

DGLVR Webinar

DGLVR Impacts and Considerations from Coronavirus

3/26/20

Starts at 9am

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You asked: 02:25 PM

Can you think of an example question?

Steven Michael Bloser answered: 02:25 PM

No, I can't!

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Purpose:


- Review DGLVR Program impacts from Coronavirus
- Allow CDs to ask questions

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Current Restrictions Overview:

- PSU/CDGRS

- Remote classes the rest of semester
- Remote work until **through April...**
- No county visits or tech assists until **through April...**
- No trainings until **May?** 

- State/SCC

- Remote work until **indefinite**
- No QAQCs until **indefinite**

The Wolf Administration strongly encourages the suspension of large gatherings, events, conferences of more than 10 people, and per White House guidelines, ask that individuals and groups cancel any gatherings planned over the next eight weeks.

ESM Trainings:

- **Current Status**

- ~~3/25-26~~, Huntingdon - **POSTPONED**

- ~~3/14-15~~, McKean - **POSTPONED**

- ~~4/22-23~~, Berks - **POSTPONED**

- 5/12-13, Somerset- **unlikely**

- Remaining – **TBD**

- **Certifications:**

- **Extension of certifications?** **TBD**, maybe if “postponed” becomes “canceled”

- **Reminder:** ESM certifications good until the end of the calendar year (anyone who took it in 2015 is certified through 12/31/2020)

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QAQCs:

- ~22 scheduled for 2020
- Current Status
 - March: 2 postponed
 - April: 3 scheduled TBD, earlier ones unlikely
 - May: 3 scheduled TBD
- Contact Justin Challenger with questions

Spending Requirements:

- Will SCC extend spending requirements for CDs to be eligible for allocation?
- **Likely will not be needed this year!** Because of the rush last year with spending and the 5-year agreement ending, nearly all CDs should be eligible for FY 2020-21 allocations.
- Could be a topic for next year if this continues?

CD Allocations:

- **Typical Schedule**
 - Allocations to SCC in May
 - CDs get advance in August
- **Likely Schedule this year**
 - Allocations to SCC in July
 - CDs get advance in August/September

Unpaved Road Assessments:

- Allocation “snapshot” for FY 2020-21 DnG allocations **extended to June 15th**
- **WHAT BETTER TIME TO ASSESS?**
- **GET OUT THERE!**
- Check with your county to make sure it is OK.
- Recorded assessment training on CDGRS website (education – assessment training – online training)

State Budget:

- **Timing?** Currently on schedule for July approval
- **Changes?** None currently planned

Note any delays or changes in state budget could delay or alter allocations.

QAB and CD Board Meeting:

- **Held Remotely? allowable**
- **Quorums?**
- **Sunshine Requirements?**

Must give notice of the date and time of call as best you can and provide call-in information on how the public can access the call. If possible, it should be recorded. As long as there is a quorum, any decisions made would be legal, provided all other requirements that would typically apply are met.

DEP Permitting:

- Currently reviewing permit backlog
- May be some delays

DEP is suspending the timeframes for providing permit decisions established in the ***Policy for Implementing the Department of Environmental Protection Permit Review Process and Permit Decision Guarantee*** due to the office closures related to COVID-19. Please note that DEP staff will continue to process received permit applications. However; due to operational conditions, applicants may experience delays receiving decisions. Applicants may also experience delays in receiving permit decisions where the applications are processed by County Conservation Districts. DEP will provide emergency authorizations for projects that are critical to public health and safety

Driving Surface Aggregate:

- Quarries: many shut down now
- Sampling and Testing:
 - CDGRS will continue to accept notifications, keep sending them ASAP
 - CDGRS will start to sample as soon as we are allowed
 - Please be patient! this will backlog the entire chain: quarries, contractors, CDGRS staff, testing labs,

Traffic Counts:

- Can I continue to do traffic counts, given that traffic is likely to be lower than normal during this period?

YES. While the SCC recognizes counts may be lower than normal, they are required for grant eligibility. Counts can be completed as needed, as long as your county is OK with it

Other Potential Quarantine Tasks for CDs:

- **Assessments**
- **Virtual meetings with CDGRS/SCC staff using screen sharing** (site discussion using pictures, application review, pre-design talks, plan reviews, etc.)
- **Familiarize yourself with optional documents** (bid documents, checklists, etc)
- **Review Bid packets, permits, etc**
- **Review QAB policies**
- **Professional development, outside trainings, certifications, LTAP Road Scholars:** Some classes are now webinars
- **Develop a newsletter?**
- **Plan new education and outreach events** (recorded webinar)
- **Keep up contact to your municipalities!!**

Additional Questions

- **Chat**
- **Q&A**
- **Send directly to Roy or myself later**

Stay safe...and sane!

- **Next Webinar 4/2: DEP Permit Memo**
- **Another “General DGLVR Coronavirus Impacts” update Webinar? In 2 weeks?**