

## **DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: December 2025**

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### **1. Sediment and Stormwater Plan Review Fee Changes**

DNREC's fees for reviewing and approving Sediment and Stormwater Management Plans (SSMPs) for state and federal projects will increase for the first time since 1991. The updated fee schedule takes effect **December 21, 2025**. These fees apply only to SSMP review and approval. There will continue to be no fee for the review of construction activity, post-construction verification documentation, or maintenance reviews of post-construction stormwater management facilities or BMPs. To see department-wide fee updates, please visit [DNREC Permit Fees - DNREC](#).

Questions about this fee schedule should be directed to the Sediment and Stormwater Program at (302) 608-5458 or [dnrec.stormwater@delaware.gov](mailto:dnrec.stormwater@delaware.gov).

### **2. Construction General Permit Reauthorization**

The Sediment and Stormwater Program is reauthorizing the Delaware National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) for another five years, effective March 11, 2026. The proposed changes are detailed in the Delaware NPDES CGP Fact Sheet. The revised Delaware NPDES CGP and the Fact Sheet are available for review at [dnrec.delaware.gov/dnrec-public-notice](https://dnrec.delaware.gov/dnrec-public-notice). A public comment period on the reauthorized permit is open until December 31, 2025.

### **3. Updated Application Forms and Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook Update**

The Delaware Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Handbook Section 3.6.1 has been revised to modify waste management practices and to align with the 2022 Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit. Sediment and stormwater management plan applications have been revised to reflect the new plan review fee for state and federal projects, and the updated Delaware ESC Handbook details, where applicable. These documents may be reviewed at the following link: <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/>.

### **4. Certified Construction Review Course – 2026 Field Trips**

In 2026, CCR field trips will occur on the third Thursday of every other month. If the field trip is canceled for any reason, it will be moved to the following Tuesday. Only participants who successfully

pass the course will be eligible to sign up and attend a field trip. Locations will rotate between New Castle and Sussex counties every 2 months, with a limit of 25 participants per site. You must attend a field trip within 120 days of completing the online portion to gain certification. For more information, please visit <https://de.gov/ssptraining>.

#### 2026 Field Trip Dates:

- Feb 19 – Sussex County
- April 16 – New Castle County
- June 18 – Sussex County
- Aug 20 – New Castle County
- Oct 15 – Sussex County
- Dec 17 – New Castle County

### 5. Contractor Training Program Certification Expiration Reminder

If you obtained your Contractor Training Program certification in 2020, your certification will expire at the end of 2025. Certifications are valid for 5 years. **All certifications obtained before 2020 are considered expired at this time.** If you wish to recertify, you must register and complete the Contractor Training Program on the Delaware Learning Center. Links to the training and registration information are located at <https://dnrec.delaware.gov/watershed-stewardship/sediment-stormwater/training/>.