

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: August 2011

This month's topics:

1. **Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Public Forums**
2. **Technical Committee Meeting: September 15, 2011**
3. **Update on Proposed Revisions to Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations**
4. **Pre-Registration Required: September 15, 2011 Blue Card Class**
5. **Link of the Month: Web Soil Survey 2.3**

1. Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Public Forums

Interested parties are invited to attend either of two public forums on the state's progress in improving water quality in the rivers and streams that drain into the Chesapeake Bay. The first public forum will be held on **August 4, 2011 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the DelTech Terry Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Dover, DE in Conference Room 400 A/B**. The second forum will be held **August 11, 2011 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Seaford Vol. Fire Company, 302 E. King St., Seaford, DE**. The public can meet one-on-one with scientists and engineers, learn about efforts underway to reduce pollutants from entering our waterways, and find out what actions individuals can take to make a difference in the health of the Watershed.

At the forum on Aug. 4 DNREC Secretary Collin O'Mara and on Aug. 11 Department of Agriculture Secretary Ed Kee will outline accomplishments of Delaware's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) – the state's long-range plan for reducing pollutants from entering local waterways. DNREC Environmental Scientist Jennifer Volk will make a presentation highlighting WIP Phase I and outlining the implementation goals for Phase II.

Delaware's draft Phase II WIP, due to the EPA by Dec. 1, will include more detailed pollution reduction strategies at the local level and how resources needed for implementation will be secured. Forum attendees will learn how they can become involved in developing and implementing portions of the Phase II WIP. Two additional workshops are being planned for later this fall that will include more information and the opportunity for public input on the Draft Phase II WIP. A full press release is available at the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/News/Pages/Public-forums-set-for-Aug--4-and-11-on-Delaware's-progress-improving-water-quality-of-the-Chesapeake-Watershed.aspx>

2. Technical Committee Meeting: September 15, 2011

The next Technical Subcommittee for the revision of the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations will meet on September 15, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Felton-Farmington Room (DelDOT Administration Building).

3. Update on Proposed Revisions to Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations

The Public Workshop for the Revisions to the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations* was held on Thursday, June 16, 2011. Eleven individuals attended along with seven staff members. A history of the regulation revision process, an overview of the draft regulations and an overview of the technical document was provided. Written comments were received until

June 30, 2011. Sediment and Stormwater Program staff has begun addressing and responding to comments. A Public Hearing date will be set for later this year. Once the date has been set, interested parties will be notified and the date will be advertised via this listserve. To be included on the interested parties list to receive all notices regarding the revisions to the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, e-mail your contact information to Elaine.Webb@state.de.us.

Information regarding the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations* revision process can be found at the following link:

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

4. Pre-Registration Required: September 15, 2011 Blue Card Class

DNREC will be holding the next Contractor's Certification course (Blue Card) on September 15, 2011 at the Modern Maturity Center (registration required). The Contractor's Training 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. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

5. Link of the Month: Web Soil Survey 2.3

The Natural Resources Conservation Service's Web Soil Survey has been updated to version 2.3. Improvements include the ability to open a URL bookmarked from a previous project, export an Area of Interest (AOI) as a shapefile, and import a shapefile to use as an AOI. An overview of these and other enhancements to the Web Soil Survey are available at the following link:

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/NewFeatures.2.3.htm>