

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: April 2023

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1. Career Opportunity – Engineer I Position

The Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Program is hiring!

This position is responsible for implementing the Sediment and Stormwater Program authorities for permitting regulated land disturbing activities associated with construction. This position will also be responsible for reviewing and approving sediment and stormwater management plans for state and federal projects and provide technical guidance to delegated agencies, the regulated community, public and private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

The closing date is 9/11/2023. Interviews will be held throughout the application window until the position is filled. If interested, please find more information on the [Delaware Employment Link – Engineer I](#).

2. Propose Revisions to ESC Handbook - Public Comment Period

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the Division of Watershed Stewardship conducted a virtual public hearing (Docket #2023-R-WS0004) on proposed revisions to selected sections of the Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, a regulatory guidance document in support of Regulation No. 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations.

The Department will accept public comments through the close of business on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. To review the changes and documentation, visit [Public Hearing: Proposed Revisions to Erosion and Sediment Control Guidance Documents](#). Comments pertaining to the above matter will be accepted in written form via email to DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov, or by using the online form at de.gov/dnrecomments, or via U.S. Mail to the following address:

Lisa A. Vest, Hearing Officer
Office of the Secretary
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway

3. Spring Growing Season

Take advantage of the season to establish a healthy cover of vegetation. Now is the time to establish permanent vegetative stabilization on sites that have been brought to final grade or temporary stabilization to other portions of the site. Don't forget the soil test! A soil test can save money and time. Knowing actual site conditions and needs will help avoid costly over-application or ineffective under-application of soil amendments and sets the stage for successful germination of seed. Follow the vegetative stabilization recommendations provided on the site's approved Sediment and Stormwater Management Plan with respect to the site and seedbed preparation, and application of soil amendments, seed, mulch, and mulch anchoring.

4. Contractor Training vs CCR Certifications

The Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Program offers two certifications for individual within the regulated community – the Contractor Training Program and the Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) Course – with differing roles and responsibilities on a construction site.

It's important to note:

- As a result of the 2019 update of the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, all Blue Cards issued prior to 2019 are no longer valid, and
- A CCR certification does not supersede a Contractor Training certification.

A Contractor Training certification holder (informally known as Blue Card) is known as the Responsible Person and is an employee of the contractor or owner who must attend all site-related meetings and perform daily on-site monitoring of erosion and sediment controls.

A CCR assesses site activities in accordance with the approved plan is overseen by a Delaware Licensed Professional Engineers. CCRs do not have to be on-site daily but must attend all site-related meetings, be present for permanent BMP installation, and submit a weekly construction site report. While CCRs are third-party reviewers who are not employees of the owner or site contractor, with exception of the site designer. Although CCRs must obtain their Contractor Training Program certification as a pre-requisite, this does not grant the ability to work as both roles on one construction site.

For more information on the program's training opportunities, visit <https://de.gov/ssptraining>.