DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: July 2024

This month's topics:

- 1. Congratulations Mary Hamilton!
- 2. NPDES Construction General Permit Renewals
- 3. 2024 CCR Recertification

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1. Congratulations Mary Hamilton!

Mary Hamilton, EPS Technician V with the Sediment and Stormwater Program, retired on June 28, 2024. She dedicated 35 years of service to the stormwater industry, doing construction reviews for both DelDOT and DNREC. Mary's wealth of knowledge and passion for protecting the environment will be missed in the Sediment and Stormwater Program. We thank her for her service to our Program and wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

2. NPDES Construction General Permit Renewals

Under section C.6 of the Delaware NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP), a fee of \$195 is assessed annually to Notices of Intent (NOI) to maintain permit coverage. NPDES CGP coverage is required for those projects disturbing one (1) or more acres until a Notice of Termination (NOT) is submitted and confirmed by DNREC or the relevant Delegated Agency. This confirmation requires:

- A) Compliance with all aspects of the Plan as per 7 DE Admin. Code 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations,
- B) Approval of Post-construction Verification Documents (PCVD) demonstrating that permanent stormwater management measures have been constructed per the approved Plan and regulations, and,
- C) Achievement of final stabilization as defined in Part 1.G. of the CGP.

Currently, invoices are being mailed to the listed owner of all open NOIs. **Payment of the fee is due by July 31, 2024, to maintain permit coverage.** Failure to submit payment of the renewal fee by the due date will cause the permit coverage to expire.

Continuing regulated activities under the Delaware NPDES CGP without valid permit coverage constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act (33 USC §1251 et seq. and 40 CFR §122.26), Delaware NPDES CGP Permit No. DE 0051268, 7 DE Admin. Code 7201 Section 9.2, Regulations Governing the Control of Water Pollution - Special Conditions for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities, 7 Del.C. Ch. 60 Environmental Control, 7 DE Admin. Code 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, and 7 Del.C. Ch. 40 Erosion and Sedimentation Control. Violators may face fines imposed by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

If you have any questions regarding an NOI renewal, or if your project is complete and you need assistance submitting an NOT, you may contact the program at 302-608-5463 or <u>DNREC enoiadmin@delaware.gov</u>.

3. 2024 CCR Recertification

CCR recertification is for CCRs whose certification will expire at the end of 2024 and would like to continue their certification. This eight-hour course highlights any changes in the Sediment and Stormwater Program and Regulations along with newer approaches to stormwater management. The 2024 CCR recertification will consist of two four-hour online webinar sessions using a virtual platform (MS Teams), held on **Wednesday, October 2nd and Wednesday, October 9th 2024** from 8:00 AM until noon each day. Eligible individuals will be notified this month by DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship's Sediment and Stormwater Program by email.

As of 2021, the Contractor Training Program certification is a prerequisite for all CCR certifications. This training is available online at the Delaware Learning Center. For more information please visit the <u>Sediment and Stormwater Program's Training and Certification webpage</u>.

Notification of the upcoming CCR recertification will be through email only. If you did not provide an email address during your previous training or have changed your email address, please email your full name, CCR number, and valid email address to <u>DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov</u> so that we can update our records.