

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: March 2016

This month's topics:

1. **Poultry House Stormwater BMP Approach**
2. **Regulatory Advisory Committee**
3. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2016: February 4, May 26, September 15, December 8**
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1. **Poultry House Stormwater BMP Approach**

The Poultry House Stormwater BMP approach has been finalized. DNREC has developed Plan Review Policies and Procedures for Poultry House Projects as the guidance that the Conservation Districts will use when evaluating Sediment and Stormwater Plans for poultry house construction. The policy and procedure is effective March 1, 2016.

Any landowner may submit a set of plans and computations to show compliance with the Sediment and Stormwater Regulations outside of this approach and policy and procedure. However, the Poultry House Stormwater BMP approach that has been developed is intended to lessen the design burden, accelerate design and review time, and add certainty to the design and review process.

2. **Regulatory Advisory Committee**

The Department is continuing the stakeholder and public input process in support of potential revisions to both the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations as well as the Technical Document. The most recent full RAC meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 where the focus of the meeting was redevelopment. Ideas were exchanged and RAC members and interested parties will be submitting comments to DNREC over the next month. The next full RAC meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 1:00pm until 4:00pm** at the Kent County Administration Building, 555 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901.

All RAC meetings are open to the public. To be included on the interested parties list to receive notification of upcoming meetings directly, please submit your contact information, including name and email address to elaine.webb@state.de.us.

3. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2016: May 26, September 15, December 8**

The next DNREC Contractor's Certification Course will be held on **May 26th**. Two additional courses are scheduled for **September 15th** and **December 8th**. 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>

4. Link of the Month: U. S. Supreme Court Denies Chesapeake Bay TMDL Appeal

The Supreme Court of the United States announced on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 its denial to hear the American Farm Bureau and allies appeal regarding the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). The denial of *American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), et al. v. EPA, et al.* by the high court affirms the ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and subsequent unanimous ruling of the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This ends the five year effort to have EPA's TMDL requirements within the Chesapeake Bay watershed rescinded. Additional information is available at the following link:

<http://stormwater.wef.org/2016/03/supreme-court-denies-chesapeake-bay-tmdl-appeal/>