

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: October 2016

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1. **Final Blue Card Course Date for 2016: December 8**

The final DNREC Contractor's Certification Course for 2016 will be held on **December 8th**. 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 website at the following link:**

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

2. **2017 Certified Construction Reviewer Course: March 9, 16 & 23, 2017**

Dates have been set for the 2017 full Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) course. The full CCR course consists of 2 days of classroom instruction and a 1/2 day field trip. The dates for the next full CCR course are **March 9**, **March 16** (field trip) and **March 23**. Those interested in attending are asked to hold these dates for now. Additional information regarding registration will be posted on the Sediment & Stormwater Program Training web page in December:

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

3. **Regulatory Advisory Committee**

The Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC) and subcommittees continue to meet to make recommendations for changes to the Sediment and Stormwater Regulations. Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

- October 12, 2016 – Full RAC
- October 19, 2016 – Offset Subcommittee
- October 26, 2016 – Technical Subcommittee
- November 9, 2016 – Full RAC

Details including times and locations for these meeting can be found at the following website:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/2016-Regulations-with-Tech-Doc.aspx>

4. **Link of the Month: Link of the Month: USDA/NRCS Web Soil Survey 3.2**

The hugely popular *Web Soil Survey* (WSS) website recently released its latest version - 3.2. Originally introduced in 2005, the latest update provides improvements and enhancements that help users at all levels be better informed and prepared when making land-use-decisions. Developed by USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the free, web-based-application provides a wealth of soils information, data, and soil survey maps—all free and downloadable.

The 3.2 version now has a “Use Quick Map” function added to the Preferences menu. This feature allows quicker map drawing with fewer limitations. Other improvements and enhancements include:

- Internet Explorer v.11 is now the minimum standard for WSS. Chrome and Firefox can also be used;
- Area of Interests (AOI) can now be imported for use in WSS, along with field names to identify the various parcels;
- Thematic maps created for the AOI can now be downloaded using a WMS or a WFS service to use on a local GIS software;
- AOI Downloads now contain the thematic maps created during the session;
- Scale Warnings are now displayed on the screen and on printed maps whenever the user zooms beyond the scale of mapping.

All WSS 3.2 new features and fixes can be seen at:

<http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/NewFeatures.3.2.htm>