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**SECTION 312500**  
**EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL**

**PART 1 GENERAL**

**1.01 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 1 Specification sections, apply to work of this section.
- B. New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control.

**1.02 WORK OF THIS SECTION**

- A. Work covered in this section includes the control of erosion, siltation, and sedimentation pursuant to Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. All costs associated with the temporary or permanent erosion control measures shall be included in the Contractor's bid.
- B. All Contractors and their subcontractors must agree to implement all applicable provisions of the Erosion Control Plans and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prior to commencement of any construction activity. The SWPPP is appended to this Specification or bound separately as part of the contract documents.

**1.03 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

- A. Contractor shall comply with the Erosion Control Plans and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan prepared for the site. All workers responsible for site work activities shall be familiar with these Plans.
- B. Contractor shall designate one individual responsible for implementing and maintaining site-wide erosion and sediment control measures who shall be thoroughly familiar with the types of materials being installed and the best methods for their installation. This individual shall conduct daily inspections of erosion and sediment control measures.
- C. Clear only what is required for immediate construction activities. Disturbed areas of the site that will not be re-disturbed for 21 days or more must be stabilized by the 14th day following the last disturbance.
- D. Upstream storm water runoff should be diverted away from disturbed areas. Contractor shall provide and maintain temporary erosion and sediment control measures, such as berms, dikes, slope drains, silt stops, and sedimentation basins, until permanent drainage facilities and erosion control features have been completed and are operative.
- E. The limits of cleared areas shall be physically delineated to protect areas designated as undisturbed.
- F. Take every reasonable precaution and do whatever is necessary to avoid erosion and to prevent silting of rivers, streams, impoundments, and drainage ditches, swales or any off-site water body.
- G. Continue erosion control measures until the permanent measures have been sufficiently established and are capable of controlling erosion on their own.
- H. The control of dust, erosion and sediment originating from construction operations is considered a critical responsibility of the Contractor. The Owner's Representative will be the final judge of the adequacy of the Contractor's dust, erosion and sedimentation control. The Owner's Representative may suspend work until adequate dust, erosion and sedimentation control is attained. The Contractor shall bear the costs of repair work and restoration of damaged items.
- I. The plans and drawings provided outline an approximate approach for managing sediment and erosion within the project limits. Actual measures will be determined based on construction progress, project-specific conditions, and applicable agency requirements.

- J. The contractor must be familiar with sediment and erosion control practices prior to commencing construction and account for all associated costs in the construction contract. No additional cost claims will be entertained for implementing or maintaining sediment and erosion controls beyond what is indicated in the contract drawings.

## **PART 1 PRODUCTS**

### **2.01 MULCHING**

- A. Hay and straw mulches shall be air-dried mowings (<15% moisture content) of acceptable herbaceous growth reasonably free from swamp grass, weeds, twigs, debris, and other deleterious material, and free from rot, mold, primary noxious weed seeds, and rough or woody materials. Mulches containing mature seed of species which would volunteer and be detrimental to the permanent seeding, or would result in overseeding, or would produce growth which is aesthetically unpleasing, are not permitted. Materials may be baled, however, loose or broken bales are not acceptable.
- B. Temporary Type Mulch Nets: Lightweight, extruded photodegradable netting, with approximate openings of 1½" x ¾", with manufacturer recommended staples or anchoring method.
- C. Wood fiber mulch with tackifier (Terra Tack). Apply wood fibers at the rate of 500 lbs./acre and tackifier at the rate of 40-45 gallons/acre.
- D. Hardwood Stakes: Stakes shall be new hardwood, 1½" x 1½", minimum 3 feet long.

### **2.02 MATTING/BLANKETS**

- A. Jute Matting: Undyed and unbleached jute yarn woven into a uniform open, plain weave mesh, furnished in rolled strip, with 78 warp ends per yard width of cloth, 41 weft ends per linear yard, weighing approximately 0.9 pounds per square yard of fabric.
- B. Erosion Control Blanket: Blanket shall be machine-produced 100% biodegradable consisting of a 70% agricultural straw / 30% coconut fiber blend having a functional longevity of 18 months. Blanket shall covered top and bottom sides with 100% biodegradable woven natural organic fiber netting, with an approximate mesh of 0.5 x 1 inch. Blanket mesh and netting shall be sewn together on 1.5-inch centers.
- C. Staples: As specified by the manufacturer of the blanket/matting, constituting a complete system.

### **2.03 SEED AND SOD FOR EROSION CONTROL**

- A. For temporary seeding in spring, summer or early fall, seed the area with ryegrass, (annual or perennial) or approved equal at 30 lbs per acre. For temporary seeding in late fall or early winter, seed the area with Certified winter rye (cereal rye) or approved equal at 100 lbs per acre. Mulch area with hay or straw at 2 tons per acre. Mulch anchoring may be required where wind or areas of concentrated water are a concern.
- B. For permanent seeding on slopes, provide a seed according to the following or as shown on the Contract Drawings
  - 1. Erosion control areas are to be seeded at a rate of: 50 pounds per acre with a mix consisting of 70% Ernst Best Strip Mine Mix (ERNMX-101) and 30% Ernst Shaded Roadside Mix (ERNMX-140), as supplied by Ernst Conservation Seeds, or as approved by Owner.

### **2.04 SILT FENCES**

- A. Prefabricated silt fencing with UV-stabilized geotextile fabric, with hardwood or steel posts, mesh reinforced backing and appropriate fasteners. Fabric shall be 48" minimum width.

### **2.05 STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCE**

- A. Material shall be clean, sound, crushed stone of uniform quality.

- B. Geotextile filter cloth (Mirafi 600X, or equal) designed for heavy-duty haul road use.

## **2.06 TEMPORARY STRUCTURAL MEASURES**

- A. Temporary structural measures for erosion control include, but are not limited to, earth dikes, temporary swales, perimeter swales, rip rap outlet protection, sediment traps, and sediment basins.
- B. Each measure shall be designed in accordance with New York State Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control, as well as New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control. Materials and construction measures shall be consistent with these measures.

## **PART 1 EXECUTION**

### **3.01 HAY AND STRAW MULCHING**

- A. Install hay or straw mulch immediately after each area has been properly prepared. Place at a rate of 2 tons per acre (approximately 100 to 120 bales per acre). Mulching shall be applied to a uniform thickness of 2 to 3 inches (loose, uncompacted) by hand or broadcast. No clumping, matting, bale fragments, or excessive thickness shall be permitted. The intent is to allow 20% to 40% of the ground surface to be seen in a uniform coverage.
- B. Place mulch on seeded areas within 24 hours after seeding.
- C. Where winds may blow the mulch, or when ground slopes exceed 10%, or when otherwise required to maintain the mulch firmly in place. Apply temporary netting, chemical bonding, or other anchoring devices, or use mechanical crimping, punching or rolling, to anchor the mulch. Unless otherwise directed, remove netting or other acceptable anchoring system prior to the acceptance of the work.

### **3.02 MATTING/BLANKETS - GENERAL**

- A. Prepare surfaces of ditches and slopes to conform to the grades, contours and cross sections as shown on the Drawings and finish to a smooth and even condition with all debris, roots, stone, and lumps raked out and removed. Loosen the soil surface to permit bedding of the matting. Unless otherwise noted, seed prior to the placement of the matting.
- B. Unroll matting parallel to the direction of flow of water and loosely drape, without folds or stretching, so that continuous ground contact is maintained.
- C. The ditches and swales, and on slopes, each upslope and each downslope end of each piece of matting shall be placed in a 6" trench, stapled at 12" on center, backfilled, and tamped. Similarly, bury edges of matting along the edges of catch basins and other structures. Owner's Representative may require that any other edge, exposed to more than normal flow of water, be buried in a similar fashion.
- D. Tightly secure matting to the soil by staples driven approximately vertically into the ground, flush with the surface of the matting. In driving the staples, take care not to form depressions or bulges in the surface of the matting.
- E. Decrease the specified spacing of staples when varying factors, such as the season of the year or the amount of water encountered or anticipated, requires additional anchoring.

### **3.03 SEED FOR EROSION CONTROL**

- A. Sow seed when soils are moderately dry and when wind does not exceed five miles per hour or as directed by the Owner's Representative.
- B. Areas that will be regraded or otherwise disturbed later during construction may be seeded as directed by the Owner's Representative to obtain temporary control.

### **3.04 SILT FENCES**

- A. Provide silt fences, as required, for the temporary control of erosion and to stop silt and sediment from reaching surface waters, adjacent properties, or entering catch basins, or damaging the work. Add silt fence as necessary to maintain control of sediment.
- B. Erect silt fences and bury bottom edge in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions. Provide a sufficient length of fence to accommodate runoff without causing any flooding and to adequately store any silt, sediment, and debris reaching it. Place silt fences along contours so that low areas are minimized.
- C. Maintain and leave silt fences in place until permanent erosion control measures have been established.

### **3.05 STABILIZED CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES**

- A. Stabilized pads of aggregate underlain with filter cloth shall be constructed as shown on the Contract Drawings.
- B. Geotextile fabric shall be placed over the entire area to be covered with aggregate prior to placing of the stone.

### **3.06 TEMPORARY STRUCTURAL MEASURES**

- A. Temporary structural measures shall be maintained throughout the duration of the contract or until the drainage area has been properly stabilized as approved by the Owner's Representative.
- B. Temporary sediment traps must provide at least 3,600 cubic feet of storage for every acre of drainage area.
- C. Sediment shall be removed and trap restored to its original dimensions when sediment has accumulated to 1/2 the design depth of the trap.
- D. Removed sediment shall be properly disposed of.
- E. Inspect all erosion control measures following each rainfall event exceeding ½ inch in a 24-hour period. Correct all damage immediately.

### **3.07 MAINTENANCE**

- A. If any staples become loosened or raised, or if any matting becomes loose, torn, or undermined, or if any temporary erosion and sediment control measures are disturbed, repair them immediately.
- B. If the seed is washed out before germination, repair any damage, refertilize, and reseed.
- C. Maintain mulched and matted areas, silt stops, and other temporary control measures until the permanent control measures are established and no further erosion is likely.
- D. All sediment spilled, dropped, or washed onto the driveway or public right-of-way shall be removed immediately.
- E. Maintain ditches and swales at all times so that they effectively drain. Refill, reshape, and recompact where ruts or erosion occurs.
- F. Maintain areas temporarily seeded including repair of all damages, re-seeding, and refertilizing.
- G. Take special precautions in the use of construction equipment to minimize erosion. Do not leave wheel tracks where erosion might begin. Prevent direct discharge from dewatering pumps and surface runoff from the construction sites to storm sewers, culverts, streams or ditches. Intercept and conduct surface runoff and discharge from dewatering pumps to silt ation ponds before discharging to natural drainage channels.

**END OF SECTION**