

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: August 2020

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1. **Modification to Digital Plan Approval Process**

Since July 2017 plans submitted for approval to DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program have been submitted in PDF format. Following receipt of the plans in PDF format, DNREC places a digital Sediment and Stormwater approval stamp on the PDF and adds password protection to the file. The owner or consultant is able to print high resolution copies of the plan but is not able to make any changes to it.

Beginning July 1, 2020, paper plans will no longer be submitted to DNREC prior to plan approval. Prior to scheduling the pre-construction meeting the owner must submit a full-sized printed copy of the digitally approved Sediment and Stormwater Plan to DNREC for the DNREC Construction Reviewer's use in the field. This procedural change will increase DNREC's approval efficiency, reduce applicant costs related to printing and delivery, and ensure that all entities are initially operating from the same approved plan.

2. **CCR Recertification**

CCR Recertification is for those CCRs whose certification has expired or will expire in the current year and would like to continue their certification. This eight hour course highlights any changes in the Sediment and Stormwater Program and Regulations, along with newer approaches to stormwater management. The 2020 CCR Recertification will consist of two 4-hour online webinar sessions using the Cisco Webex platform, held on **Thursday, October 15, 2020** and **Thursday, October 29, 2020** from 8 a.m. until noon each day. Eligible individuals will be notified by DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship with a registration packet in late August 2020. Eligible individuals must register for the course.

If you are a CCR in need of recertification and DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program does not have a valid email address on file for you, please email your full name, CCR number, and valid email address to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov, so that we may update our records to provide registration information through email.

3. **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 & 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 **September 10** and **December 3**.

The May 21, 2020 Contractor Training used the Cisco Webex platform to deliver the training using an online platform and was successful. Until social distancing measures allow for face-to-

face group training to occur once again, the Sediment and Stormwater Program is able to provide this training using the online platform. Registration for the September 10, 2020 class is currently open. 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>

4. Link of the Month: Impacts from Hurricane Isaias

Despite the fact that Hurricane Isaias was downgraded to a tropical depression as it passed through Delaware, it still packed quite a one-two punch in terms of wind and rain damage, including two separate tornados and localized flooding. Several websites have documented these impacts. The National Weather Service's Mount Holly station has a webpage dedicated to Tropical Storm Isaias that includes a [summary of the storm](#), [rainfall totals for the region](#) and [observed peak wind gusts](#). The USGS has a similar [webpage](#) devoted to information and data related to Isaias. And finally, the New Castle County Dept. of Land Use posted a [News Flash](#) with some data related to the local impacts from Isaias that was compiled by Dr. Jerry Kauffman, with the University of Delaware's Water Resource Center. As the data shows, tropical systems don't necessarily have to reach the level of a hurricane to have significant impacts.