

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: May 2014

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

The DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program maintains all information regarding the Sediment & Stormwater Regulations Training at the following link:

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

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, DURMM v.2, and example site analysis.

The next scheduled **Level 1** Training will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014** at Dover Public Library. If you are interested in attending this training, please register using Eventbrite at the following link:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sediment-and-stormwater-regulations-level-1-training-tickets-11505420021>

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 (DURMM v.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 May 2014 regarding further updates to the Technical Document. The original plan to post in April was delayed as the Department further evaluates the percentage of compost specified for use in biosoil media. The Department has contracted with a soil testing lab to determine the optimal compost amount in the biosoil media. The revised bioretention specification will be included with the revised compost specification in the next public notice. 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 for the remainder of 2014 has been scheduled for **May 29th, September 10th and December 10th**. 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>

4. UPDATE: Stormwater Assessment Report (SAR) computation sheets must be included with Stormwater Assessment Study (SAS) Submittals

In March 2014 DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program issued a public notice that included changes to the SAS Submittal Checklist. One of the changes to the checklist was the requirement to submit the completed Stormwater Assessment Report (SAR) **including the computation sheet used to determine the ratings**. Submitting the SAR computation in advance of the project application meeting effectively shortens the time taken during the meeting to complete the SAR, allowing DNREC and the Delegated Agencies to keep these required meetings to one hour or less.

DNREC and the Delegated Agencies have found that the SARs are being submitted with the SAS as required, but often without the SAR computations sheets completed, necessitating a full review of the computation sheets and assessment ratings at the project application meetings. When submitting an SAS, **the completed SAR computation sheet must be included** or the Department or Delegated Agency will consider the SAS submittal to be incomplete and not schedule the project application meeting. If you have trouble completing the SAR computation sheet, contact the appropriate plan approval agency for assistance.

5. Link of the Month: "The Rocky Ride of the Stormwater Rule"

Last month's listserv included a notice that EPA had deferred action on its proposed National Stormwater Rule that would have imposed new stormwater management requirements on new and redevelopment projects. The April 30, 2014 issue of the Water Environment Federation's Stormwater Report included an article on the subject by Seth Brown, Stormwater Program and Policy Director for WEF, entitled "*Through the Rapids: The Rocky Ride of the Stormwater Rule*". For those who may be unfamiliar with the regulatory side of stormwater management at the Federal level, this article provides an excellent summary of where it all began, how we got to where we are and what may lie ahead. The full article can be viewed at the following link:

<http://stormwater.wef.org/2014/04/rapids-rock-ride-stormwater-rule/>