

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: April 2020

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1. **DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program Contact Information**

DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program Staff are all working remotely due to COVID-19 closure of our office. The best method of contacting staff members is through email. If you do not know who to contact directly, please send an email to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov and your concern will be forwarded to the most appropriate staff person for follow-up.

2. **Congratulations on Retirement Jamie Rutherford**

After 31 years of state service, Sediment and Stormwater Program Manager Jamie Rutherford will retire effective May 1, 2020. Effective April 15, 2020, any program correspondence that would normally be directed to Jamie should be sent to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov. Any eNOI correspondence may be directed to DNREC_eNOIadmin@state.de.us.

3. **2020 CCR Class Adjustments**

Because training delivery for the 2020 CCR Class was interrupted due to COVID-19, DNREC's Sediment and Stormwater Program has provided instructions for completion of CCR training to registered class participants by email. If you are registered for the 2020 CCR Class and have not received an email with class completion instructions, please email your contact information to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov and the information will be sent.

4. **Blue Card Course Dates for 2020**

The Contractor Training Program, 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 Training Program. The remaining Blue Card Course dates set for 2020 are **May 21, September 10** and **December 3**.

- Registration for the May 21, 2020 course date is currently open and will be taken through May 1, 2020. After the registration deadline a decision will be made regarding whether the class will be held May 21 or will be moved to a later date.

Additional information and the registration form can be found on the Sediment & Stormwater Program website at the following link:

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

5. 2019 Regulations Highlight: RGM-2 Procedure for Conducting a Downstream Analysis

The Sediment & Stormwater Program (SSP) has released Regulatory Guidance Memorandum #2 (RGM-2) titled “Procedure for Conducting a Downstream Analysis” in order to standardize the methodology in accordance with the 2019 DSSR. While the general methodology has not changed since it was included in SSP’s previous Designer Training sessions, the tools for conducting the analysis have been updated. The release of RGM-2 will also allow the SSP to reach a broader audience since there are no current plans to resume Designer Training in the near future. RGM-2 consists of a PowerPoint presentation and accompanying notes that goes through the step-by-step process required to perform a downstream analysis to meet certain compliance criteria for the Conveyance Event (Cv) and Flooding Event (Fv) in accordance with the 2019 DSSR. A General Notice of the release of RGM-2 is published in the April 2020 Register of Regulations:

<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/april2020/general/23%20DE%20Reg%20891%2004-01-20.htm>

The PowerPoint presentation and notes in PDF format can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Documents/Sediment%20and%20Stormwater%20Program/Regulatory%20Guidance%20Documents/Regulatory%20Guidance%20Memos/RGM-2%20Downstream%20Analysis/Downstream%20Analysis%20Tutorial%20reduced%20file%20size.pdf>

6. Link of the Month: Cisco Webex Meetings

The current COVID-19 emergency has challenged both DNREC and the regulated community to keep a “business as usual” approach as much as possible. Maintaining communication is a large part of that challenge. One of the important functions that the SSP and its Delegated Agencies carry out is the Project Application Meeting, which is the first step of the plan review and approval process as required under the 2019 DSSR. Without the ability to conduct this meeting, projects would literally be stopped before getting started. Knowing the importance of this, the SSP evaluated several options for conducting these meetings remotely and decided the Cisco Webex Meeting platform was the best solution, offering ease of use and end-to-end encryption to satisfy security concerns. During the COVID-19 emergency, Cisco has generously relaxed some of the limitations of the free version of Webex Meetings by eliminating the 40 minute time restriction and allowing users to join meetings by phone. The SSP has already successfully conducted several Project Application Meetings using Webex Meetings and will continue to do so during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Additional information on Webex Meetings is available at the following link:

<https://www.webex.com/video-conferencing>