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

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#### 1. Fee-in-Lieu Updates

The Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations (7 DE Admin. Code 1501, subsection 13.2) allows for an annual adjustment of the Stormwater Management Fee-in-lieu. Using the Engineering News Record's building and construction cost indices for Philadelphia, the fee-in-lieu offset for full or partial compliance has been adjusted to \$24 per cubic foot of runoff volume. The \$24/CF amount applies to fees-in-lieu paid beginning January 1, 2025.

# 2. DAPE Successor Engineer Update

In October a modification to the Professional Engineers Act was signed by the Governor, which defines successor engineer (§2803(31)) and prescribes a procedure for the transfer of responsible charge (§2832).

This change also encompasses the reuse of prior engineering work by others (within the same discipline) and assigns liability to the new engineer.

An updated version of DE Code Title 24, Chapter 28 can be found a DAPE's website.

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## 3. P.E. Sealing Requirement on CCR Inspection Reports

All CCR reports conducted on projects in DE must be signed and sealed by a licensed Professional Engineer. While the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations only specify that CCR reports must be signed, the Delaware Professional Engineers Act specifies the seal requirement. Further information can be found at the <u>Delaware Professional Engineers Act §2830</u>.

#### 4. Contractor Training Program Certification Expiration Reminder

The Sediment and Stormwater Program's Contractor Training Program is online through the Delaware Learning Center and can be taken at your convenience. Links to the training and registration information are located at <a href="https://de.gov/ssptraining">https://de.gov/ssptraining</a>.

In accordance with subsection §6.2.3 of the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, certification as Responsible Personnel is valid until the Department notifies the individual that additional training is required due to a change in course content. The regulations were revised

with an effective date of February 11, 2019, and the Contractor Training Program content has been updated accordingly in addition to transitioning to the online, on-demand format.

\*\*Notice: If you obtained your certification in 2020, your certification will expire at the end of 2025. Certifications are valid for 5 years. All certifications obtained prior to 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. If you are a Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR), you must have an active CTP certification to maintain your CCR certification.

#### 5. Link of the Month – NOAA

National trends for Mean Temperature, Maximum Temperature, Minimum Temperature, and Precipitation for each month and season can be accessed via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Monitoring data. Maps are available that depict trends for the most recent complete 30-year period and the complete period of record. Please visit NCEI Average Annual Precipitation Trends to utilize this tool.