
- stabilize soils;
- manage dewatering activities;
- implement pollution prevention measures;
- provide and maintain buffers around surface waters;
- prohibit certain discharges, such as motor fuel and concrete washout; and
- utilize surface outlets for discharges from basins and impoundments.

The final rule adds a definition of "infeasible" to clarify when a particular requirement may be exempted, includes revisions to several of the non-numeric requirements and officially withdraws the numeric turbidity effluent limitation and monitoring requirements. Delaware's

General Construction Permit (CGP) is currently under revision and will need to meet the minimum requirements of the 2014 C&D Rule. Additional information is available at EPA's website for the Construction and Development industry:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/guide/construction/index.cfm#2014>