In the Matter Of:

Delaware Department of Natural Resouces & Environmental Control

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SELECTED SECTIONS OF THE DELAWARE EROSION AND SEDIMENT

March 22, 2023



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3 1 MS. VEST: Good evening. I believe 2 that everyone is now connected and ready, so we are going to go ahead and begin tonight's 3 4 proceedings. I want to thank everybody for 5 taking the time out of their busy day to join 6 us. The date is Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 7 8 and we are here this evening to provide the 9 virtual platform for DNREC to conduct its 10 public hearing on the Proposed Revisions to 11 Erosion and Sediment Control Guidance 12 documents. 13 For those that may not know me and that are attending tonight, my name is Lisa 14 Vest, and Secretary Garvin has designated me 15 to serve as the hearing officer for tonight's 16 17 proceedings. 18 Pursuant to DNREC standard hearing protocols, this hearing is being conducted 19 virtually. While there are no physical 20 21 sign-in sheets like we used to do to document attendance tonight, Zoom does generate an 22 23 electronic list of those that are attending 24 virtually, and so the record is still

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     maintained by the Department as to whom is
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     attending these proceedings. And, again, I
     thank everyone for their interest in this
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     matter.
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     I will be turning the hearing over to
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     Department representatives so that their
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     presentation can be offered for the hearing
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     record that's being generated concerning this
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     matter.
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               There is still a court reporter.
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     She is virtually present. She will prepare a
     verbatim transcript of the hearing tonight
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     pursuant to DNREC's statutory requirement to
     do so. And as always, that transcript will
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     be posted on the hearing webpage dedicated to
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     this matter as soon as it is received.
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               Before we go any further, it's
     important to set the parameters for tonight's
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     hearing. First and foremost, this is a
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     formal legal hearing. It is not a public
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     information session nor any other type of
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     informal workshop or town hall style event,
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     nor is the purpose of tonight's meeting to
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5 1 advocate in any way, not on behalf of the Department or the regulated community or the 2 public in general. 3 4 Rather, the purpose of tonight's hearing is to build the record regarding this 5 matter and providing the formal legal 6 platform for the public to learn about the 7 8 Department's proposed actions and also by 9 enabling the public to offer comment should 10 they wish to do so. 11 Tonight, pursuant to the public 12 comments protocol found on the Administrative 13 Law Section of DNREC's website, there is one person who has preregistered to offer comment 14 live this evening. That opportunity will 15 take place immediately following the 16 17 conclusion of the Department's presentation. 18 DNREC does wish to ensure that 19 everybody who wants to make a comment or submit anything for the record is able to do 20 21 Therefore, as is the case in all DNREC 22 hearings, the record will remain open beyond 23 the hearing tonight. And in this particular matter the record remains open for receipt of 24

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     public comment through April 19, 2023, so
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     that the public may be accommodated if they
     wish to, in fact, submit comment for the
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     record.
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     logged in to check out DNREC's webpage for
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     section of the website for more details
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     concerning this matter.
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               The Department's presentation
     that you are getting ready to hear in a few
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     minutes, along with other documentation
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     related to this particular subject matter,
     are all on the hearing webpage dedicated to
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     this event, and the public may gain a wealth
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     of information by reviewing the same.
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               Of course, all mechanisms
     previously available to offer comment remain
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     in effect -- electronic link, e-mail, and, of
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     course, the United States Postal Service.
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               The following protocol for public
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     hearings remain in place.
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               Number 1: All comment received
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     must be limited solely to the subject matter
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     of tonight's hearing in order to be
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     incorporated into the hearing record being
     generated in this matter.
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               Number 2: As noted previously, in
     order to ensure that everyone who wishes to
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     offer comment for consideration is
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     following tonight's proceedings through
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     April 19, 2023.
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     authentic record of this formal proceeding
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     tonight, and it is the official court
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     reporter's verbatim transcript.
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               Number 4: The statutory purpose of
     tonight's hearing is to build the record with
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     regard to this matter. The record,
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     consisting of the transcript of the hearing
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     tonight, any and all written comments that
     are received by the Department, all exhibits
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     that you will hear about tonight, and
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     eventually the Hearing Officer's Report, will
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     all be gathered together and reviewed by
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     Secretary Garvin.
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               The Secretary will ultimately issue
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     an order following his review process, and
     that order will contain his decision on the
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     matter and the reasons therefor.
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               Lastly, it's important to note that
     no decision has been made already by the
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     Department concerning this matter, nor will
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     any decision be made tonight with regard to
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     the proposed actions that you will hear about
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     during the hearing.
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               That being said, I am going to turn
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     the floor over to Elaine Webb. She is the
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     Department representative who I believe will
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     be doing the presentation tonight. So
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     Elaine, when you are ready, you may proceed.
               MS. WEBB: Okay. Thank you, Lisa.
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     Can you hear me?
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               MS. VEST: I can hear you fine.
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               MS. WEBB: Okay. Good evening.
     Tonight's virtual public hearing is on
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     proposed revisions to selected sections of
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     the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control
     Handbook.
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               The Delaware ESC Handbook is a
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     regulatory guidance document that supports
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9 1 the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater 2 Regulations. The current version of the Delaware ESC Handbook was adopted in 3 February 2019 with the most recent update to 4 the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater 5 Regulations. 6 The Delaware ESC Handbook provides 7 8 background information on erosion and 9 sedimentation and information on the 10 regulatory program to manage erosion and 11 sediment from construction sites in Delaware. 12 The handbook contains standards and 13 specifications for a long list of best management practices, or BMPs, that may be 14 employed during construction to prevent 15 polluted discharges. 16 17 The Department advertised the proposed revisions to selected sections of 18 the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control 19 Handbook on December 1, 2022 and provided a 20 15-day period for individuals to request a 21 22 public hearing. 23 Requests for public hearing were 24 received and determined to be meritorious, so

10 1 the public hearing was scheduled. 2 The public hearing notice was advertised on March 1, 2023, providing the 3 minimum 20-day notice. Today is March 22, 4 2023, and we are conducting the virtual 5 public hearing for proposed revisions to 6 selected sections of the Delaware Erosion and 7 8 Sediment Control Handbook. 9 Tonight, following this presentation on the proposed changes, verbal 10 comments will be accepted from anyone who 11 preregistered to make comments, and the 12 13 record will remain open until April 19, 2023 for individuals to submit written comments on 14 15 the proposed changes. There are six selected sections of 16 the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control 17 Handbook that have proposed revisions. 18 slides that follow will describe in greater 19 20 detail the proposed changes to those 21 sections, which are on temporary sediment 22 basin, vegetative stabilization, mulching, 23 construction site pollution prevention, fueling and spill control, and the geotextile 24

11 1 application guide. 2 The proposed revisions will be covered in the order in which they appear in 3 4 the Handbook document. The first proposed revision is in 5 the 3.1.4 Temporary Sediment Basin standard 6 and specification. The revision concerns the 7 8 computation of the required number of 9 anti-seep collars. 10 Anti-seep collars are used on all 11 outlet pipes for temporary sediment basins 12 constructed with an earthen fill or 13 embankment. The anti-seep collar extends the seepage length along the pipe conduit to 14 prevent seepage through the embankment that 15 could compromise the embankment and 16 17 potentially cause failure. 18 The requirement for anti-seep collars is to increase the seepage length by 19 a minimum of 15 percent. The Handbook 20 21 provides a set of equations rearranged for computing the number N of anti-seep collars 22 23 required, however, this equation is based on 24 a seepage length of 1.15 of the saturated

12 1 length, Ls, or 115% percent of the saturated 2 length. The revision to the equation 3 corrects the computation for the number of 4 anti-seep collars to require only a 15% 5 increase in the saturated length, or 0.15Ls 6 as shown in the second set of equations. The 7 8 change results in more reasonable dimensions 9 and numbers of anti-seep collars. 10 The next proposed revision concerns 3.4.3 Vegetative Stabilization. DNREC 11 12 Division of Parks and Recreation reached out 13 to Sediment and Stormwater Program regarding use of three species of concern: Annual 14 lespedeza, weeping lovegrass, and reed 15 16 canarygrass. 17 The concern is that these species in the right environment may become invasive 18 and outcompete rare species. While these 19 species are not currently listed in the 20 21 Invasive Plant List included in Senate Bill 22, the Delaware Invasive Species Council has 22 23 listed both weeping lovegrass and reed 24 canarygrass on their invasive species list.

13 1 Both weeping lovegrass and annual 2 lespedeza are invasive in our coastal parks' stabilized dune habitat, and therefore are 3 proposed for removal from the vegetative 4 stabilization specification. 5 Neither annual lespedeza nor 6 weeping lovegrass were previously primary 7 species listed in a mix number in the 8 9 temporary seeding chart. Both species have 10 been removed from the footnotes of the 11 temporary seeding chart. 12 In the permanent seeding chart, 13 each of the concerning species have been replaced by another species as recommended by 14 Division of Parks. 15 In mix number 1, weeping lovegrass 16 has been replaced with Canada wild rye. 17 18 mix number 2, common lespedeza has been replaced with white clover. And in mix 19 number 10, reed canarygrass has been replaced 20 21 by switchgrass. None of these changes affect residential lawn seed mixes. 22 23 The revision to 3.4.5 Mulching is 24 in the "nettings" section under "Anchoring

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     Mulch" on page 3.4.5-3 and Sheet 2 of 3 of
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     standard detail DE-ESC-3.4.5.
               Both the 3.4.6 Stabilization
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     Matting standard and specification and
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     Appendix A-4 the Stabilization Matting
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     Application Guide require all matting to have
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     biodegradable netting. However, the netting
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     reference in the 3.4.5 mulching specification
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     was inconsistent. The 3.4.5 Mulching
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     specification is revised now to remove
     "synthetic or organic netting" language in
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     favor of "biodegradable netting" to be
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     consistent throughout the Handbook.
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               The next section with proposed
     revisions is 3.6.1 Construction Site
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     Pollution Prevention. All of the public
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     hearing requests we received referred to the
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     waste management portion of this section in
     their comments, a section for which we
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     proposed no revisions.
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               We have discussed the comments we
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     received with those that requested the
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     hearing. DNREC has a proposed path forward
     to address those comments outside of these
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15 1 proposed revisions to the Delaware Erosion 2 and Sediment Control Handbook. The proposed revisions in this 3 section include modifying the section title. 4 In the 2019 Delaware ESC Handbook, 3.6.1 is 5 titled Construction Site Waste Management and 6 Spill Control. We have modified the name of 7 8 3.6.1 to Construction Site Pollution 9 Prevention. 10 In addition, we moved the Fueling 11 and Spill Control information into its own 12 standard and specification and replaced it with additional information dealing with 13 pollution prevention. 14 The Construction Site Pollution 15 Prevention standard detail is included on 16 17 every detailed Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan approved in the State of 18 Delaware. The detail includes Construction 19 20 Site Pollution Prevention Plan elements 21 including Material Inventory, Good 22 Housekeeping practices, waste management 23 practices, equipment maintenance practices, spill prevention practices, and education. 24

16 1 These management strategies are 2 employed to prevent discharges of pollutants other than sediment from the construction 3 site to allow sites to fully comply with the 4 Delaware Construction General Permit, or CGP. 5 The Delaware CGP was most recently updated in 6 March 2021. 7 8 The March 2021 Delaware CGP 9 includes a new requirement for signage on 10 sites that have permit coverage under the 11 CGP. 12 The Department developed a standard detail to assist owners and permittees with 13 installing the sign on the construction site. 14 By incorporating the signage requirements 15 into the standard detail for 3.6.1, this 16 17 information will be included on every 18 Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan approved that must also comply with the CGP. 19 The purpose of the sign is to 20 notify the public that a permit has been 21 issued for the site to discharge stormwater 22 23 from the construction activity and to provide 24 a method for the public to view the approved

17 1 plan and to notify the authority if they 2 observe a polluted discharge. The CGP requires signage to include 3 the NOI number, contact name and phone number 4 to obtain additional construction site 5 information, contact name and phone number to 6 obtain a copy of the approved plan, and a 7 8 statement that includes the DNREC Spill 9 Hotline number if stormwater pollutant 10 discharge is observed. Requirements for the 11 CGP signage location is included. The detail 12 also includes recommendations for minimum 13 sign dimensions and font size. The CGP signage detail replaced the 14 Fueling and Spill control section of the 15 standard detail for 3.6.1. Fueling and Spill 16 17 Control has been developed into its own 18 standard specification and detail, 3.6.4. I think I finished everything 19 there. Which brings us to the next proposed 20 revision, which is the addition of 3.6.4 the 21 22 Fueling and Spill Control standard and specifications. This was previously covered 23 24 in 3.6.1, but is important enough to warrant

18 1 its own standard and specifications similar to how we handle concrete washouts and 2 3 concrete mixing operations. The Fueling and Spill Control 4 standard and specifications provide guidance 5 for preventing and cleaning up spills, and 6 provide information on proper siting and 7 8 required secondary containment surrounding a 9 fuel tank. 10 When a fuel tank will be staged on the site, this detail will be included on the 11 12 plans. This is how details 3.6.2 Concrete 13 Washout and 3.6.3 Concrete mixing operation are handled as well. Those details are 14 included on the plan when warranted by the 15 site condition. 16 17 If a fueling operation will not be included on the site and the detail is not on 18 the plan, equipment maintenance and spill 19 prevention and control remains in the 3.6.1 20 Construction Site Pollution Prevention detail 21 included on all plans. 22 23 The final proposed change in the 24 Delaware ESC Handbook is the Appendix A-3

19 1 Geotextile Application Guide. DelDOT worked 2 together with the Sediment and Stormwater Program in proposing revisions to the 3 geotextile properties table. 4 DelDOT initiated the effort when 5 updating their specification for Section 1060 6 7 Geotextiles. 8 Geotextile technology is constantly 9 changing to improve performance, so these 10 updates began with a review of available 11 products and determining if they met the 12 standard in the Handbook. 13 As a result of this review, the 14 minimum and maximum property values in the table were adjusted to continue to provide 15 the necessary performance, but to also 16 17 accommodate available geotextile products. 18 The minimum Mullen burst strength 19 metric is no longer a factor for any applications other than GD-IV, which is the 20 21 geotextile dewatering bag. For the other applications, most manufacturers did not 22 23 report a Mullen burst strength for their products. We determined that this metric is 24

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     not critical to the function of the
     geotextile in applications other than the
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     GD-IV. Therefore, it has been marked N/A in
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     the geotextiles properties table.
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               To highlight a specific example on
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     the bottom line of the table, Flow-thru rate,
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     the previous maximum flow-thru rate for GD-I,
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     which is silt fence geotextile, was 25
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     gal/min/sf.
               After a review of available silt
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     fence products, it was determined that all
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     available silt fence products had a flow-thru
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     rate of 10 gal/min/sf or less.
               The principle behind silt fence is
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     to create a ponding condition to allow
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     sediment to settle. A lower flow-thru rate
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     is in keeping with this principle.
     Therefore, the maximum flow-thru rate for
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     GD-I has been adjusted to 10 gal/min/sf.
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               As previously stated, geotextile
     technology is constantly changing.
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     Therefore, DNREC maintains a set of standards
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     for geotextile properties rather than an
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     approved products list. If a new product
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     comes on the market, it does not need to
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     approved to be used. It would need to
     provide documentation that it meets the
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     geotextile properties for the application.
               However, in order to provide the
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     regulated community with some sense of the
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     type of products meet the geotextile
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     properties, we have a list of "example
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     products" in Figure A-3a.
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               The example product list is not an
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     approved products list, and it is not
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     exhaustive. Three example products are
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     provided for each geotextile category. As of
     the time of the publication, these were all
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     products available on the market that would
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     meet the specification.
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               This concludes the overview of the
     proposed changes to the six selected sections
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     of the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control
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     Handbook that have proposed revisions.
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               I'm going to turn it back over to
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     Hearing Officer Lisa Vest.
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               MS. VEST: All right. Thank you,
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     Elaine.
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               Regarding the exhibits that the
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     Department wishes to have entered into the
     record, is there a slide that shows them?
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               MS. WEBB: Yes.
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               MS. VEST: Okay.
               MS. WEBB: It's multiple slides.
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     Do you want me to go through them now?
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               MS. VEST: Yeah, you can just
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     slowly, a couple seconds on each one.
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               MS. WEBB: Okay.
               MS. VEST: And just for those in
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     attendance, can you state for the record how
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     many exhibits there are that the Department
     is offering tonight?
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               MS. WEBB: I believe it's 19.
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              MS. VEST: Okay.
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               MS. WEBB: Let me check. Yes, 19.
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               MS. VEST: Nineteen. Okay. So
     just for bookkeeping purposes and making sure
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     that the record reflects this stuff
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     accurately, are the 19 exhibits that are
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     listed in your Power Point the same as those
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     that are listed on the hearing webpage
     dedicated to this matter?
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               MS. WEBB: Yes, they are.
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               MS. VEST: And have they been
    changed or altered in any way since their
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    publication on the hearing page?
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               MS. WEBB:
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              MS. VEST: Okay. Very good. Let
    the record reflect that the Department's
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    proposed exhibits 1 through 19 are hereby
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    entered into the formal hearing record that's
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    being generated at this time. Does the
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    Department have anything further that they
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    wish to say?
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               MS. WEBB: I have nothing further.
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               MS. VEST: Okay. Very good. Thank
    you, Elaine. And thank you to your program
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    for providing that information.
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               At this time we are now going to
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    move towards the portion of the hearing that
    allows those that have preregistered to offer
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    live comment.
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               Pursuant to DNREC's hearing
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    protocols, in order to offer live comment,
    you do have to preregister, and the deadline
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    to do so is you have to do so no later than
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24 1 12 noon on the day of the hearing. So as of 12 noon today, there was only one person that 2 had preregistered to speak. That person is 3 4 Mr. Mike Stang. So, while my assistants are making 5 sure that they can find him and get him ready 6 to go, I'm just going to say a few comments 7 8 here. 9 Mr. Stang, you will be given three 10 minutes to comment pursuant to the policy that we allow during -- we allow live comment 11 12 to take place during hearings. If, for any 13 reason, you are unable to finish your comments within those three minutes, then 14 certainly I would encourage you to submit 15 your full comments in writing on or before 16 17 April 19th. 18 It should be noted for the record that all comments bear equal weight whether 19 they are received prior to the hearing, if 20 21 they come in verbally live at the hearing, or if they come in in writing between now and 22 23 when the record closes for comment on 24 April 19th. They all bear the same weight,

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     and they will all be incorporated into the
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     hearing record and given consideration by the
     Department prior to the Secretary making a
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     decision in this matter.
               Also, again, for those of you that
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     may be out there attending this matter, if
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     you didn't preregister or you didn't know
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     about it, that's okay, because like I say,
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     the record is not closing tonight at the
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     conclusion of the hearing. You still have
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     all the way up through April 19th to do it.
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               And the other thing to think about
     is while live comment at the hearing is
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     limited to three minutes, there is no limit
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     on the amount of written comment that you can
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     submit to the Department, again as long as it
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     gets in before the deadline of April 19th.
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               All of that being said, Mr. Stang,
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     can you hear me?
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               MR. STANG: I can. Can your hear
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     me?
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               MS. VEST: I can hear you loud and
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     clear, sir.
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               MR. STANG: Great.
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               MS. VEST: You will have three
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     minutes, and the time will begin when you
     start to speak. So whenever you are ready,
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    you may proceed.
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               MR. STANG: Okay. Thank you for
    having me.
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               MS. VEST: Sure.
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               MR. STANG: My name is Mike Stang.
     I am the president of the Delaware Hauler's
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     Association. On Monday February -- (cuts
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     out)
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               MS. VEST: Mr. Stang, you just fell
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     off. Are you there? We will give him a
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    minute or so.
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               MR. STANG: Can you hear me?
               MS. VEST: I can hear you now. But
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     the second that you started to speak, I don't
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     know if you are pacing wherever you are.
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     Stay in the same spot.
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               MR. STANG: Okay. I'm not. I'm
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     actually sitting down. But can you hear me
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    now?
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               MS. VEST: I can hear you now. We
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     stopped the timer so -- in fact, you know,
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     could you go ahead and just set it back to
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     three minutes.
               MR. STANG: I won't need that.
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     Okay.
               MS. VEST: You know, sorry for that
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     glitch.
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               MR. STANG: That's fine. My name
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     is Mike Stang. I am the president of the
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     Delaware Hauler's Association.
               On February 6, I had the pleasure
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     of meeting with Elaine Webb and Bonnie
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     Arvay -- I hope I'm saying that correctly --
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     and they were very informative and
     knowledgeable, and I thought it was a nice
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     meeting.
               They informed me during that
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     meeting that maybe some of my concerns as the
     Hauler's Association weren't necessarily some
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     of the changes that were being directed
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     toward some of the new changes within the
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     handbook, but I felt important to let
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     everyone know that the Hauler's Association,
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     they have two serious concerns that is within
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     the handbook, whether it's a change going on
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28 1 or not. 2 One would be 1C that ensures that containers have water-tight lids, meaning 3 construction containers. Part of these, the 4 construction site pollution prevention 5 section. 6 So with that concept being talked 7 8 about, we investigated it. Some of our 9 members of our association have over 1,000 or 10 1,500 open top, so they are called construction containers on, within the State 11 12 of Delaware on site, and it costs between two 13 and \$3,000 to put a permanent sealed tight lid on these containers. 14 And not only is it cumbersome for 15 the contractors and things, but the financial 16 17 expense would be tremendous to all the 18 haulers within the state. So that is a concern of ours that 19 is in that handbook that we would like to be 20 21 addressed. 22 The second concern that we have is 23 section three, the waste management practice, 24 which they are referring to all dumpsters

29 1 should be emptied a minimum of twice per week. Most dumpsters go about two times a 2 3 month. 4 If we substituted something like that, it would be a tremendous burden not 5 only to the haulers, to the roads, to the 6 Delaware Solid Waste Authority, to the lines 7 8 it would cause trying to get in and out. 9 I am estimating that some of these local members that we have would be spending 10 three to five million dollars adding extra 11 12 trucks for containers that would be, I think, empty if we are going to force them to go 13 twice a week to the dump. 14 So that's our concerns. I know 15 it's not directly going with what we talked 16 17 about tonight, but I thought it was important 18 that you heard again some of the things within that handbook that need to be 19 addressed a little bit further in detail. 20 21 I expressed to the two ladies on the call the first time I will be more than 22 23 happy to get involved if we need to, as again 24 my name is Mike with the Hauler's

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     Association, Mike Stang. And thank you for
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     your time.
               MS. VEST: Thank you, Mr. Stang.
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               Okay. Like I mentioned previously,
     that was the only person that signed up and
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     preregistered to speak tonight. So that is
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     the only live comment that we will have.
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     That being said, we are going to go ahead and
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     draw this matter to a conclusion.
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               Again, I want to thank everybody
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     for taking the time to stop in, so to speak,
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     and tune in and see what's going on with
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     this.
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               Again, all comments are equal in
     weight, whether they were received tonight,
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     as was the case with Mr. Stang, or whether
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     they come in at any point between now and
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     April 19th.
               As a reminder, comments may be
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     submitted through a comment form on the
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     hearing page. There will be a little button
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     that says click here to submit comment, so
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    you can do it that way.
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               You can send an e-mail to
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31 1 DNRECHearingComments@Delaware.gov, and I will get that directly, or, of course, via the 2 United States Postal Service at the physical 3 address for DNREC indicated on the hearing 4 page and/or the public notices that have 5 previously been issued by the Department in 6 7 this matter. 8 It is important to note that 9 written comments to DNREC may not be 10 submitted using social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube or standardized 11 12 text messaging. 13 Again, I want to thank everybody. 14 All comment bears the same weight, so if you didn't have an opportunity to register today, 15 please feel free to submit your comments in 16 17 writing at any of those three mechanisms that 18 I just listed off. And remember that the ultimate 19 20 decision regarding this proposed action is 21 made by Secretary Garvin. This formal 22 hearing tonight acts as a mechanism to enable 23 the Department to not only let the public 24 know that this proposed action is being gated

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     right now and being thought through and
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     considered by the Department, but it also
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     lets the public know the various ways that
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     they can participate and submit comments,
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     should they wish to do so.
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