

## DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: June 2015

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### 1. REMINDER: Grandfathered Plan Approval Deadline June 30, 2015

Plans submitted prior to January 1, 2014 that met the grandfathering provisions listed in the [Interim Guidance Policy](#) to proceed under previous Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations are subject to the following requirements under Section 3.5.6 of the 2014 Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations:

*“Administratively complete sediment and stormwater management plans, as determined by Department policy, that have been submitted for review and ultimate approval before January 1, 2014 shall be subject to the regulations in effect at the time that the plan was first submitted to the Department or Delegated Agency. Unless administratively extended by the Department, a plan undergoing the review process on January 1, 2014 but is not approved within eighteen months of January 1, 2014 shall be subject to these regulations.”*

Administrative extensions beyond the June 30, 2015 deadline must be approved by DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program. To submit a request for an administrative extension, please supply a written request with a project timeline and anticipated plan approval date to the Sediment and Stormwater Program Delegated Agency to be forwarded to DNREC for consideration. Projects that qualify for an administrative extension by the Department will not be required to go through a variance process. **The standard administrative extension time will not exceed 60 days.**

### 2. Remaining Blue Card Course Dates for 2015: September 16 & December 9

Remaining DNREC Contractor's Certification Course dates for 2015 are scheduled for **September 16<sup>th</sup>** and **December 9<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 website at the following link:**

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

### 3. Clean Water Rule Finalized

On May 27, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army finalized the Clean Water Rule, which will be effective 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. According to EPA and the Army, the rule ensures that waters protected under the Clean Water Act are more precisely defined and predictably determined, making permitting less costly, easier, and faster for businesses and industry. EPA and the Army also maintain that the rule creates no new permitting requirements for agriculture and maintains all previous exemptions and exclusions, including dredged or fill requirements. Existing jurisdictional determinations and permits will be valid until they expire. By promoting more consistent and effective implementation of Clean Water Act regulatory programs, the rule sets the stage for permit streamlining during implementation. Additional information is available on EPA's Clean Water Rule website:

<http://www2.epa.gov/cleanwaterrule>

#### **4. Updates to Chesapeake Stormwater Network Website**

The Chesapeake Stormwater Network, a former link of the month, has been updated with additional training resources and technical guidance material. Included is an archive of all CSN's webcasts for those who were not able to participate in the live events. All the reports and proceedings from the Chesapeake Bay Program's Urban Stormwater Workgroup are also available. Click on the "Join" tab to become a member and receive updates and their quarterly newsletter:

<http://chesapeakestormwater.net/>

#### **5. Link of the Month: Delaware Tax Ditch Map Web App**

The Division of Watershed Stewardship's Drainage Section has created a Web App to facilitate information sharing related to Delaware's tax ditch system. Users can quickly find the tax ditch watershed from the overview map or by entering an address in the search box. Zooming in reveals flow direction, prong identification, maintenance right-of-way width and other pertinent information. This data will also be incorporated into the next version of the Stormwater Assessment GIS App. The Tax Ditch Map Web App is available at the following link:

<http://dnrec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8a2a0588b1604d38b878367ceb189370>