

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: July 2020

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1. **Submittal Procedures During the COVID-19 Emergency**

In an effort to limit the number of individuals entering DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship offices, until further notice it is requested that Sediment and Stormwater submittals be made through USPS or delivery service such as UPS or FedEx. Please do not hand-deliver plans and documents to the office.

The DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program office location changed in December 2019. Due to most staff working remotely at this time, submittals to the previous address may be delayed in the time in which they are received by our current office location. Please update your mailing address for the DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program to the following:

Division of Watershed Stewardship
Sediment and Stormwater Program
285 Beiser Boulevard, Suite 102
Dover, DE 19904

When possible, the best way to submit is electronically through email. If you do not know the staff member that should receive the submittal, please submit to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov and the submittal will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.

2. **DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program Contact Information**

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program Staff continue to work remotely due to COVID-19. The best method of contacting staff members is through email. If you do not know who to contact directly, please send an email to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov and your concern will be forwarded to the most appropriate staff person for follow-up.

3. **Modification to Digital Plan Approval Process**

Since July 2017 plans submitted for approval to DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program have been submitted in PDF format. Following receipt of the plans in PDF format, DNREC places a digital Sediment and Stormwater approval stamp on the PDF and adds password protection to the file. The owner or consultant is able to print high resolution copies of the plan but is not able to make any changes to it.

Beginning July 1, 2020, paper plans no longer need to be submitted to DNREC for approval. Prior to scheduling the pre-construction meeting the owner must submit a full-sized printed copy

of the digitally approved Sediment and Stormwater Plan to DNREC for the DNREC Construction Reviewer's use in the field. This procedural change will increase DNREC's approval efficiency, reduce applicant costs related to printing and delivery, and ensure that all entities are initially operating from the same approved plan.

4. CCR Recertification

CCR Recertification is for those CCRs whose certification has expired or will expire in the current year 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 2020 CCR Recertification will consist of two 4-hour online webinar sessions using the Cisco Webex platform, held on consecutive **Thursdays, October 15 and October 22, 2020** from 8 a.m. until noon each day. Eligible individuals will be notified by DNREC's Division of Watershed Stewardship with a registration packet in the late summer. Eligible individuals must register for the course.

If you are a CCR in need of recertification and DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program does not have a valid email address on file for you, please email your full name, CCR number, and valid email address to DNREC.Stormwater@delaware.gov, so that we may update our records to provide registration information through email.

5. Blue Card Course Dates for 2020

The Contractor Training Program, also known as the "Blue Card Course", is a ½-day course that gives an overview of the Sediment & Stormwater Program, its regulations, and required erosion and sediment control measures in the State of Delaware. Under the Delaware Sediment & Stormwater Regulations, at least one person in responsible charge of a construction site must have successfully completed the Contractor Training Program. The remaining Blue Card Course dates set for 2020 are **September 10** and **December 3**.

The May 21, 2020 Contractor Training used the Cisco Webex platform to deliver the training using an online platform and was successful. Until social distancing measures allow for face-to-face group training to occur once again, the Sediment and Stormwater Program is able to provide this training using the online platform. Registration for the September 10, 2020 class is currently open. Additional information and the registration form can be found on the Sediment & Stormwater Program website at the following link:

<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Drainage/Pages/BlueCard.aspx>

6. 2019 Regulations Highlight: Review & Approval of Contaminated Sites

As of May 1, 2020, the Delegated Agencies were advised that the review and approval of contaminated sites would transition back to DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program. While some of the details are still being worked out, this will affect all projects that intend to comply with RPv requirements under Section 5.6.2.1 of the 2019 DSSR, which states:

In the case of redevelopment of a contaminated or Brownfield site, a remediation plan approved by the Department shall meet the stormwater management goals and the intent of these regulations with prior consent and subsequent approval by the Department or Delegated Agency.

Effective immediately, all projects that intend to comply under Section 5.6.2.1 should submit their Stormwater Assessment Study (SAS) directly to the DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Program, which will then schedule a Preconstruction Meeting that includes representatives from DNREC Restoration Section, the appropriate Delegated Agency and other agency personnel if applicable. Additional guidance on the approval process for the project will then be provided at that meeting.

7. Link of the Month: StormCon 2020 Goes Virtual

Due to the restrictions on large public gatherings associated with the COVID-19 guidance from the CDC, the decision has been made to make StormCon 2020 100% online. The online conference will be conducted on September 9-10, 2020. The registration fee is only \$50 per person. Certificates of Attendance will be issued for all classes and can be used to fulfill PDH hours at the attendee's initiative. Additional information on the format of the online sessions, provisional information on presentations and registration information is available at the StormCon website:

<https://www.stormcon.com/stormcon/375627>