

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: December 2010

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1. Pre-registration Required: February 2, 2011 Blue Card Class

DNREC will be holding the next Contractor's Certification course (Blue Card) on February 2nd, 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.

2. 2011 CCR Course

It's time to Mark your Calendar for the CCR Course that will be held in March 2011. The CCR course is offered once a year and the Certification is valid for five years. The 3 ½ day class will be offered on March 2, 9, 16, (mandatory ½ day field trip) and 23, 2011. The course fee is \$225, which includes continental breakfast, lunch and course materials. The participants must attend all 3 ½ days in order to obtain certification, in addition to passing a written exam. Please contact Joanne Gedney by email at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us for the registration packet.

3. New Public Access to R&R Building

As mentioned in last month's listserv, DNREC will be instituting new security measures for the Richardson & Robbins Building in Dover. These new measures are scheduled to take effect in January 2011. Public access will be provided through a central location requiring visitors to sign in and acquire a temporary pass. Additional information will be provided on the DNREC Website as it becomes available.

4. EPA Listening Session on Proposed Chesapeake Bay Stormwater Rule

In late October and November, EPA held a series of 5 public listening sessions across the Chesapeake Bay to request input from the public on Chesapeake Bay-specific provisions of a new stormwater rulemaking (see the Federal Register Notice published October 8, 2010 at:

http://www.epa.gov/npdes/regulations/stormwater_fn1082010.pdf).

EPA has added an additional listening session in Georgetown, Delaware on Wednesday, December 15. At this stormwater listening session, EPA will summarize potential provisions of the stormwater rulemaking with respect to the Chesapeake Bay watershed and members of the public will be able to make 3 minute statements to EPA. A general Q&A session will follow the public statements. As part of this listening session, EPA will also address environmental justice considerations and potential impacts and benefits that may arise as a consequence of the rulemaking. This listening session will include an environmental justice presentation from EPA and a discussion with the group on environmental justice considerations and potential impacts and benefits that may arise as a consequence of the rulemaking.

The Delaware stormwater listening session will be held:

December 15, 2010 from 6:30 - 9:00 PM EST. Delaware Technical and Community College, William Carter Partnership Center, Lecture Hall - Rm 529, Route 18, Georgetown, DE 19947

Please register for this listening session by December 14, 2010 at www.epa.gov/npdes/training. You must attend to participate - a conference call number will not be available.

5. Link of the Month: Link of the Month: Delaware's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan

Delaware is among six Chesapeake Bay Watershed states – along with Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York – and the District of Columbia committed to a federal-state initiative to develop a pollution “diet” that will help restore the water quality of the Bay and its tidal waters by 2025.

The Bay and many streams that drain to the Bay from each state suffer from excess pollution and must be cleaned up. The Environmental Protection Agency is leading the effort by developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for nutrients and sediment for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal branches. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant that a body of water can receive and still meet water quality standards that protect humans and aquatic life.

As part of the TMDL, each jurisdiction is required to develop a Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) that details how load goals will be achieved and maintained into the future. This work is being done in three phases. Draft Phase I WIPs were due to EPA on September 1, 2010 with the final due on November 29, 2010. Phase II WIPs in draft and final forms are due to EPA by June 1 and November 1, 2011, respectively. Phase III WIPs must be received by EPA in 2017. With each successive WIP, the detail of load goals and actions to achieve those goals will become increasingly more specific.

Delaware's WIP has been prepared by an Interagency Workgroup made up of representatives from DNREC; Delaware Department of Agriculture; Department of Transportation; Office of State Planning Coordination; County Conservation Districts; U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies; U.S. Geological Survey; and other stakeholders such as representatives from the farming and development communities. Nine subcommittees were formed to address: agriculture; stormwater; wastewater; land use and comprehensive plans; restoration; public lands; funding; information technology; and communications. The final draft of Delaware's Phase 1 Watershed Implementation Plan is available at the following link:

http://www.wr.dnrec.delaware.gov/Information/Pages/Chesapeake_WIP.aspx

If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the development or implementation of Delaware's WIP, contact Jennifer.Volk@state.de.us.