

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: August 2012

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1. **Pre-Registration Required: September 19, 2012 Blue Card Class**

The Department is sponsoring a special Blue Card course on **September 19, 2012** as part of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association (MAC-IECA) conference being held at the Sheraton Hotel in Dover DE. The Contractor's Certification Course, 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's Certification Course. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information. Additional information on the conference is available on the MAC-IECA Website:

http://www.macieca.org/conferences_events.htm

2. **2012 CCR Recertification Course: November 14, 2012**

The 2012 Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Recertification Course will be held on **November 14, 2012**. Information packets will be mailed to eligible individuals during the month of August 2012.

3. **UPDATE: Proposed Revisions to Sed. & SW Regulations**

The following is a summary of events related to the proposed revisions to the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations:

- The proposed revisions to the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations* were published in the State Register of Regulations in February 2012.
- The Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the *Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations (Regulations)* was held March 1, 2012. The comment period on the proposed *Regulations* closed March 30, 2012. All written comments received on the revised *Regulations* have been compiled and posted on the *Regulations* revisions web page.
- The proposed Technical Document to support the revised *Regulations* was completed and posted for public comment in February 2012. The comment period on the Technical Document closed March 5, 2012.

With some assistance from the Center for Watershed Protection, the Sediment and Stormwater Program staff has been working through and addressing comments received on the Technical Document, the majority of which centered on the Post Construction Stormwater BMP Standards and Specifications.

In addition, the Sediment and Stormwater Program staff has met with an ad hoc group of affected parties designated by the Committee of 100 to address misconceptions and identify issues that require further clarification prior to promulgation of the regulations. As a result of these meetings, staff has developed an outline for the Offset Program Procedure, and the group is identifying projects to be used in additional examples for comparing current regulation requirements to proposed regulation requirements. Once a consensus has been reached on these issues to the extent possible, the Secretary will be advised accordingly so they can be taken into consideration for the formal Secretary's Order.

Because of these outstanding issues, the implementation date originally anticipated for August 2012 will not be met. It is not expected that implementation will occur prior to January 2013. It is possible that some training may be available this fall, however. Announcements regarding such training will be posted on the *Regulations* revision website and in this Listserve.

Questions regarding the status of the *Regulations* revisions should be directed to Elaine Webb at (302) 739-9921 or Elaine.Webb@state.de.us.

4. Reminder: CWP Watershed & Stormwater Conference 2012

The Center for Watershed Protection is planning the first Watershed and Stormwater Conference in celebration of the Center's 20 year anniversary and the launch of the Association of Watershed and Stormwater Professionals (AWSPs). The conference will be held **October 8-10, 2012** at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. This location is home to much of the Center's projects and focus over the years as part of the HealthyHarbor initiative (see Link of the Month below). Information on the conference agenda, lodging, etc. is available at the following link:

<http://www.cwp2012event.awsp.org/>

5. Link of the Month: Baltimore HealthyHarbor Web Site

Baltimore's HealthyHarbor initiative, the organization now has a Web site devoted to this effort to make the Baltimore Harbor fishable and swimmable by 2020. The home page includes a report card on the harbor's current water quality conditions, as well as links to the plan itself and some of the measures being taken to meet the goals set forth in the plan. Of particular interest is an experimental deployment of "floating wetlands" in one area of the harbor that will be monitored for their effectiveness in removing nutrients. The HealthyHarbor Web site can be accessed from the following link:

<http://healthyharborbaltimore.org/home>

