

## **DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2011**

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#### **1. 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).

#### **2. 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](mailto:Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us) or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.

#### **3. Outreach Efforts to Geothermal Well Contractors**

The Sediment and Stormwater (S&S) Program has contacted the primary Geothermal Well contractors that conduct business in the state of Delaware to recommend that they employ a Blue Card certified person. It is required by law to have a Blue Card certified person on site daily for land disturbing activity over 5000 sqft. This requirement includes contractors performing work on weekends that may function under a Blue Card certified person from another company during the week.

#### **4. Dropping Off/Picking Up Paperwork at the DNREC R&R Building**

The new security system at the DNREC R&R building has incurred some difficulties in the process of dropping off Notices of Intent and dropping off/picking up Sediment and Stormwater Plans. Be advised that ALL Notice of Intent paperwork and/or plan submittal packages being dropped off at the front entrance must be in a sealed envelope with "Attention: Sediment and Stormwater Program." In either case, do not anticipate that a representative from the Sediment and Stormwater Program will be available to receive paperwork or plans at the front desk. If it is necessary to meet with someone in the Sediment and Stormwater Program, please call in advance to make arrangements for a meeting.

#### **5. Link of the Month: Update on EPA's Effluent Limit Guidelines for Construction Industry**

The EPA issued a numeric limit for turbidity in the 2009 final effluent guideline rule for the Construction and Development Point Source Category which established national monitoring requirements and enforceable numeric limitations on stormwater discharges from construction sites. Subsequently the EPA withdrew the limit to correct a calculation error that was identified in petitions filed by the Small Business Administration and the National Association of Home Builders. The EPA submitted a proposed rule to revise the turbidity limit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in December 2010. The EPA has recently withdrawn this proposal from OMB. In order to ensure that it has adequately characterized the best performance achievable by the technology, EPA has decided to seek additional treatment performance data from construction and development sites before proposing a revised numeric turbidity limit. EPA plans to publish a Federal Register notice soliciting data in the near future. Once review of a proposed rule revising the numeric turbidity limit is completed by OMB, the EPA will publish the proposed rule for public comment. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available at the following link:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/wastetech/guide/construction/index.cfm>