

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: January 2019

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1. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2019**

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. The Blue Card Course dates set for 2019 are **February 14, May 23, September 5** and **December 12**. Registration forms will be made available as course dates approach. Additional information can be found on the Sediment & Stormwater Program website at the following link:

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

2. **2019 CCR Course - FULL**

3. **eNOI System**

<https://apps.dnrec.state.de.us/eNOI/default.aspx>

Click on the "Construction Stormwater General Permit"

As the eNOI system is now online compiled below are some helpful tips:

- An NOI is required for stormwater discharges from construction activities that disturb 1 acre or greater, and discharges from smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development.
- Creation of a user account – Consultants and Engineers should select **Data Entry Only**. Owners, Developers, Builders, and operators should select **Data Entry and Signing Rights**.
- Once an Owner creates an account the original wet signature of the "electronic signature agreement needs to be submitted" either through the mail or dropped off. No fax or scanned copies will be accepted. Once approved the owner going forward will be able to complete electronic signatures.
- Payment of the eNOI is also electronic.
- A user's guide is available on the log in screen.

4. EPA Proposed Modification of the 2017 Construction General Permit (CGP)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing for public comment a modification to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 2017 Construction General Permit (CGP), which covers eligible stormwater discharges from construction activities in areas where the EPA is the permitting authority. The 45-day public comment period opened on December 12, 2018 and will close on January 28, 2019. Additional information is available on EPA's NPDES Web site:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/proposed-modification-2017-construction-general-permit-cgp>

5. SAS GIS App: UPDATE

The Stormwater Assessment Study (SAS) GIS App has been updated to include the HUC-8 and HUC-10 watershed layers. This information will be required for SAS submissions under the upcoming revised Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations. The latest version of the SAS GIS App is available at the following link:

<https://firstmap.delaware.gov/sasgis>

6. Link of the Month: 2018 Record Rainfall

Many Mid-Atlantic States, including Delaware, saw record rainfall amounts in 2018. While official totals have not been released yet, provisional data from the National Weather Service (NWS) indicates New Castle County had 69.1" of rainfall, Kent County had 66.0" of rainfall and Sussex County had 60.8" of rainfall in 2018. September and November were particularly wet with all three counties experiencing monthly rainfall totals greater than 75% above average. Precipitation amount and departure maps for the region can be viewed at NWS' Mid Atlantic River Forecast Center (MARFC) website:

https://www.weather.gov/marfc/Precipitation_Departures

The Weather Channel also has some interesting data for this wettest year on record for the region, including a record number of 33 flood events, exceeding the past record of 24 floods in 2003. The average is about 12 per year:

<https://weather.com/news/news/2018-12-15-record-wet-year-2018-washington-dc-baltimore>