

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2014

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1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Updates to the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) Division of Watershed Stewardship will conduct a public hearing on proposed revisions **Regulation No. 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations** to clarify that the Technical Document that supports the regulations is guidance to be used as a reference for compliance and is not the only means of complying with the regulations. Functionally equivalent methods to those provided in the Technical Document may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The public hearing on this proposed revision of **Regulation No. 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations** will be held Thursday, September 25, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the DNREC Auditorium, Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

The proposed regulation revisions may be inspected at the Department's Richardson and Robbins Building office located at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901 or on the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship's Sediment and Stormwater Program website: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/Reg-Revisions-2014.aspx>

For additional information or any appointments to inspect the proposed regulation revisions at DNREC, please contact Elaine Webb, DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, (302) 739-9921, Elaine.Webb@state.de.us.

Interested parties shall submit comments in writing on the proposed regulation revisions by the end of the comment period, October 10, 2014, to Elaine Webb and/or statements and testimony may be presented either orally or in writing at the September 25, 2014 public hearing. It is requested that those interested in presenting statements at the public hearing register in advance and that written statements and comments be addressed to:

Elaine Webb
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89 Kings Highway
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2. **Updates to the Technical Document: Variance and Grandfathering Provisions**

The Department is planning several updates to the Technical Document related to variances and the grandfathering provisions. It is expected these updates will be announced through a Public Notice in mid-September. Current subscribers to the Sediment & Stormwater Listserve will be notified via email when the Public Notice is posted.

3. **Last Remaining Blue Card Course Date for 2014: December 10th**

The last of DNREC's Contractor's Certification Course for 2014 has been scheduled for **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. **2014 CCR Recertification Course: October 15, 2014**

The 2014 Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Recertification Course will be held on **October 15, 2014**. Eligible individuals have been notified by the Department with additional registration information. Registration packets have been mailed to individuals whose certification has either already expired or will expire in the year 2014.

5. **Link of the Month: Bioretention Research**

A recent survey conducted by the Chesapeake Stormwater Network found that, unsurprisingly, bioretention was by far the most common stormwater management BMP being implemented in the Bay region. Two recent studies conducted in vastly different climate zones appear to confirm the effectiveness of bioretention to both improve the quality of stormwater runoff as well as mimic the natural hydrologic cycle. A summary and links to the reports are provided in this recent article from the Water Environment Foundation's "Stormwater Report":

<http://stormwater.wef.org/2014/09/bioretention-research/>