

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2021

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1. **Tis the Season to Vegetate!**

As mentioned in the August Listserve, those familiar with the seasons in the Mid-Atlantic Region know that the optimal time for getting vegetative stabilization established is the September 1 through October 31 time frame. The approved Sediment & Stormwater Plan shows the seed mix(es) that were recommended for the project. It is also recommended that soil testing be conducted to determine the need for any soil amendments. The time is now upon us for project owners and contractors to take advantage of this ideal period to get both final and/or temporary stabilization established.

2. **CCR Recertification 2021**

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 2021 CCR Recertification will consist of two 4-hour online webinar sessions using the Cisco Webex platform, held on **Thursday, October 28, 2021** and **Thursday, November 4, 2021** 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 September 2021. 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 can update our records to provide registration information through email.

Please note that the CCR Recertification training dates have been updated from the dates listed in the August Listserve Update.

3. **Regulatory Guidance Document General Notice**

On September 1, the Department Sediment and Stormwater Program released revised regulatory guidance documents for public review. The intent of this revision is to separate the checklist for the Construction Site Stormwater Management Plan so that it can be used more broadly. These documents support Regulation No. 5101 Sediment and Stormwater Regulations, as set forth at 7 Del.C. §4006(h) and (i).

The regulatory guidance documents include:

- [Construction Site Stormwater Management Plan \(CSSMP\) for Standard Plans Plan Review Checklist](#)
- [Application for Standard Plan Approval – Non-Residential Construction with less than 1.0 acre disturbed](#)

The general notice can be reviewed in the [September 1, 2021 issue of the Delaware Register of Regulations](#). A public hearing will NOT be held unless the Secretary receives a meritorious request for a hearing within 15 days of date of the notice, ending September 15, 2021. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and show familiarity with the regulatory guidance document and provide a reasoned statement of the regulatory guidance document's probable impact.

Questions regarding the revised regulatory guidance documents may be directed to Elaine Webb at elaine.webb@delaware.gov.

4. Contractor Training Program (Blue Card) Now Available Online and On Demand

The Sediment and Stormwater Program has converted its Contractor Training Program to an on-line, on demand offering. Links to the training and registration information are located at

<https://de.gov/ssptraining>

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: All Responsible Personnel certified prior to February 2019 must complete the online course by December 31, 2021 to maintain certification. ****

5. Link of the Month: Impacts of Remnants from Hurricane Ida on Delaware

While most of Delaware was spared from most of the destruction caused by the remnants from Hurricane Ida, there were localized impacts in the northern part of the State, and along the Brandywine Creek in Wilmington in particular. The Delaware River Basin Commission estimated a large portion of the Delaware River Basin saw anywhere from three to 10+ inches of rain during the period of September 1-2, 2021. The following graphic shows the estimated rainfall totals throughout the Basin:

https://www.state.nj.us/drbc/home/spotlight/approved/20210903_Ida_DRBflooding.html

As mentioned, the Brandywine Creek saw the most significant flooding during this period, with numerous water rescues carried out by emergency responders. In addition, a state of emergency was declared by Wilmington mayor, Michael Purzycki, to deal with the storm's initial impact and aftermath. Fortunately, there was no loss of life or serious injuries directly related to the storm. According to provisional data collected from a USGS gage station, the Brandywine Creek crested at approximately 23 feet on September 2, 2021. If the provisional data is verified, this would exceed the highest stage measured at this gage's current location of 20.43 feet on May 1, 2014. Additional data from this gage station can be viewed at the following link:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/de/nwis/uv/?site_no=01481500&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060,62615,62620

