

## DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2017

### This month's topics:

1. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2017**
2. **Regulatory Advisory Committee Update**
3. **Optimal Seeding Dates for Stabilization**
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#### 1. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2017**

The remaining date for the 2017 Blue Card Course is **December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. 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 will be available for upcoming course dates on the Sediment & Stormwater Program website at the following link:

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

#### 2. **Regulatory Advisory Committee Update**

The Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC) and Technical Subcommittee continue to meet to make recommendations for changes to the Sediment and Stormwater Regulations. The next full RAC meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017. The meeting will be held from 9:00am until noon at Tidewater Utilities in Dover. The RAC will review the BMP Standards and Specifications that the Technical Subcommittee has been revising over the past six months and look at other sections of the Technical Document that need to be included in regulatory language.

For more information regarding the RAC and Technical Subcommittee, click on the following link:

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

#### 3. **Optimal Seeding Dates for Stabilization**

The optimal seeding period for vegetative stabilization using most turf grasses is now until October 31. Sites under construction are encouraged to provide final stabilization now for areas that have achieved final grade or temporary stabilization for areas that will not be disturbed over the winter. Seeding during this optimal period increases seed germination and survival, providing the most robust vegetative stabilization possible as we enter into winter.

#### 4. **Link of the Month: Chesapeake Stormwater Network Urban BMP Fact Sheets**

EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) has convened a number of Expert Panels over the past several years to make sure the latest scientific knowledge is being used to help make informed decisions on the best course of action to be taken to protect this valuable resource. These Expert Panels are typically managed through the various Workgroups, including the Urban Stormwater

Workgroup (USWG). The deliverable from each of these panels is a report that summarizes the charge of the panel, results from a literature search on the subject and final recommendations from the panel itself. The recommendations then go through a vetting process with the various levels of management within the CBP before final adoption. The reports are a wealth of information on the subject in question, but can often be overwhelming to a casual reader to understand. To facilitate the dissemination of the information contained in these reports, the CBP contracted with the Chesapeake Stormwater Network to develop a series of Fact Sheets from the various Expert Panel Reports. The Fact Sheets provide a brief overview of the findings with links for additional detailed information. The urban series has been released and is now available on the Chesapeake Stormwater Network website:

<http://chesapeakestormwater.net/bay-stormwater/fact-sheets/>