

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2020

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1. **Fall Seeding Window - August 1 through October 31**

Preserving or establishing a cover of healthy vegetation is the most effective and economical means for preventing soil erosion. The vegetation shields the soil surface from the impact of falling raindrops, slows runoff, holds soil particles in place, improves and maintains the infiltrative capacity of the soil, and removes subsurface water through evapotranspiration.

August 1 through October 31 is the optimum seeding period for many of the permanent seed mixtures specified in the [Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook](#). Now is the time to establish permanent vegetative stabilization on sites or portions of sites that have been brought to final grade. Follow the vegetative stabilization recommendations provided on the approved Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan with respect to site and seedbed preparation, and application of soil amendments, seed, mulch and mulch anchoring.

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 have been notified by DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship with a registration packet to 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 date for 2020 is **December 3**. Registration for the December 3 class will open on September 11.

The remaining 2020 Contractor Training course will be delivered using the Cisco Webex platform. 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: Virtual Workshops Set for Delaware Climate Action Plan

Identifying specific strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the impacts of climate change Delaware is already experiencing will be the topics of a series of virtual public workshops planned for September and October. Delaware is developing a Climate Action Plan aimed at minimizing greenhouse gas emissions that drive climate change while maximizing the state's resilience to the current climate impacts we're already experiencing, including sea level rise, temperature increases and flooding.

The workshops will be presented as a series of four virtual public input sessions designed to solicit feedback on specific strategies Delaware can take to address climate change. They will include interactive activities to help participants explore possible solutions to minimize greenhouse gas emissions and maximize resilience.

Workshop dates and additional information on Delaware's Climate Action Plan can be found at the following link:

<https://news.delaware.gov/2020/08/17/virtual-workshops-set-for-delaware-climate-action-plan/>