

# Appendix S

## National Grid Environmental Guidance (EG-303NE)



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**SCOPE:** This specification provides Environmental Procedures and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for work on electric and natural gas transmission and distribution rights-of-way (ROWs), fee-owned and easement, cross-country, and public/private roadways, as well as substations, company facilities and on customer-owned projects, and other facilities in New England.

Note that project-specific permits may have other BMPs/constraints that differ from this Environmental Guidance (EG). The projects shall be constructed in accordance with the project-specific permits and this specification. For maintenance work in New Hampshire, there is a state specific BMP manual which supersedes EG-303NE, where applicable<sup>1</sup>. For work in Vermont, there is a state specific BMP manual which may supersede EG-303NE, where applicable<sup>2</sup>. The Massachusetts Runoff, Erosion & Sedimentation Control Field Guide published by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is incorporated herein as a reference. The MACC Guide is intended as a supplement to EG-303NE and shall be superseded by EG-303NE in the case of an inconsistency or conflict.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this specification is to provide National Grid personnel, consultants and contractors with BMPs to support work that is protective of the environment and that complies with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and company policies and procedures. Environmental policies require the Company to avoid, minimize and mitigate negative impacts to the environment.

**POLICY:** These BMPs are to be effectively and consistently followed by all personnel accessing Company facilities, ROWs, and customer projects for inspection, maintenance and construction work purposes.

If there are any questions on this guidance, contact the local or project National Grid Environmental Scientist.

These BMPs do not apply to Company employees and contractors performing routine vegetation management activities that are not part of a construction or maintenance project. Employees and contractors maintaining vegetation on Company ROWs and substations shall follow the National Grid Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Plan; Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Specification; Substation, Switch Yard, and Pole Yard Vegetation Management Specification; and Right-of-Way Vegetation Mowing Specification. For more information regarding routine vegetation management, please contact a National Grid Forester.

<sup>1</sup> The “Best Management Practices Manual For Utility Maintenance In And Adjacent To Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire”

<sup>2</sup> Vermont DEC, 2006. The Vermont Standards and Specifications for Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control.

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**APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:** Refer to Applicable Regulations in state-specific EG-301 documents.

**CONTACTS:** If there are any questions on this guidance, contact the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

## 1.0 Definitions

Refer to **Glossary in Appendix 1** and **Acronyms in Appendix 2**.

## 2.0 Project Planning

Prior to the start of any project (proposed new facilities or maintenance of existing facilities), the Project Engineer or other project planner shall determine whether any environmental permits or approvals are required, per the state-specific EG-301 environmental checklists. Any questions regarding which activities may be conducted in regulated areas or within environmentally sensitive areas shall be referred to the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant

All new construction and maintenance projects shall follow clear and enforceable environmental performance standards, which is the purpose for which these BMPs have been compiled.

### 2.1 Avoidance and Minimization

Measures shall always be taken to avoid impacts to wetlands, waterways, rare species habitats, known below and above ground historical/archeological resources and other environmentally sensitive areas. If avoidance is not possible, then measures shall be taken to minimize the extent of impacts. Alternate access routes or staging areas shall always be considered. Below is a list of methods that shall be considered where impacts are unavoidable:

- Use existing ROW access where available. Keep to approved routes and roads without deviating from them or making them wider.
- Off-ROW access shall never be assumed and shall be coordinated through National Grid Real Estate before being implemented.
- Where no existing ROW access is present, avoid wetlands and if a wetland crossing is necessary, cross wetlands at the most narrow point possible or at the location of a previously used crossing (if evident). Figure 1 below illustrates this minimization technique.
- Avoid and minimize stream crossings;
- Minimize the width of typical access roads through wetlands to a maximum width of 16 feet;

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- Conduct work manually (without using motorized equipment) in wetlands, wherever possible;
- Use swamp, timber, or similar mats in wetlands to minimize soil disturbance and rutting when crossing or working within wetlands. When not using mats for access, standard vehicles shall not be allowed to drive across wetlands without the prior approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Use of a low ground pressure (LGP) vehicle may be a feasible alternative to mats provided that such LGP vehicle use has been reviewed and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. See Section 8.5.
- Coordinate the timing of work to cause the least impacts during the regulatory low-flow period under normal conditions, when water/ground is frozen, after the spring songbird nesting season, and, outside of the anticipated amphibian migration window (mid-February to mid-June). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) defines the low-flow period as July 1 through August 30 in MA, July 1 through October 1 in RI, July 1 through October 1 in NH, and July 1 through October 1 in VT.
- Seek alternative routes or work methods to minimize impact.

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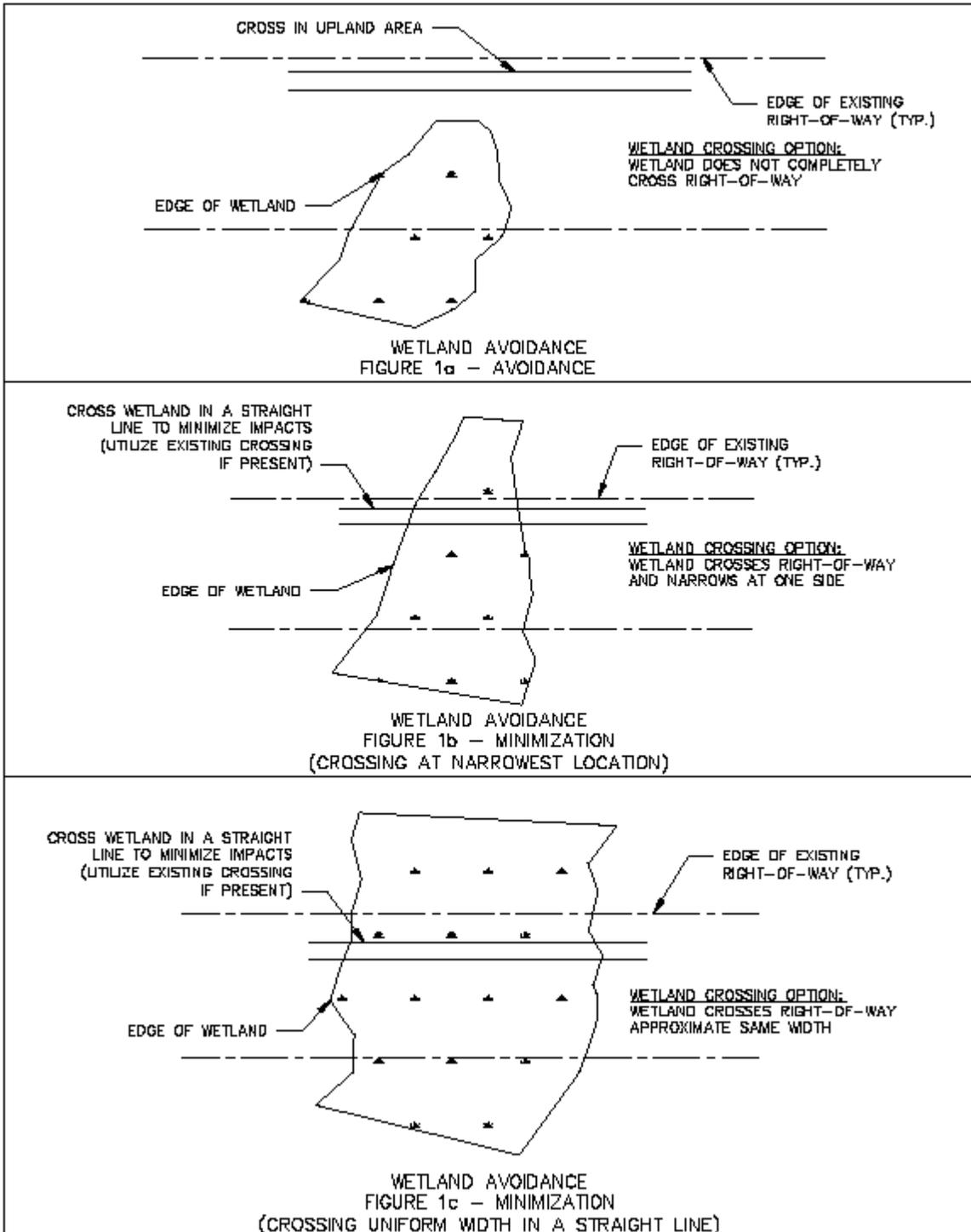
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## 2.2 Historically Significant Areas

Areas that have been identified as historically and/or culturally significant shall be avoided in accordance with site-specific avoidance plans, as applicable. Refer to the project-specific Environmental Field Issue (EFI) for any applicable avoidance plans or consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Demarcation of these areas to be avoided shall use staked orange snow fencing **or an equivalent physical barrier** (not just ribbon flagging) and signage. Refer to Section 16.0 for signage guidance.

## 2.3 Rare Species Habitat

Work within areas that have been identified as mapped rare species habitat shall follow site-specific requirements, as applicable. In Massachusetts, maintenance activities within mapped habitat (known as Priority Habitat of Rare Species) shall follow the BMPs outlined in the Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program (NHESP)-approved National Grid Operation and Maintenance Plan. Work in mapped rare species habitat may require, at a minimum, turtle training for crews and sweeps of work areas for turtles, botanist identification of rare plant locations and avoidance of these locations, and protection of vernal pools, all prior to the start of work. Demarcation of these areas to be avoided (e.g., rare plant populations, overwintering turtles, nests) shall use staked orange snow fencing **or an equivalent physical barrier** (not just ribbon flagging) and signage. Refer to Section 16.0 for signage guidance.

Other requirements may apply in NH, VT and RI. Refer to the project-specific EFI for any applicable measures or consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

## 2.4 Meetings

Pre-permitting meetings shall take place early in the project development process to determine what permits are triggered by the proposed work and the timeline required for permitting. During these meetings, the team shall develop access plans and BMPs to be used during construction of the project.

Field / Constructability review meetings shall take place on-site to evaluate construction site access and job site set-up, to ensure that the project can proceed as permitted. It is at this point in time where work areas, pulling locations, laydown areas, parking areas, and equipment storage areas are evaluated and located. Off-ROW areas under consideration should be included in this discussion.

Prior to submitting permit plans to regulatory authorities, the construction group (contractor or National Grid) shall review the plans for final sign off.

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Pre-construction meetings are typically held prior to the commencement of all work to appoint responsible parties, discuss timing of work, and further consider options to avoid and/or minimize impacts to sensitive areas. These meetings can occur on- or off-site and shall include all the willing and available stakeholders (i.e., utility employees, contractors, consultants, inspectors, and/or monitors, and regulatory personnel). Training of crews and supervisors of the EFI, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), rare species, and other permit requirements shall be conducted at a pre-construction meeting.

Pre-job briefings shall be conducted daily or otherwise routinely scheduled meetings shall be conducted on-site with the work crew throughout the duration of the work. These meetings are a way of keeping everyone up to date, confirming there is consensus on work methods and responsibilities, and ensuring that tasks are being fulfilled with as little impact to the environment as possible.

The Project Environmental Scientist/Monitor and Construction Project Manager shall communicate regularly (e.g. weekly or bi-weekly meetings or phone conversations) to discuss the work completed since last communication (i.e. work locations, wetland impacts, equipment used, and unexpected delays or work conditions). These meetings or calls shall include the expected schedule of construction for the upcoming week, the long term construction plans, and planned methods for working near/in wetlands. Both the Project Environmental Scientist/Monitor and Construction Project Manager shall work together so the Project complies with all environmental permits and regulations. When changes to the Project scope or agreed work plan are proposed they shall be done so with the final approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

## **2.5 Communication of Project Specific Environmental Requirements**

Project specific requirements shall be communicated to the project manager/construction manager/engineering group using the following guidelines:

Environmental Field Issue – The EFI will be a full document consisting of narrative, project permits, access and matting plans. A table summarizing pertinent (but not all) permit conditions and the responsible party for those conditions shall be included in the EFI. Copies of all permits should be included as attachments. This will be prepared for most projects with multiple permits or large, complex projects (siting board, Section 404, 401 WQC, SWPPP). There should be EFI training at the pre-construction meeting. Appendix 3 is a sample EFI template

Simplified Environmental Field Issue – the simplified EFI is a memorandum containing project permit(s), access and matting plans and a table summarizing relevant permit conditions and responsible party for those conditions. Copies of all permits should be included as attachments. This will be prepared for most projects with 2 or more permits (Order of Conditions, S404 Cat 1). Appendix 4 is a sample simplified EFI template.

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E-mail delivery of Permit and any Sediment/Erosion control or BMP plan – For those projects with only one permit (eg., MA Order of Conditions, RI DEM permit, RI CRMC permit, NH Utility Notification) or projects with a sediment & erosion control plan (local town requirement or for exempt maintenance work), a copy of the permit and any applicable plan will be emailed to the PM (and the project team where deemed necessary) to be incorporated into the Construction Field Issue.

STORMS work management system input – for STORMS work, no EFI is prepared unless multiple permits are required for the project (see guidance above). If only a MA Order of Conditions, MA Determination of Applicability, RI DEM permit, RI CRMC permit, RI SESC Approval, or NH Utility Notification is required, then the permit is attached in Documents tab and conditions noted in Remarks/comments section. Appendix 5 contains standard STORMS boilerplate language.

## **2.6 Timing of Work**

Regulatory authorities may place seasonal or time-of-year restrictions on project construction elements. These time-of-year restrictions may be state or permit-specific, and shall be adhered to.

Work during frozen conditions. Activities conducted once wetland areas are frozen sufficient to minimize rutting and other impacts to the surrounding environment may be authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Work during this time also generally reduces disturbance of aquatic and terrestrial wildlife movement by avoiding sensitive breeding and nesting seasons. When not using mats for access, vehicles shall not be allowed to drive across wetlands without the prior approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Work during the regulatory low-flow period. Conducting work during the low-flow period can reduce impacts to surface water and generally avoids spawning and breeding seasons of aquatic organisms. If the water is above normal seasonal levels, adjustments to work activities and methods are required.

## **2.7 Alternate Access**

### **2.7.1 Manual Access**

In some cases such as for smaller projects, work areas can be accessed manually. This includes access on foot through upland and shallow wetland areas, access by boat through open water or ponded areas, and climbing of structures where possible. Smaller projects, such as repair of individual structures, or parts of structures, that do not categorically require the use of heavy machinery, shall be accessed manually to the greatest extent practicable.

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### 2.7.2 Use of Overhead/Aerial Access

Using helicopters can be expensive and is not always feasible, but it may be appropriate in some situations in order to get workers and equipment to a site that otherwise may be very difficult to access. The use of overhead and/or aerial equipment may be beneficial for work in areas where larger water bodies, deep crevices, or mountainous areas hinder ground access. The landing area for helicopters shall be reviewed for environmentally sensitive resources. Use of helicopters requires Project Manager and Senior Management approval.

### 3.0 Inspection, Monitoring and Maintenance

All construction practices and controls shall be inspected on a regular basis and in accordance with all applicable permits and local, state, and federal regulations to avoid and correct ANY damage to sensitive areas.

The construction crews shall be responsible for completing daily inspections, and IMMEDIATELY bring any **damage or observed erosion, or failed erosion controls** to the attention of the Person-In-Charge and the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Where applicable and/or as directed by environmental permits issued for the project, the Project Environmental Consultant shall conduct weekly (at a minimum) inspections of the project work areas and shall document their inspection using the Stormwater, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance Site Inspection / Monitoring Report form found in Appendix 6 and issue the report within 24 hours. The Person-in-Charge shall work with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and the Project Environmental Consultant to determine when and how the repairs shall be made.

Project-specific Action Logs and Long-Term Restoration Logs are prepared as needed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant to track issues and/or repairs and assign responsible parties.

### 4.0 Best Management Practices

The BMP sections presented in this EG address access, construction, snow and ice management, structures in wetlands, access road maintenance and repair, clean-up and restoration standards, ROW gates, field refueling and maintenance operations, management of spills/releases, and a summary of key construction BMPs.

Note that BMPs shown on any permit drawings for a specific project may need to be revised and or supplemented during the execution of a project based on unforeseen or unexpected factors such as extreme weather or unknown subsurface conditions. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to work with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and/or the Project

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Environmental Consultant to identify necessary changes and to ensure that construction-related impacts to wetlands, waterbodies and other environmentally sensitive areas are avoided.

**Any deviation from the approved Best Management Practices shown in the EFI and/or SWPPP plans shall be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting or could result in a permit violation.**

#### 4.1 Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

Appropriate sedimentation and erosion control devices shall be installed at work sites, in accordance with permit conditions and/or regulatory approvals, and as needed to prevent adverse impacts to water resources and adjacent properties.

The overall purpose of such controls is to prevent and control the movement of disturbed soil and sediment from work sites to adjacent, undisturbed areas, and particularly to water resources, public roads and adjacent properties. All proprietary controls shall be installed per manufacturer’s recommendations and specifications.

Appropriate sedimentation and erosion control devices include but are not limited to: silt fencing, straw bales, wood chip bags, straw wattles, compost socks, erosion control blankets, mulch, slope interruption practices, flocculent powder/blocks and storm drain/catch basin inlet protection. Such controls shall be installed between the work area and environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, streams, drainage courses, roads and adjacent property when work activities shall disturb soils and result in a potential for causing sedimentation and erosion.

Staked straw bales often serve as the demarcation of the limits of work and/or sensitive areas to be avoided. Work shall never be conducted outside the limit of erosion controls without prior approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Project plans depict proposed erosion controls, however field conditions may warrant additional practices be implemented (e.g., wet conditions, frozen conditions, poorly drained soils, steep slopes, materials used for work pads, transition areas to swamp mats, number of trips across work areas, etc.).

**Any deviation from the approved erosion controls shown in the EFI and/or SWPPP plans needs to be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting or result in a permit violation.**

**Appendix 7** provides typical sketches of common sedimentation and erosion controls. If a SWPPP is required for the project, maintenance and inspection of erosion controls shall follow the SWPPP requirements. Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be properly maintained and

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inspected on a periodic basis, until work sites are properly stabilized and restored. Inspections shall be documented using the Inspection Form “Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance Site Inspection/Monitoring Report” (**Appendix 6**).

The sequence and timing of the installation of sedimentation and erosion control measures is critical to their success. Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be installed prior to commencing construction activities that may result in any soil disturbance or cause otherwise polluted site runoff. Inspection of these devices may be required by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or by regulators prior to the start of work. The installation of water bars and other erosion control measures shall be installed shortly thereafter.

#### **4.2 Concrete Wash Outs**

Concrete wash outs shall be used for management of concrete waste. Concrete and concrete washout water shall not be deposited or discharged directly on the ground, in wetlands or waterbodies, or in catch basins or other drainage structures. Where possible, concrete washouts shall be located away from wetlands or other sensitive areas. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist on proposed concrete wash out locations prior to their use. Following the completion of concrete pouring operations, the wash outs shall be disposed of off-site with other construction debris. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

#### **4.3 Construction Activities in Standing Water**

The use of silt curtains or turbidity barriers may be required when working in or adjacent to standing water such as ponds, reservoirs, low flowing rivers/streams, or coastal areas. Silt curtains and turbidity barriers prevent sediment from migrating beyond the immediate work area into the resource areas.

Coffer dams constructed using sheet piling or large sandbags (Trade names such as “the Big Bag” or “DamItDams”) may be used to temporarily isolate and contain a work area in standing water.

When working in standing water, an oil absorbent boom, in addition to a silt curtain or other temporary barrier, shall be placed around the work area for spill prevention.

Work in drinking water reservoirs or other waters may require extensive regulatory agency review, even for maintenance work, which could result in additional time required for permitting, review and material procurement prior to the start of work.

#### **4.4 Dewatering**

Where excavations require the need for dewatering of groundwater or accumulated stormwater, the water shall be treated before discharge. Appropriate controls include dewatering basins,

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flocculent blocks, filter bags, filter socks, or weir tanks. Schematics of these BMPs are included as in Appendix 7. Water trucks or fractionation tanks may be utilized if watertight containers are desired for controlled on-site discharge or for off-site discharge into an approved dewatering area when site restrictions make it difficult to utilize other dewatering methods on-site. Dewatering discharge water shall never be directed into wetlands, streams/rivers, other sensitive resource areas, catch basins, other stormwater devices, or substation Trenwa trenches. Dewatering flow shall be controlled so that it does not cause scouring or erosion through the use of a dewatering basin, filter sock, or equivalent. If it is determined that the chosen controls are not appropriately filtering the fine sediment from the dewatering pumpate then the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be notified immediately and the controls shall be revised or supplemented.

When establishing a dewatering basin, consideration should be given to the anticipated volume of water and rate of pumping in determining the size of the dewatering basin. Dewatering basins shall be constructed on level ground. Once pumping commences, the basin shall be monitored frequently to assure that the rate of water delivery to the structure is low enough to prevent water from flowing, unfiltered, over the top of the basin walls. The basin shall be monitored throughout the dewatering process because the rate of filtration shall decrease as sediment clogs the filter fabric. If the basin is not appropriately filtering the fine sediment from the dewatering pumpate then the basin may need to be supplemented with a flocculent block. Field conditions shall dictate how often the basin should be inspected.

Distance to sensitive areas, direction of flow (toward or away from protected, or sensitive areas, such as wetlands, ponds, or streams), amount of vegetative ground cover between the basin and nearby sensitive areas, ground conditions (ledge, frozen, etc.), volume of water being pumped, and pump-rate, are some of the factors to be considered when determining an inspection frequency. Clogged filter fabric shall be replaced and accumulated sediment shall be removed as necessary from the basins to maintain efficacy.

Unattended dewatering shall never be allowed. If 24-hour dewatering is required for on-site construction activities, a designated attendee shall be trained by the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Basins shall be cleaned and removed as soon as dewatering is complete. Sediment removed from the dewatering basin shall be allowed to dry before being disposed of by evenly spreading it over unvegetated upland areas where erosion is not a concern if clean or removing it from the site for proper disposal. Off-site trucking of wet soils is prohibited. The sediment disposal area shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant prior to use. Stabilization measures shall also need to be implemented and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant. Soils/sediments shall be dewatered or mixed with dry material such that they are appropriate for off-site transport.

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Any new dewatering location (not previously reviewed and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist during project planning or permitting) shall be reviewed and the discharge location approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist before use.

Complex projects that require large scale dewatering shall require individual review by the National Grid Environmental Scientist and may trigger additional permitting.

Dewatering in areas of known chemical contamination may require a separate NPDES permit, or other approval, and treatment or containment system. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

#### 4.5 Check Dams

Check dams are a porous physical barrier installed perpendicular to concentrated storm water flow. They are used to reduce erosion in a swale by reducing runoff energy (velocity), while filtering storm water, thereby aiding in the removal of suspended solids.

Check dams should only be used in small drainage swales that shall not be overtopped by flow once the dams are constructed. These dams should not be placed in streams. Check dams are typically installed in ROWs or on other construction sites prior to the start of soil disturbing work. Per the Rhode Island Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook, no formal design is required for a check dam if the contributing drainage area is 2 acres or less and its intended use is shorter than 6 months; however, the following criteria should be adhered to when specifying check dams.

- The drainage area of the ditch or swale being protected should not exceed 10 acres.
- The maximum height of the check dam should be 2 feet.
- The center of the check dam must be at least 6 inches lower than the outer edges.
- The maximum spacing between the dams should be such that the toe at the upstream dam is at the same elevation as the top of the downstream dam.

Per the NHDES stormwater manual, the use of check dams should be limited to swales with longitudinal slopes that range between 2 to 5 percent that convey drainage from an area less than 1 acre. Existing conditions that exceed these limitations should be assessed in the field and discussed with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine the viability of this BMP for the specific application. Check dams are often comprised of stone, straw bales, sand bags, or compost/silt socks. Use of check dams should be coordinated with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to ensure that the material selection, spacing and construction method are appropriate for the site. Check dams composed of biodegradable materials (e.g. straw bales

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or wattles, wood chip bags) may require periodic replacement for continued proper functioning<sup>3</sup>. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

#### 4.6 Water Bars

Water bars should be used on sloping ROWs to divert storm water runoff from unstabilized or active access roads when needed to prevent erosion. Surface disturbance and tire compaction promote gully formation by increasing the concentration and velocity of runoff. Water bars are constructed by forming a ridge or ridge and channel diagonally across the sloping ROW. Each outlet should be stable. The height and side slopes of the ridge and channel are designed to divert water and to allow vehicles to cross. When siting water bars, consideration shall be given to the sensitivity of the area receiving the diverted runoff. For example, runoff should not be directed into a wetland, waterbody, other environmentally sensitive areas, or to private property or public roadways. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

#### 4.7 Retaining Walls

In some situations, retaining walls comprised of concrete blocks, gabions, boulders or other comparable materials may be required to stabilize the shoulder of existing access roads and/or supplement required erosion controls. Installation of such measures shall not be allowed as a maintenance activity. Should these controls be considered for a project, it shall be reviewed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, as design and additional permitting may be required.

#### 4.8 Slope Stabilization

Temporary slope stabilization practices help to keep exposed, erodible soils stabilized while vegetation is becoming established. Acceptable temporary slope stabilization practices may include the use of erosion control blankets, or hydraulic erosion control. Erosion control blankets, often comprised of natural fibers (e.g., jute, straw, coconut, or other degradable materials) are a useful slope stabilization, erosion control and vegetation establishment practice for ditches or steep slopes. Blankets are typically installed after final grading and seeding for temporary or permanent seeding applications. Hydraulic erosion control practices, including Bonded Fiber Matrix or hydroseed with a soil stabilizer (e.g., tackifier and/or mulch) may be an acceptable or desirable alternative form of temporary slope stabilization. For all practices, manufacturer's specifications should be followed for installation depending on slope and other field conditions. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to selecting and installing any slope stabilization practices. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

<sup>3</sup> Grass growth on a biodegradable type check dam is evidence that the material is decomposing. While this doesn't mean it is no longer functioning, it means it may be in a weakened condition and could potentially fail under high flow velocity. It is acceptable for grass to be growing on a stone check dam.

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#### 4.9 Maintenance of Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

Sedimentation and erosion controls shall be maintained in good operational condition during the course of the work. This includes , but is not limited to, replacing straw bales that are no longer in good condition, re-staking straw bales, replacing or re-staking silt fence, and removing accumulated sediment. Remove sediment before it has accumulated to one half the height of any exposed silt fence fabric, straw bales, other filter berm, check dams or water bars. Accumulated sediment shall be removed from sedimentation basins to maintain their efficacy. Manage the removed sediment by evenly spreading it over unvegetated upland areas where erosion is not a concern, by stockpiling and stabilizing, or by disposing of off-site. Stabilization measures shall also need to be implemented and approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant. Where a SWPPP has been prepared for a specific site, the guidelines documented therein shall govern the management of sediment.

#### 5.0 Right-of-Way (ROW) Access

Whenever possible, access shall be gained along existing access routes or roads within the ROW. However, in some cases there is no existing access. In many cases, temporary access can be utilized. The following practices provide general guidance on accessing a ROW. Check with a National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine if any environmental permitting is required before utilizing a temporary access.

National Grid operates substations and has cross-country ROW with overhead electric power lines in four New England States. MA, NH and RI also have transmission and distribution natural gas pipelines. Access is needed to substations, ROWs, and customer property, for inspection, maintenance and construction activities. Many projects are located in or near environmentally sensitive areas, such as rivers/streams, wetlands, floodplains, or rare species habitat, etc., which are protected from activities that may disturb these resources.

Note that the building of new roads or enlargement of existing roads is **prohibited** unless this activity is allowed by a project-specific permit, and the new roads appear on the Site Plans that were authorized in the regulatory approvals.

#### 5.1 Off-ROW Access

Off-ROW access shall be evaluated for wetlands, rare species, cultural resources and other potential sensitive receptors, as applicable. National Grid Real Estate and Stakeholder Relations shall also be contacted as soon as possible once off-ROW access is determined to be needed.

#### 5.2 Stabilized Construction Entrance/Exit for Access to ROWs from Public or Private Roads

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A suitable (minimum 15-foot wide by 50-foot long) construction entrance/exit shall be installed at the intersection of the ROW access road/route with public/private paved roads, or other such locations where equipment could track mud or soil onto paved roads. The construction entrance/exit shall be comprised of clean stone installed over a geotextile fabric. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

Construction entrance areas shall be monitored and maintained to ensure that stone or other material is not deposited onto the roadway, causing a safety concern. Where track-out of sediment has occurred onto a roadway, it shall be swept off the road by the end of that same work day.

If a construction entrance/exit is clogged with sediment and no longer functions, the sediment and stone may require removal and replacement with additional clean stone (clean stone refreshment) to ensure this tracking pad is performing its intended function adequately. Heavier traffic use may require this clean stone refreshment multiple times throughout a project. Reinforcement of these stabilized construction entrance/exits with asphalt binder or asphalt millings is not likely to be considered “maintenance” and may trigger additional permitting requirements<sup>4</sup>. In some cases, heavily used construction entrances/exits may benefit from the installation of a 5-15 foot strip of asphalt binder or asphalt millings closest to the paved roadway to capture any stone that is tracked from the stone apron. Such cases shall be evaluated on an individual basis with the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Once work is complete, the crushed stone and geotextile fabric shall either be removed or retained, depending upon future maintenance-related access needs and/or project-specific approvals. If removed, the area shall be graded, seeded (if adequate root and seed stock are absent) and mulched. Proper approvals for leaving access roads in place shall be obtained; contact the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal.

### 5.3 Maintenance of Existing Access Roads

In many cases, the existing access road may need to be maintained to allow passage of the heavy equipment required for scheduled maintenance work. Access roads cannot deviate from the approved and permitted access plans. Maintenance of these roads may include adding clean gravel or clean crushed stone to fill depressions and eroded areas. This activity shall be conducted only within the width of the existing access road footprint and does not include widening existing access roads

If gravel begins to migrate onto the existing vegetated road shoulder, this gravel shall be removed during the project and/or after the completion of use of the road to ensure the road fill is not spreading into adjacent resource areas, or resulting in the road becoming much wider than its pre-existing or permitted condition. In some areas of mapped rare species habitat or

<sup>4</sup> Depending on the road, use of an asphalt binder or asphalt millings as a construction entrance/exit may trigger state or local permit requirements.

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other sensitive areas where project-specific permit conditions require the prevention of the migration of sediments into adjacent resources, an engineered stabilization system (e.g., GeoWeb or similar) may be suitable to prevent sedimentation while allowing for unrestricted wildlife migration.

Major reconstruction projects may require multiple permits. In all cases, the fill to be used for existing access roads shall be clean and free of construction debris, trash or woody debris. Use of processed gravel may be approved by the Person-In-Charge or the National Grid Environmental Scientist, on a case-by-case basis. If clean stone is used then addition of more erosion controls may not be necessary.

#### **5.4 Maintenance of Existing Access Routes (Cross Country Routes)**

Ruts and depressions along existing access routes and within the existing ROW may only be leveled and graded. Addition of fill or stone may require permitting as well as additional erosion controls, and needs to be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist

#### **5.5 Maintenance of Existing Culverts**

Damaged culverts may not be repaired or replaced without consulting with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine if a permit is required. For functioning culverts, care shall be taken to protect adjacent wetlands and watercourses by installing appropriate sedimentation and erosion controls around the downstream end of the culvert. Culverts shall be repaired/replaced in kind and shall not be changed in size unless approval has been obtained from the National Grid Environmental Scientist. In-kind replacement is replacement using the same material, functional inverts, diameter and length as the existing culvert. Changes to any of these characteristics shall require permitting. Installation of any **new** culvert is not allowed without obtaining all necessary permits first. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

If, at the time of anticipated replacement, there is heavy flow through the culvert, the Person-In-Charge shall consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist, to verify whether the culvert shall be replaced at that time. Water may need to be temporarily diverted during culvert repair/replacement. There typically are seasonal restrictions limiting both the replacement of existing culverts as well as installation of new culverts to the low-flow period. The low-flow period can vary from state to state. If any unexpected conditions are encountered during culvert replacement, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be contacted immediately prior to the work being completed for additional consultation.

#### **5.6 Temporary Construction Access over Drainage Ditch or Swale**

In some situations, construction access from paved roads onto ROWs may require the crossing of drainage ditches or swales along the road shoulder. In these situations, the installation of swamp mats, mat bridges or temporary culverts may facilitate construction access over the

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ditches or swales. These culverts shall be temporary only, sized for peak flow, and shall be removed after construction is complete. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to installation. In addition, if access over existing culverts may require extending the culvert, consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

### 5.7 Construction Material along ROW

After preparing a site by clearing and/or installing any necessary erosion and sediment controls and prior to the start of construction, material such as poles, cross-arms, cable, insulators, stone and other engineered backfill materials may be placed along the ROW, as part of the project. The stockpiling of stone and other unconsolidated material on swamp mats shall be avoided, if determined necessary due to access and workpad constraints, the material must be placed on a geotextile fabric and be properly contained with a sedimentation barrier such as straw wattle. No construction material shall be placed in wetlands or other sensitive resource areas unless authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or Project Environmental Consultant

## 6.0 Winter Conditions

### 6.1 Snow Management

**DO NOT stockpile or dispose of snow in any water body, including wetlands, rivers/streams, the ocean, reservoirs, ponds, or stormwater catch basins.** A buffer of at least 25 feet shall be maintained between any snow disposal area and any the high water mark of any surface water. A silt fence or equivalent barrier shall be securely placed between the snow storage area and the high water mark of rivers, streams, ponds, or the ocean. In addition to water quality impacts and flooding, snow disposed in surface water can cause navigational hazards when it freezes into ice blocks. Some state and local authorities have specific snow management requirements. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist on specific restrictions.

DO NOT deposit snow within a wellhead protection area (e.g., a Zone II), in a high or medium-yield aquifer, or within 200 feet of a private well, where road salt may contaminate water supplies. **Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist to determine if a proposed disposal area is located within one of these sensitive areas.**

Avoid disposing of snow on top of storm drain catch basins or in storm water drainage swales or ditches. Snow combined with sand and debris may block a storm drainage system, causing localized flooding. A high volume of sand, sediment, and litter released from melting snow also may be quickly transported through the system into surface water and could also result in fines or a violation being assessed against National Grid.

All debris in a snow storage area shall be cleared from the site and properly disposed of no later than May 15 of each year.

Care shall be taken not to plow road materials away when removing snow.

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## 6.2 De-Icing

Where allowed, calcium chloride is preferred as a de-icing agent when applied according to manufacturer’s guidelines in upland areas. Sand shall be used on swamp mats through wetland areas.

Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist on de-icing agents when working in a facility or substation close to resource areas. Many municipalities have specific requirements for de-icing agents allowed within 100 feet of wetland resources and other sensitive areas.

## 6.3 Snow and Ice Management on Swamp Mats

Proper snow removal on swamp mats shall avoid the formation of ice. To avoid the formation of ice, snow shall be removed from swamp mats before applying sand. Prior to their removal from wetlands, sand shall be collected from the swamp mats and disposed of in an upland area. A round street sweeping brush mounted on the front of a truck may be an effective way to remove snow from swamp mats. Propane heaters may also be suitable solutions for snow removal and/or de-icing of swamp mats.

Once swamp mats are removed, wetlands shall be inspected for build up of sand that may have fallen through swamp mats. Care shall be taken to inspect wetland crossings as each mat is removed to ensure sand is properly removed and disposed of off-site.

## 7.0 Swamp Mats

The use of swamp mats allows for heavy equipment access within wetland areas. The use of swamp mats minimizes the need to remove vegetation beneath the access way and helps to reduce the degree of soil disturbance and rutting in soft wetland soils. Swamp mats most often used by National Grid are wooden timbers bolted together typically into 4-ft by 16-ft sections, wooden lattice mats, or composite mats. In some cases, swamp mats or other mats are used for staging or access in upland areas based on site conditions (e.g., agricultural field access). Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

Typically swamp mats may be installed on top of the existing vegetation, however in some instances cutting large woody vegetation may be required. Check with National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to cutting or clearing vegetation for swamp mat placement.

Follow the approved plans in the EFI for swamp mat installation and do not deviate from the plans. **Any deviation from the approved plans needs to be communicated immediately to the National Grid Environmental Scientist as it may require additional permitting, require stopping the project or result in a permit violation or revocation.**

Close coordination with the mowing contractor shall be required to ensure that access plans are followed, and swamp mats are utilized when necessary. Sometimes mowing contractors may

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have to work off the leading edge of a swamp mat to mow in order to lay the next swamp mat and continue further into the wetland. Under no circumstances shall trees or shrubs be allowed to be pulled out of the wetland by the root ball. The root ball of trees and shrubs shall remain intact. Chipping debris and excessive amounts of slash shall not be placed in wetlands or other resource areas. In some instances, it may be beneficial to pile a reasonable amount of slash within a nearby upland area to create habitat for wildlife. This activity shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist

### 7.1 Stream Crossings and Stream Bank Stabilization

Stream crossings shall be bridged with swamp mats or other temporary minimally-intrusive measures unless fording is acceptable for the site and is authorized by the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Care shall be taken when installing a swamp mat bridge to insure that the stream bed and banks are not damaged during installation and removal and that stream flow is not unduly restricted. An environmental permit may be required to cross or disturb protected waters, depending upon state-specific regulatory requirements. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7. Immediately following swamp mat removal, all stream banks shall be stabilized and restored to prevent sedimentation and erosion.

### 7.2 Cleaning of Swamp Mats

Mats shall be certified clean by the vendor prior to installation. The vendor shall use the certification form provided as Appendix 8 to document compliance. Clean is defined as being free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site. Any equipment or timber mats that have been placed or used within areas containing invasive species within the project site shall be cleaned of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials at the site of the invasive species prior to being moved to other areas on the project site to prevent the spread of invasive species from one area to another<sup>5</sup>. **Mats shall be cleaned prior to being removed at the completion of the project: exceptions to this requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis.** Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of swamp mats.

### 7.3 Stone Removal for Swamp Mat Placement

For situations where the matting contractor determines that stones or boulders must be removed or relocated within wetland areas in order to install safe and level structure work pads or access roads the boulders shall be moved in a manner which does not result in significant soil disturbance (i.e., pushing with a bull dozer is not allowed). The boulders shall not be placed on any existing vegetated areas within wetlands or within vernal pools. When numerous boulders shall be removed from a wetland area, they shall be deposited in an upland area outside of the

<sup>5</sup> On ROW projects where multiple wetlands may be dominated by the same invasive species, cleaning may not be required for movement along the ROW. Check with the National Grid Environmental scientist for guidance.

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flagged wetland limits, outside of any cultural resource areas and outside of any RTE species populations. Any boulders that shall be placed within buffers (In MA, the 100-foot buffer zone, and in RI, the 50-foot Perimeter Wetland, 100-foot or 200-foot Riverbank Wetlands) shall be placed to avoid causing soil disturbance and they shall be within an approved limit of work. When there is a significant number of boulders that shall be removed, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for guidance.

#### **7.4 Transition onto Mats**

Erosion controls and stone or wood chip ramps shall be installed to promote a smooth transition to and minimize sediment tracking onto swamp mats. Geotextile may be added beneath stone or wood chip transitions to facilitate removal, as necessitated by site or permit conditions. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

#### **7.5 Corduroy Roads**

Corduroy roads are a wetland crossing method where logs are cut from the immediate area and used as a road bed to prevent rutting from equipment crossing. This technique is designed to be used in areas of wetland crossings where there is no defined channel or stream flow and should never be used in streams. Corduroy logs shall be placed in the narrowest area practicable for crossing with the logs placed perpendicular to the direction of travel across wet area. The use of corduroy logs shall only be in emergencies when approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or when they have been specifically permitted as part of a project. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

#### **7.6 Swamp Mat Removal**

Once swamp mats are removed, wetlands shall be inspected for build up of sand or other materials that may have fallen through swamp mats. Care shall be taken to inspect wetland crossings as each mat is removed to ensure any materials are properly removed and disposed of off-site.

#### **7.7 Bridging over other utility facilities**

In ROWs where other utility facilities (including but not limited to gas, oil, fiber optic, electric, water, and sewer) are co-located within the transmission ROW, bridging may be required to cross those facilities. The project team shall coordinate with the respective utility company prior to determining if bridging or permanent crossings are required.

### **8.0 LGP Equipment Use**

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Only when approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist on a case-by-case basis shall equipment with LGP of **less than 3 psi when loaded** be allowed to access through wetlands. The National Grid Environmental Scientist’s approval of the use of LGP equipment through wetlands depends on several criteria including:

- Time of year. LGP equipment use may be allowed if weather and field conditions at the time of construction are suitable to eliminate/minimize the concern of rutting or other impacts. Frozen, frozen snow pack, low flow, or drought conditions are typically acceptable conditions. Spring and fall construction, due to the typical higher precipitation, are not suitable times of year for LGP equipment use.
- Number of trips. Multiple trips through a wetland have shown to increase the potential for damage and require matting. LGP equipment use shall likely only be approved if trips are limited to one trip in and one trip out.
- Type of wetland system. Some wetlands have harder soils/substrate, and may be passable without causing significant damage. Some of the wetlands along National Grid ROWs have existing hard bottom roads that have been vegetated over time and may be traversed with LGP equipment without swamp mats.
- Emergencies. LGP equipment use may be allowed during emergency or storm conditions for outage restoration.
- State-specific USACE General Permit Performance Standards. The standard is for no impact to the wetland, which may be obtained by using LGP equipment (<3 psi **when loaded**). *“Where construction requires heavy equipment operation in wetlands, the equipment shall either have low ground pressure (<3 psi), or shall not be located directly on wetland soils and vegetation; it shall be placed on swamp mats that are adequate to support the equipment in such a way as to minimize disturbance of wetland soil and vegetation.”*
- Local bylaws. Municipal wetland bylaws, where applicable, shall be reviewed for prohibitive conditions or applicable performance standards.

LGP equipment approval is required **at the time of construction for each wetland crossing** and shall be dependent upon the above conditions. In addition, LGP equipment use and approval shall be assessed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist during construction on a continuing basis; LGP equipment use shall cease immediately if field conditions are found to be unsuitable. ***Please note that if LGP vehicles are used, and wetlands damage occurs, the use of the LGP equipment shall be suspended.***

## 9.0 Soil Disturbing Activities

### 9.1 Dust Control

Water or application of calcium chloride or other National Grid approved equivalent in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines may be used for dust control along ROWs in

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upland areas. During application of water for dust control, care shall be taken to ensure that water does not create run-off or erosion issues. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

## 9.2 Clearing

Clearing is not allowed without specific permission as it constitutes soil disturbance under several regulatory programs and may trigger permitting by increasing the project’s footprint of disturbance. If clearing is required for a project, the limit of clearing shall be established with flagging or construction fencing and/or erosion controls. Clearing shall be done in accordance with project specific permits. Following the completion of clearing, the limits of work shall be re-established. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

## 9.3 Grubbing

Grubbing is not allowed without specific permission as it constitutes soil disturbance under several regulatory programs and likely triggers permitting by increasing the project’s footprint of disturbance. If grubbing is required for a project, the limit of grubbing shall be re-established after clearing has been completed. The area of grubbing shall be identified with flagging or construction fencing and/or erosion controls. Grubbing shall be conducted in accordance with project-specific permits.

## 9.4 Blasting

If blasting is anticipated, the project team, including the National Grid Environmental Scientist, shall be consulted.

## 9.5 Site Grading

The work site shall not be graded other than in accordance with project permits. Any proposed grading shall be reviewed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist for wetlands, rare species habitat, areas of cultural and historical significance, and other environmentally sensitive areas prior to start of work. In some cases, additional testing for cultural or historical resources may be triggered by proposed grading; alternatives to grading may be sought due to protracted time frame of obtaining the permit associated with testing and performing the testing. Grading outside of a regulated area shall be kept to the minimum extent necessary for safe and efficient operations and shall comply with the project permit plans.

Grading shall be performed in a manner which does not increase the erosion potential at the Site (e.g., terraces or slope interruptions shall be utilized). Graded sites shall be promptly stabilized by applying a National Grid approved seed mix (if adequate root and seed stock are absent), and mulching with hay, straw or cellulose (use straw or cellulose hydromulch where the potential introduction of invasive plant species is of concern) to reduce erosion and visual impact, as soon as possible following completion of work at the site. Grading within a

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regulated area shall be subject to the review and approval of the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

In some municipalities, site grading activities require the prior approval of the Town Engineer, Building and Zoning Official, or Public Works Director. Local ordinances or bylaws should be reviewed for applicable restrictions and permitting thresholds

### **9.6 Site Staging and Parking**

During the project planning and permitting process, locations shall be identified for designated crew parking areas, material storage, and staging areas. Where possible, these areas should be located outside of buffer zones, watershed protection areas, and other environmentally sensitive areas. Any proposed locations shall be evaluated for all sensitive receptors and for new projects requiring permitting, shall be incorporated onto permitting and access plans.

### **9.7 Soil Stockpiling**

Soil stockpiles shall be located in upland areas and if in close proximity to wetlands and wetland buffers, shall be enclosed by staked straw bales or another erosion control barrier. Additional controls, such as watertight mud boxes and geotextile/filter fabric over or between swamp mats shall be considered for saturated stockpile management in work areas in wetlands (i.e., swamp mat platforms) where sediment-laden runoff would pose a threat to the surrounding wetland. Saturated soils shall be allowed to dewater prior to off-site transport for sufficient time to ensure that water/sediment is not deposited onto swamp mats or public roads during transport.

### **9.8 Top Soil/High Organic Content Soil**

When the work site requires excavation and grading, the top soil shall be stockpiled separately from the material excavated. This top soil shall be spread as a top dressing over the disturbed area during restoration of the site.

In some instances where work is occurring within wetlands, high organic content soil may be displaced. Such high organic content soil shall be segregated from other excavated materials and stockpiled for use in wetland restoration areas. Care shall be taken to minimize the handling of high organic content soil. Preferably, the soil shall be stockpiled in one location until it is moved to the restoration area.

### **10.0 Stone Wall Dismantling and Re-building**

Removal or alteration of stonewalls shall be avoided, whenever possible. As appropriate, some stonewalls removed or breached by construction activities shall be repaired or rebuilt. Rebuilt stone walls shall be placed on the same alignment that existed prior to temporary removal, to

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the extent that it shall not interfere with operations. The removal and rebuilding of stone walls requires approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal, and may require several weeks lead time for coordination. Note that not all states allow this technique. Dismantling may not be allowed at all due to quality or significance of the wall. Once a stone wall has been identified as requiring dismantling, the following procedures shall be followed:

- Identify stone wall that is required to be temporarily dismantled and notify project team that a site visit is warranted to review the stone wall.
- The National Grid Environmental Scientist, with support from Property Legal and/or cultural/historical consultant, shall determine if permitting or additional permissions are required prior to dismantling stone wall.
- Once permit or permissions have been received, full documentation of wall dimensions (measurements and photographs) shall be submitted to the National Grid Environmental Scientist. Documentation of the wall dimensions shall be marked onto a copy of the applicable EFI access plan (or equivalent plan) with a useful reference for future locating such as GPS coordinates and/or measurement from a permanent reference point (closest structure location or closest cross street, etc.). The wall shall be photographed from all sides with a written description of the photograph (i.e. southern side of wall looking north). In addition, documentation of the length of wall to be dismantled shall be recorded. Take special care to note if granite property bounds (or other marker) are located within the wall so additional survey can be accomplished prior to dismantling in cases where the stone wall represents a property boundary. Site visits by project team (which shall include the National Grid Environmental Scientist) are a mandatory requirement prior to dismantling.
- No dismantling shall take place until documentation has been submitted to the National Grid Environmental Scientist and approved as sufficient documentation.
- Stones from the wall shall be removed from the work area and temporarily stored in nearby location, away from wetlands; buffer zones; rare species habitat and other historical/archeological concerns.
- Avoid dismantling via the “bulldozer” method when possible as this method makes it nearly impossible to rebuild the wall in the same alignment due to its uncontrolled nature. Dismantling shall be conducted either by hand, with stones stacked as they are removed, or on less “sensitive” walls to use an excavator with a thumb to grab each stone and build a stockpile. Significant ground disturbance below the wall shall be avoided.

Once construction and access in the area has been completed, the wall shall be rebuilt to pre-dismantled conditions or better. If rebuilding a stone walls can not be placed on the same alignment that existed prior to temporary removal, approval from the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal is required. **Note that if the wall represents a legal property boundary or is historically or culturally significant (or was previously determined to be in a very high quality condition), a professional stone masonry company may be required to document wall alignment, and conduct the dismantling and rebuilding**

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### 11.0 Avian Nest Removal

Avian nest removal shall be done in accordance with EG-304. Consult the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to removing any nests. There are seasonal restrictions of the removal of avian nests and federal or state permits may be necessary prior to removal

### 12.0 Drilling Fluids and Additives

Notify the National Grid Environmental Scientist if drilling fluids/additives are proposed to be used on a project. Use and disposal of spent drilling fluids/slurries shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, as regulatory approvals and drinking water wells may be of concern. Deactivation and sampling may be required prior to disposal.

### 13.0 Grounding Wells

The installation of grounding wells shall require erosion controls and proper soil management. Due to the typical depth required for grounding wells (typically 50 to 200 feet or more), erosion controls shall be installed around the proposed well location when working in buffer zone, in proximity to sensitive resources or near slopes. Also, dewatering basins may be required for the proper management of groundwater. The National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for the disposal of any excess soil.

### 14.0 Counterpoise and Cathodic Protection

The installation of counterpoise or cathodic protection shall require erosion controls and proper soil management. The National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be consulted for the disposal of any excess soil.

### 15.0 Gates

When not in use, gates shall be locked with a company-approved lock or double locked with the property owner's lock. New gates may be installed during a project, however, installation of a gate requires permission from the property owner, and may require environmental permitting. Consult with National Grid Real Estate and the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to installing a new gate, as well as with the appropriate engineering department for the current company gate specifications. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7. Installation of ROW access restrictions (e.g., stone, bollards, other) at road crossings also require consultation with the National Grid Environmental Scientist and Property Legal.

### 16.0 Signage

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Specific signage may be required by permits or be specified in the EFI to limit access in certain sensitive areas. Signs shall be used to clarify allowed access and sensitive areas, such as:

- “No snow stockpiling beyond this point,”
- “Approved access (to structures A-F)”;
- “Do not cross this area until swamp mats are in place”;
- “No vehicle crossing”;
- “Areas to avoid”; and
- “Environmentally Sensitive Area – Keep Out.”

Signs shall be used in conjunction with snow fencing or other physical barriers as demarcation for sensitive areas (e.g., rare species areas, sensitive archeological locations, etc.) that need to be protected and avoided by construction activities. In addition, permit signs required by the regulatory agencies shall be present (i.e. MADEP, RIDEM, EPA (SWPPP), ACOE, etc) at construction sites and/or ROW access points. Construction signage shall be installed and maintained by the contractor performing the work during the project. Absence of signage does not eliminate the need to comply with access plans, permit conditions, and other regulatory requirements. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7.

## 17.0 Refueling and Maintenance Operations

### 17.1 Spill Prevention and Response Plan

Spill controls shall be provided on every field vehicle. Bulk storage of fuels (55 gallons or greater) shall be approved by the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to being brought on site. The need for a field spill plan shall be evaluated specific to the project for regulatory requirements under SPCC regulations or local ordinances. A field spill plan would include information on fuels and oils being used, approximate amounts in each container or type of equipment, location, fueling location, secondary containment, response and notification procedures, including contact phone numbers, etc. All personnel shall be briefed on spill prevention and response prior to the commencement of construction. The state-specific EG-501 and EG-502 shall be followed in the event of a spill.

Typical construction activities do not require the use or storage of large quantities of oil or hazardous materials (i.e., greater than 55 gallons). However, oil and/or hazardous materials (OHM) may be required in limited quantities to support construction or vehicle operations. Best practices shall be followed in the use and storage of OHM which include but are not limited to: storage and refueling greater than 100 feet from resource areas; maintenance of spill response equipment at work locations sufficient to handle incidental releases from operating equipment; general training for on-site personnel for spill clean up response for incidental releases of OHM; and contracting with an on-call spill response contractor that is capable of managing incidental and significant releases of OHM. There may situations that additional precautions shall be required for the storage or use of OHM (i.e., within wellhead protection areas, GA/GAA areas,

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Zone IIs). Storage of OHM shall be done in accordance with any applicable regulatory requirements.

### 17.2 Field Refueling

When refueling vehicles, Company personnel or contractors at field locations shall bring vehicles or equipment (except for fixed equipment such as drill rigs) to an access area outside of environmentally sensitive areas (such as waterways, wetlands, buffer zones or drinking water sources), or as specified in permit conditions and the EFI. A paved area such as a parking lot or roadway is preferred, to minimize the possibility of spill or release to the environment. The driver shall take all usual and reasonable environmental and safety precautions during refueling, such as connecting a safety grounding strap between the fuel tank and vehicle or equipment being refueled. The driver shall frequently check for fuel spills, drips, or seeps during the refueling operation.

Small equipment such as pumps and generators shall be placed in small swimming pools or on absorbent blankets/pads, to contain any accidental fuel spills. Small swimming pools with absorbent blankets/pads, and/or other secondary containment, shall be used for refueling of fixed equipment in wetlands and should be maintained to prevent accumulation of precipitation.

### 17.3 Grease, Oil, and Filter Changes

Routine vehicle maintenance shall not be conducted on project sites.

### 17.4 Other Field Maintenance Operations

When other vehicle or equipment maintenance operations (such as emergency repairs) occur, company personnel or contractors at field locations shall bring vehicles or equipment to an access location a minimum of 100 feet away from environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., wetlands or drinking water sources). A paved area, such as a parking lot or roadway, is a preferred field maintenance location to minimize the possibility of spills or releases to the environment.

Crews shall take all usual and reasonable environmental precautions during repair or maintenance operations. Occasionally, it is infeasible to move the affected vehicle or equipment from an environmentally sensitive area to a suitable access area. When this situation occurs, precautions shall be taken to prevent oil or hazardous material release to the environment. These precautions include (but are not limited to) deployment of portable basins or similar secondary containment devices, use of ground covers, such as plastic tarpaulins, and precautionary placement of floating booms on nearby surface water bodies.

### 17.5 Tools and Equipment

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Cleaning of tools and equipment shall be conducted away from environmentally sensitive areas (such as wetlands, buffer zones or drinking water sources) to the maximum extent possible. A paved area such as a parking lot or roadway is preferred, to minimize the possibility of spill or release to the environment. Crews shall wipe up all minor drips or spills of grease and oil at field locations.

## 18.0 Clean-up and Restoration Standards

The following steps shall be taken once construction has been completed at each location along the ROW or within the project site. Refer to the EFI for applicable permit requirements, to determine if the site shall be reviewed by the permitting authorities prior to removal of erosion controls.

### 18.1 Sedimentation and Erosion Controls

After all work has been satisfactorily completed and vegetation has been re-established to a minimum of 75% cover, and upon approval by the National Grid Environmental Scientist, all non-biodegradable materials (e.g., siltation fencing, straw bale strings, stakes, straw wattle mesh casing, etc.) shall be disposed of properly off-site.

Dependent on permit requirements, sedimentation and erosion controls may not be allowed to be removed until after inspection and approval by one or more permitting authority. In most cases, removed straw bales may be used to mulch disturbed areas. Remaining straw bales that do not block the flow of water may be left in place unless they are required to be removed pursuant to permit conditions. Straw bales that block the flow of water shall be removed.

Prior to project construction being completed, the project team will develop post-construction inspection intervals to ensure timely removal of temporary BMPs. BMPs will be removed when the area is stabilized, which typically occurs when the area has either naturally stabilized (75 % cover), or seed and mulch that was installed has achieved 75% cover.

### 18.2 Disturbed Areas

Unless otherwise specified in permits or prescribed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist or the Project Environmental Consultant, all disturbed areas, including stream banks, wetlands and access routes, shall be restored following the completion of work. When the work is completed, the disturbed vegetation and soil shall be restored and stabilized<sup>6</sup> by:

- Regrading the area to pre-existing conditions, if needed;
- Seeding (if adequate root and seed stock are absent) and mulching the exposed soil;
- Removing strings and stakes from straw bales and using broken up straw bales for the mulch; and,

<sup>6</sup> For projects subject to the 2012 CGP, stabilization is required within 14 days, or within 7 days for sensitive areas.

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- Removing siltation fencing, strings and stakes for disposal as ordinary waste.

For some wetland areas, natural re-vegetation may be more appropriate than seeding disturbed sites. Refer to BMPs in Appendix 7 for seed mix tables and mulch ratio tables

### 18.3 Invasive Species

All equipment shall be certified clean<sup>7</sup> utilizing the attached form (Appendix 8) or equivalent as approved by the vendor prior to mobilization to the work site. The vendor shall use the certification from provided as Appendix 8 to document compliance with invasive species management BMPs, Clean is defined as being free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site. Any equipment that has been placed or used within areas containing invasive species within the project site shall be cleaned of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials at the site of the invasive species prior to being moved to other areas on the project site to prevent the spread of invasive species from one area to another<sup>8</sup>. **Equipment shall be cleaned prior to being removed at the completion of the project: exceptions to this requirement shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.** Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of equipment.

### 18.4 Cleaning of Equipment

At the completion of the project, Equipment shall be cleaned prior to being de-mobilized to prevent tracking of material onto roads and causing safety issues. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to discharging or disposing of any waste water or waste material from the cleaning of equipment

### 18.5 Access Routes (Cross Country Routes)

Cross country access routes shall be returned to pre-construction grade (if needed), seeded (if adequate root and seed stock are absent) and mulched. Pre-existing sandy soils within mapped rare turtle habitat shall not be seeded unless directed by the National Grid Environmental Scientist so as to not alter nesting habitat.

### 18.6 Access Roads

Constructed gravel roads shall be left in place following project completion unless permit conditions require their removal. Refer to the specific permit conditions for these provisions. If the road is to be removed, the crushed stone and geotextile fabric shall be removed from the work

<sup>7</sup> The Appendix 8 certification form (or equivalent as approved by National Grid Environmental scientist) shall be used to document the clean certification

<sup>8</sup> On ROW projects where multiple wetlands may be dominated by the same invasive species, cleaning may not be required for movement along the ROW. Check with the National Grid Environmental scientist for guidance.

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site. This excess material can be retained off-site for future maintenance-related access needs. Seeding and/or mulching of gravel roads is generally not required, unless necessary to prevent erosion.

**18.7 Stone Work Pads**

Unless permit conditions or property owner’s require the removal of constructed stone work pads following project completion, constructed work pads shall be left in place. Refer to the specific permit conditions for these provisions.

**18.8 Construction Materials on ROWs**

As soon as the structure work has been completed, all used parts and trash are to be picked up and removed from the project site. Retired poles shall be removed in accordance with National Grid Engineering Standard SP,06.01.301. In some cases, the used material from structure work may be temporarily stored at the work area by placing it out of the wetlands or other sensitive resource area until work in the adjacent areas has been completed. However, treated wood poles shall never be stored in standing water or in wetlands. If the project is cancelled, all material shall be removed from the project site. Excess material brought to the project site shall be removed upon project completion. Consult with the National Grid Environmental Scientist on whether the work site shall be restored in addition to the measures outlined in 8.14.1 to 8.14.5 above

**18.9 Improved Areas**

Yards, lawns, agricultural areas, and other improved areas shall be returned to a condition at least equal to that which existed at the start of the project. Alternately, if requested, the property owner may be reimbursed to perform their own restoration, after the site has been left in an environmentally sound manner. If this option is requested, it shall be documented in a written release signed by the property owner. Consult with National Grid Real Estate and/or Stakeholder Relations for the details on existing agreements. Off-ROW access shall never be assumed and shall be coordinated through Real Estate before being implemented. Depending on the access point, swamp matting, composite matting or other BMPs may be required to prevent ruts, lawn damage, or other property damage. Restoration following the completion of work and any use of improved areas shall be conducted in accordance with 8.14.2 above

**18.10 Property Damage**

All damage to property occurring as a result of a project shall be immediately repaired or replaced. In some locations, it may be desirable to document pre-existing damage prior to work commencing in that area in order to demonstrate afterwards that the damage did not result from the project. Work crews, the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall document repairs that were performed in response to damage from unauthorized vehicle use.

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### **18.11 Overall Work Site**

Upon satisfactory completion of work, the construction personnel shall remove all work-related trailers, buildings, rubbish, waste soil, temporary structures, and unused materials belonging to them or used under their direction during construction, or waste materials from previous construction and maintenance operations. All areas shall be left clean, without any litter or equipment (wire, pole butts, anchors, insulators, cross-arms, cardboard, coffee cups, water bottles, etc.) and restored to a stable condition and as near as possible to its original condition, where feasible. Debris and spent equipment shall be returned to the operating facility or contractor staging area for disposal or recycling (cardboard) as appropriate in accordance with EG-111.

### **18.12 Material Storage/Staging and Parking Areas**

Upon completion of all work, all material storage yards, staging areas, and parking areas shall be completely cleared of all waste and debris. Unless otherwise directed or unless other arrangements have been made with an off ROW or off-property owner, material storage yards and staging areas shall be returned to the condition that existed prior to the installation of the material storage yard or staging area. Regardless of arrangements made with a landowner, all areas shall be restored to their pre-construction condition or better. Also any temporary structures erected by the construction personnel, including fences, shall be removed by the construction personnel and the area restored as near as possible to its original condition, including seeding and mulching as needed.

## **19.0 Notification of Emergency Work**

Because it is sometimes difficult to identify wetlands and other sensitive environmental areas, the National Grid Environmental Scientist shall be notified within 24 hours or by the next working day whenever emergency off-road repair work takes place. Although the routine maintenance and emergency repair work is generally allowed, due to site conditions or the scope of the project, notification to the regulating agencies may be required

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### **Appendix 1 – Glossary**

Access Road – An existing, periodically maintained road often consisting of gravel and/or exposed soils or vegetated with grasses but devoid of woody vegetation, that is visible on aerial photography and shown on ROW T-sheets. May include newly permitted permanent roads (i.e., roads to be constructed in accordance with a project-specific permit).

Access Route - A pathway previously used or proposed to be used by crews for access along the ROW. Routes may be shown on ROW T-sheets or previous project access plans but are not improved as maintained gravel/exposed soil roads. Access routes may be mown and can consist of trails utilized by recreational vehicles.

Action Logs – Project-specific log used to document action items required for permit compliance. The log identifies timeframes for completion and responsible parties. The log is typically updated by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and circulated to the project team on a weekly, or more frequent, basis.

Bank – The transitional slope immediately adjacent to the edge of a surface water body, the upper limit of which is usually defined by a break in slope, or, for a wetland, where a line delineated in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations that indicates a change from wetland to upland.

BMP – Best Management Practice. Individual engineered constructions or operating procedures intended to minimize and mitigate soil disturbance, erosion, sedimentation, turbid discharges, and/or impacts to sensitive receptors.

Clean - free of plant matter (stems, flowers, roots, etc), soil, or other deleterious materials prior to being brought to the project site.

Clean Gravel – Gravel is a type of coarse-grained soil that consists of small stones and other mineral particles. Clean Gravel shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001) Clean Gravel will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge.

Clean Stone (Crushed Stone) – Clean Stone (Crushed Stone) shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001). Clean Stone will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge.

Clearing – The cutting of trees and large bushes by hand and/or mechanical means.

Compost Socks – Tubular devices comprised of non-degradable, photodegradable, or biodegradable mesh tubing containing organic compost matrix. Compost socks are effective for intercepting site runoff, trapping sediment, and treating for soluble pollutants by filtering stormwater runoff.

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Compost socks are a useful sedimentation control device along construction site perimeters, as check dams in drainage channels, as a slope interruption practice on long and/or steep slopes, and around drain or street curb inlets.

Corduroy Road – Corduroy roads are cut trees and/or saplings with the crowns and branches removed, and the trunks lined up next to one another.

Dewatering Basin – An established containment area for saturated materials and pumped discharges. This measure is used for the purpose of de-watering soils prior to transport off site or for use in another location on site, and for allowing suspended sediment to settle out of pumped discharges.

Detention/Retention Basin – A detention/retention basin is designed for the purpose of detaining or retaining water. A dewatering basin is a form of detention basin

Dewatering – Use of a system of pumps, pipes and temporary holding dams to drain or divert waterways or wetlands, or lower the groundwater table before and during excavation activities.

Drainage Ditch or Swale – a clearly noticeable channel that is typically dry, except after precipitation events. Intermittent and perennial streams and rivers are not included in this definition.

Dredge – To dig, excavate, or otherwise disturb the contour or integrity of sediments in the bank or bed of a wetland, a surface water body, or other area within the regulating bodies’ jurisdiction.

Dredge Spoils – Material removed as the result of dredging.

Embankment – A protective bank constructed of mounded earth or fill materials located between a roadway (or rail bed) and a seasonal stream or other wetland.

Environmental Field Issue – Document that contains copies of all project-specific environmental permits and summarizes all environmental permit conditions. The EFI is prepared by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and copies are provided to the Project Manager, Construction Supervisor(s), and other team members as appropriate.

Environmental Monitoring Records – Examples of checklists and/or monitoring reports suggested for use by the Company Environmental Engineer to document conformance of the project with this Environmental Guidance and or project specific permit/license conditions.

Environmental Scientist – Formerly Environmental Engineer. The National Grid Environmental Department representative for the project or the territory where the work is located. For a map of Environmental Department staff territories, refer to the Environmental page of the National Grid infonet.

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Environmentally Sensitive Areas – Examples of environmentally sensitive areas that may be found on National Grid properties are rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, bogs, swamps, salt marshes, rare species habitat, wellhead protection areas, cultural sites, parks, preserves, schools and as otherwise defined by Federal, State or local regulations. Refer to EG-301.

Erosion Controls – The utilization of methods to prevent soil detachment and minimize displacement or washing down slopes by rainfall or run-off. Common practices include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Temporary and Permanent Seeding
- (b) Mulching, Soil Binders, Tackifiers
- (c) Erosion Control Blankets
- (d) Hydraulic Erosion Control

Excavate/Excavation – To dig, remove, or form a cavity or a hole in an area within the department’s jurisdiction.

Fill (n.) – Any rock, soil, gravel, sand or other such material that has been deposited or caused to be deposited by human activity.

Fill (v.) – To place or deposit materials in or on a wetland, surface water body, bank or otherwise in or on an area within the jurisdiction of the department.

Flats – Relatively level landforms composed of unconsolidated mineral and organic sediments usually mud or sand, that are alternately flooded and exposed by the tides and that usually are continuous with the shore.

Frozen condition – Field conditions when the upper portion of the ground surface freezes or when areas of standing water freeze solid such that vehicle passage over these areas is supported without any resulting soil disturbance. The frozen conditions must have been affected by severe cold (maximum daily temperatures less than 32 degrees F) for a continuous 2-week period.

GAA – Rhode Island groundwater classification, groundwater resources that are know or presumed to be suitable for drinking water use without treatment and are located in one of the three areas described below.

- a) The state’s major stratified drift aquifers that are capable of serving as a significant source for a public water supply (“groundwater reservoirs”) and the critical portion of their recharge area as delineated by DEM;

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b) The wellhead protection area for each public water system community water supply well. Community water supply wells are those that serve resident populations and have at least 15 service connections or serve at least 25 individuals, e. g. municipal wells and wells serving nursing homes, condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.; and

c) Groundwater dependent areas that are physically isolated from reasonable alternative water supplies and where existing groundwater warrants the highest level of protection. At present only Block Island has been designated as meeting this criterion..

GA – Rhode Island groundwater classification, groundwater resources that are known or presumed to be suitable for drinking water use without treatment. However, groundwater classified by GA does not fall within any of the three priority areas described under the GAA classification.

Grade/Grading – The movement of soil and fill material to change the elevation of the land. The term refers to the combined actions of excavating and filling to change elevation or shape.

Grubbing – the removal of stumps/roots by mechanical means during site preparation activities.

In-kind replacement - replacement using the same material, functional inverts, diameter and length as the existing item. In-kind replacement includes the substitution of a structure with a similar structure in approximately the same location as is practicable, and is approximately the same in design. The design may be altered to meet applicable utility standards, and may include alternate materials designed to prolong the life of that service.

Intermittent Stream – A stream that flows for sufficient time to develop and maintain a defined channel, but which might not flow during dry portions of the year.

In the Dry – Work done either during periods of low water or behind temporary diversions, such as Earth Dike / Drainage Swale and Lined Ditches designed and installed in accordance with best management practices.

Limit of Work/Disturbance – The approved project limits within regulated areas. All project related activities in regulated areas must be conducted within the approved limit of work/disturbance. The limit of work/disturbance shall be depicted on the approved permit site plans and in the EFI plans. Where it is warranted National Grid may require that these limits be identified in the field by flagging, construction fencing, and/or perimeter erosion controls.

Long-Term Restoration Logs - Project-specific log used to document restoration required following the completion of construction or as areas of the project have been completed (i.e., segments of ROW for a multi-mile project). The log is typically updated by the Project Environmental Consultant or the National Grid Environment Scientist and circulated to the project team on a weekly basis.

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Low Flow Conditions – Low water flow that generally occurs during the summer, as a result of decreased precipitation and the removal of water by increased evaporation and evapotranspiration by vegetation. Work done under low-flow conditions minimizes the potential for environmental damage. The USACE defines the calendar dates for low flow conditions in its New England state-specific Programmatic General Permits.

Low Ground Pressure – equipment that meets the regulatory requirement of < 3 Pounds per Square Inch (PSI) ground pressure when loaded. Use of LGP equipment *requires approval* from the National Grid Environmental Scientist.

Marsh – A wetland:

- a) That is distinguished by the absence of trees and shrubs;
- b) Dominated by soft-stemmed herbaceous plants such as grasses, reeds, and sedges; and
- c) Where the water table is at or above the surface throughout the year, but can fluctuate seasonally.

Methods – Are the construction practices and procedures that take place through choosing the proper equipment, trucks and labor to execute the earth moving activities based on the existing conditions and implementing creative and sensitive scheduling for the daily activities.

NHESP - Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program; a department within the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife that is responsible for protecting the 176 species of vertebrate and invertebrate animals and 259 species of native plants that are officially listed as Endangered, Threatened or of Special Concern in Massachusetts.

Perennial – A stream that contains water at all times except during extreme drought.

Person-in-Charge – A National Grid Project Engineer, Manager, Supervisor, Field Construction Coordinator or equivalent Contractor personnel assigned to oversee and coordinate work activities.

Processed Gravel – Processed Gravel shall meet the requirements in accordance with National Grid Standard Construction Specification for Electric Stations (Engineering Standard SP.08.00.001) Processed Gravel will not have fine materials that could lead to a turbid discharge. Gravel consisting of inert material that is hard, durable stone and is free from loam and clay, surface coatings and deleterious materials.

Regulating Body – Federal, State, or local authority that has jurisdiction over resource areas that may be impacted by company operations

Regulated Wetland Area – Those areas that are subject to federal, state or local wetland regulation, including certain buffer or adjacent areas.

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Repair – The restoring of an existing legal structure by partial replacement of work, or broken, or unsound parts (Env-Wt 101.73).

Replacement – The substitution of a new structure for an existing legal structure with no change in size, dimensions, location, configuration, construction, or which conforms in all material aspects to the original structure

Right-of-Way – A corridor of land where National Grid has legal rights (either fee ownership, lease or easement) to construct, operate, and maintain an electric power line and/or natural gas pipeline and may include work on customer owned properties.

River – A watercourse that is larger than a perennial stream and flows all year long.

Routine Utility Rights-of-Way Maintenance Activity – Includes but is not limited to vegetation management and repair or replacement of existing utility structures.

Sedimentation Controls – Silt fences, straw bales, compost socks/berms and other barrier devices strategically placed to intercept and treat sediment-laden site runoff.

Siltation Curtain – An impervious barrier erected to prevent silt and sand and/or fines from being washed into a wetland, surface water body or other area of concern.

Surface Water Body or Surface Waters – Those portions of waters which have standing or flowing water at or on the surface of the ground.

Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans – Required for site operations that involve the storage of 1,320 gallons or greater of fuel and oils, both in storage containers and stored in equipment. Response actions to spills and releases are specified in these plans.

Swamp Mats – Components of a temporary wood, plastic or other suitable material used as a BMP to cross sensitive areas or provide a stable working surface.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan – A site-specific, written document that, among other things: (1) identifies potential sources of stormwater pollution at a construction site; (2) describes stormwater control measures to reduce or eliminate pollutants in stormwater discharge from a construction site; and (3) identifies procedures the operator will implement to comply with the terms and conditions of EPA NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP). SWPPPs must be prepared, maintained on-site, and amended as necessary in order to obtain NPDES permit coverage for specific construction site stormwater discharges under the EPA NPDES CGP.

Tidal Wetlands – A wetland whose vegetation, hydrology or soils are influenced by periodic inundation or tidal waters.

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Topsoil – The uppermost part of the soil, ordinarily moved in tillage, or its equivalent in uncultivated soils and ranging in depth from 2 to 10 inches.

Turbidity – The condition in which solid particles suspended in water make the water cloudy or even opaque in extreme cases.

United States Geological Survey topographic map – A map that uses contour lines to represent the three-dimensional features of a landscape on a two-dimensional surface. These maps use a line and symbol representation of natural and artificially created features in an area.

Wetland – An area that is inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation (more than 50 percent) typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (hydric soils). Wetlands include but are not limited to swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Work Site – An area where work is performed.

Worker – Company employee, contractor, consultant working on site.

Zone II - Massachusetts - That area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days of pumping at safe yield, with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till or bedrock. In some cases, streams or lakes may act as recharge boundaries. In all cases, Zone IIs shall extend up gradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries (a groundwater flow divide, a contact with till or bedrock , or a recharge boundary).

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### Appendix 2 – Acronyms

ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BMP	Best Management Practices
EFI	Environmental Field Issue
EG	Environmental Guidance
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GA/GAA	Rhode Island Groundwater Classifications – see glossary
LGP	Low Ground Pressure
MA	Massachusetts
MA DEP	Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
MassDOT	Massachusetts Department of Transportation
NE	New England
NH	New Hampshire
NH DES	New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
NHESP	Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OHM	Oil and/or Hazardous Materials
PSI	Pounds per square inch
RI	Rhode Island
RI DEM	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
RI CRMC	Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council
RI SESC	Rhode Island soil erosion and sediment control
ROW	Right-of-Way
RTE	Rare, Threatened or Endangered
SPCC	Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TOY	Time-of-Year
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VT	Vermont
VT DEC	Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

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Zone II      Massachusetts Groundwater Protection district – see glossary

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**Appendix 3 – EFI template**

**See EG303NE\_Form1 for the EFI template**

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**Appendix 4 – Simplified EFI template**

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**Appendix 5 – Standard STORMS boilerplate language**

**See EG303NE\_Form3 for examples of standard STORMS boilerplate language**

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**Appendix 6**  
**National Grid**  
**Storm Water, Wetlands & Priority Habitat Environmental Compliance**  
**Site Inspection / Monitoring Report**

Project Name:  Date:   
 City / Town:  Time:   
 WO/WR #

Distribution Alliance Contractor Project?  No  Yes Identify Contractor

Current Weather Conditions:

Precipitation Since Last Inspection (Date, Est. Duration and Est. Amount from Each Storm):

Activities/Structures/Locations Inspected:

Identify Locations/Activities/Structures Within Designated Priority Habitat (Identify Rare Species Observations, if any and Mitigation/Restoration Measures Implemented):

Any Significant Discharges of Sediment to Water Bodies or Wetlands? (If "yes," state locations):

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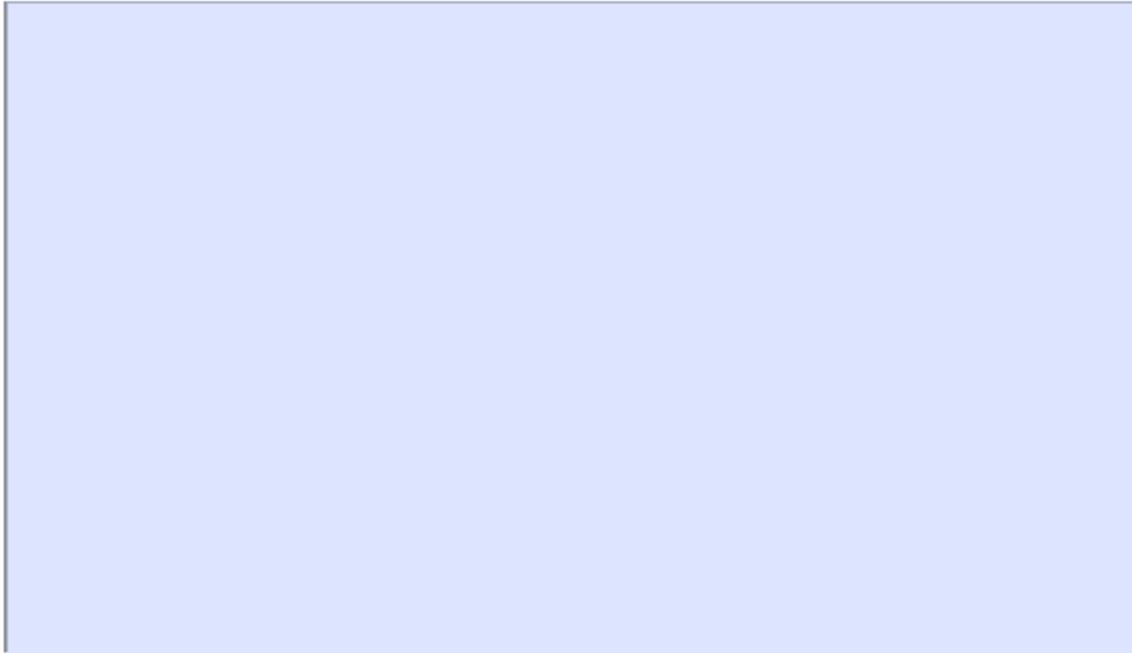
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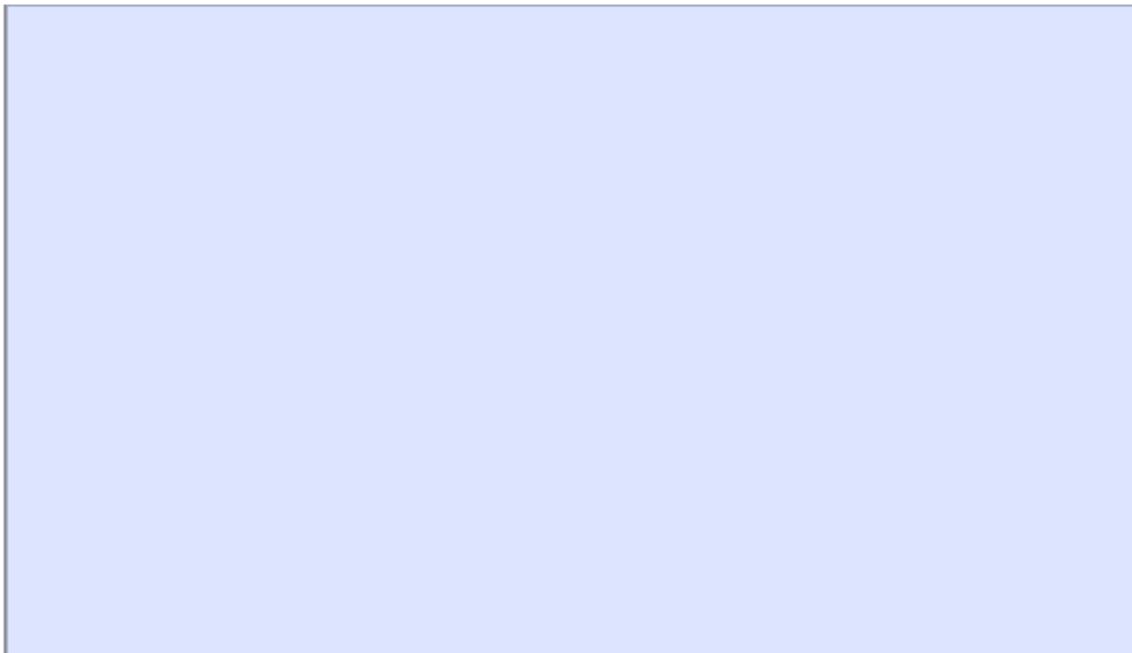
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*Compliance with SWPPP Storm Water Controls, O&M Plan, Order of Conditions or Other Applicable Environmental Requirements? (Explain if "no" for any feature inspected):*



*Additional BMPs or Other Corrective Action Needed and, if so, Where?*



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*Compliance with Previous Observations?*

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Are Spill Control Supplies Available?  Yes  No

Are Oil and/or Hazardous Materials Stored On-Site?  Yes  No

If So, Are They Properly Labeled and Managed?  Yes  No

Are Wastes Stored On-Site?  Yes  No If So, Are They Properly Managed?  Yes  No

*Miscellaneous (e.g., dumping?):*

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*Comments:*

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Company:

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**Appendix 7 – BMPs**

**See EG303NE\_Form4 for a list of BMPS**

**See EG303NE\_Form5 for BMP details**

	<u>BMP #</u>	<u>Measure</u>
<b>Sediment &amp; Erosion Controls</b>	1	Weed free bale barrier
	2	Sediment control fence
	3	Silt fence / weed free barrier
	4	Silt Soxx
	5	Straw Wattle
	6	Erosion Control Blanket - Ditch
	7	Erosion Control Blanket - Slope
	8	Hydroseeding with Tackifier (slope stabilization)
	9	Mulch materials, rates and uses (from NY)
	10	Seeding options - Northern New England
	11	Seeding options - Southern New England

<b>Crossing Measures</b>	12	Prefabricated mats
	13	Mat bridge
	14	Swamp mat layout (with transition)
	15	Swamp mat layout (with transition and BMPs)
	16	Swamp mat - Air Bridge
	17	Corduroy road
	18	Temporary construction entrance / exit
	19	Temporary construction culvert
	20	Access way stabilization
	21	Construction signage

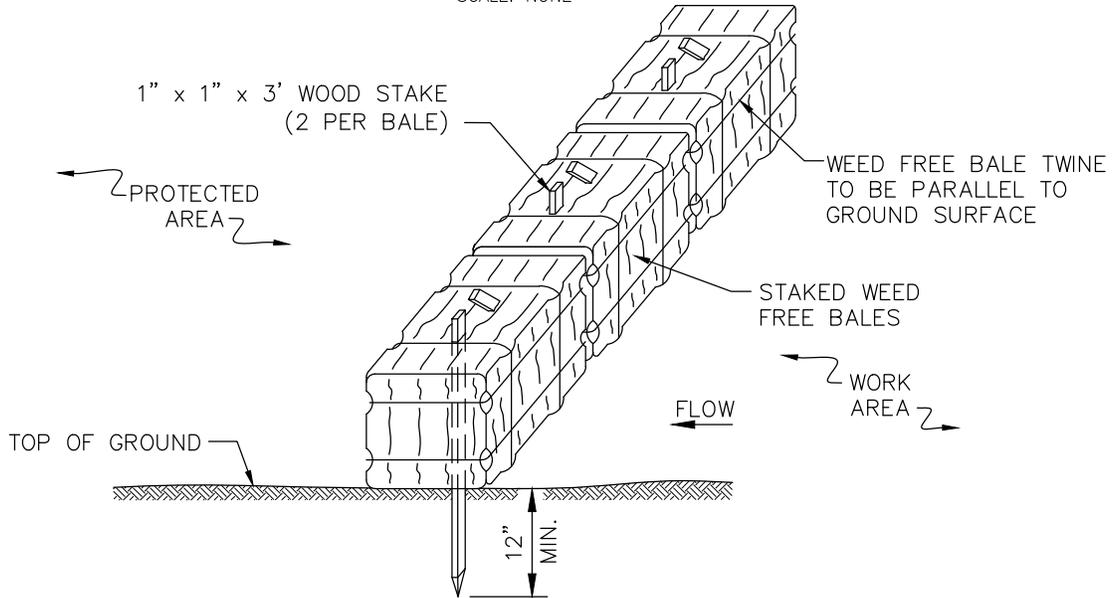
<b>Advanced Applications</b>	22	Reinforced silt fence
	23	Sediment filter
	24	Stone check dams
	25	Straw / haybale check dam
	26	Waterbar
	27	Sandbag check dam
	28	Earth dike
	29	Drainage swale and lined ditch
	30	Sedimentation basin
	31	Dewatering basin - Small scale
	32	Dewatering basin - Large scale
	33	Dirtbag
	34	Concrete waste sump
	35	Outpak concrete washout
	36	Barrier fence (construction fence)
	37	ROW gates / fences
38	Bollard	
39	Dust control	
40	Catch Basin Inlet Protection	
41	Turbidity curtain	
42	Silt Sack	

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. THE GROUND SHALL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE CONTACT WITH THE BALES.

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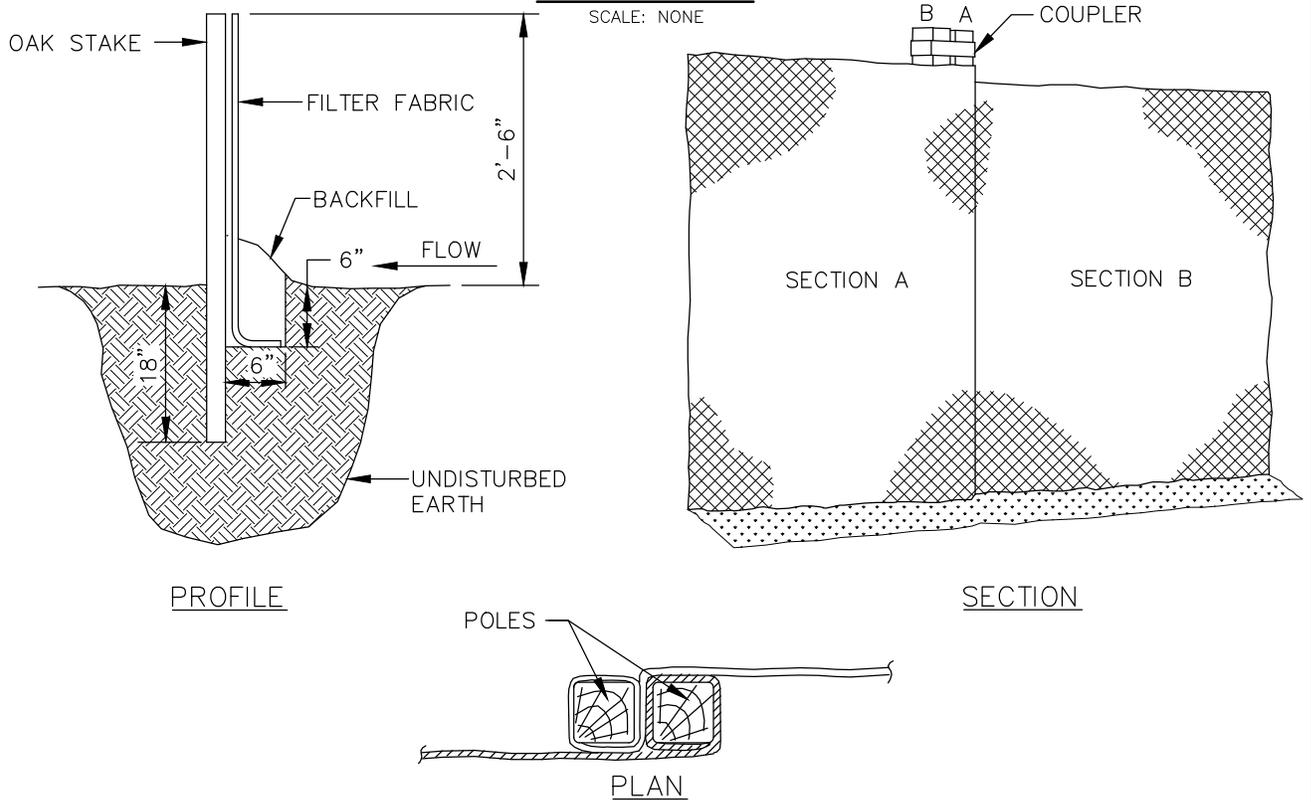
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**WEED FREE BALE BARRIER**

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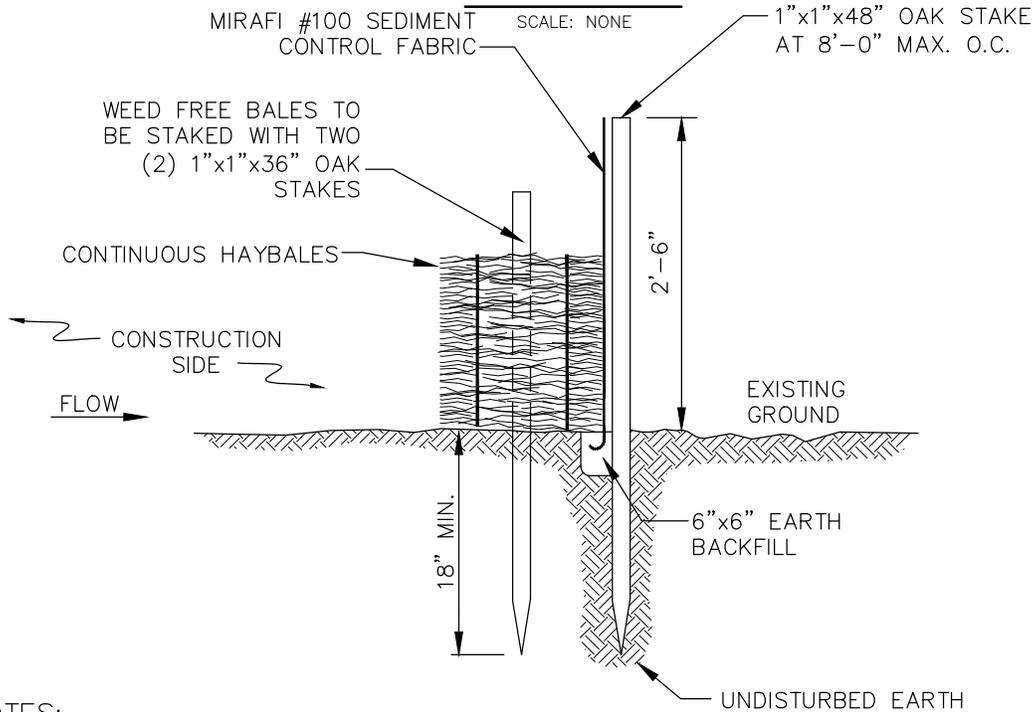
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**SEDIMENT CONTROL FENCE**

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**BMP DETAIL**



**NOTES:**

1. BALES SHALL BE PLACED IN A ROW WITH THE ENDS TIGHTLY ABUTTING THE ADJACENT BALES.
2. BALES SHALL BE SECURELY ANCHORED IN PLACE BY TWO (2) 1"x1"x36" OAK STAKES DRIVEN THROUGH THE BALES. THE FIRST STAKE IN EACH BALE SHALL BE ANGLED TOWARD PREVIOUSLY LAID BALE TO FORCE BALES TOGETHER.
3. INSPECTION SHALL BE FREQUENT AND REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT SHALL BE MADE PROMPTLY AS NEEDED.
4. BALES SHALL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WHEN THEY BECOME FILLED WITH SEDIMENT AND BLOCK OR IMPEDE STORM FLOW OR DRAINAGE.
5. BALES SHALL BE REMOVED WHEN THE EMBANKMENTS STABILIZE.
6. BALES TO BE TWINE BOUND.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 3**  
**SILT FENCE /**  
**WEED FREE BARRIER**

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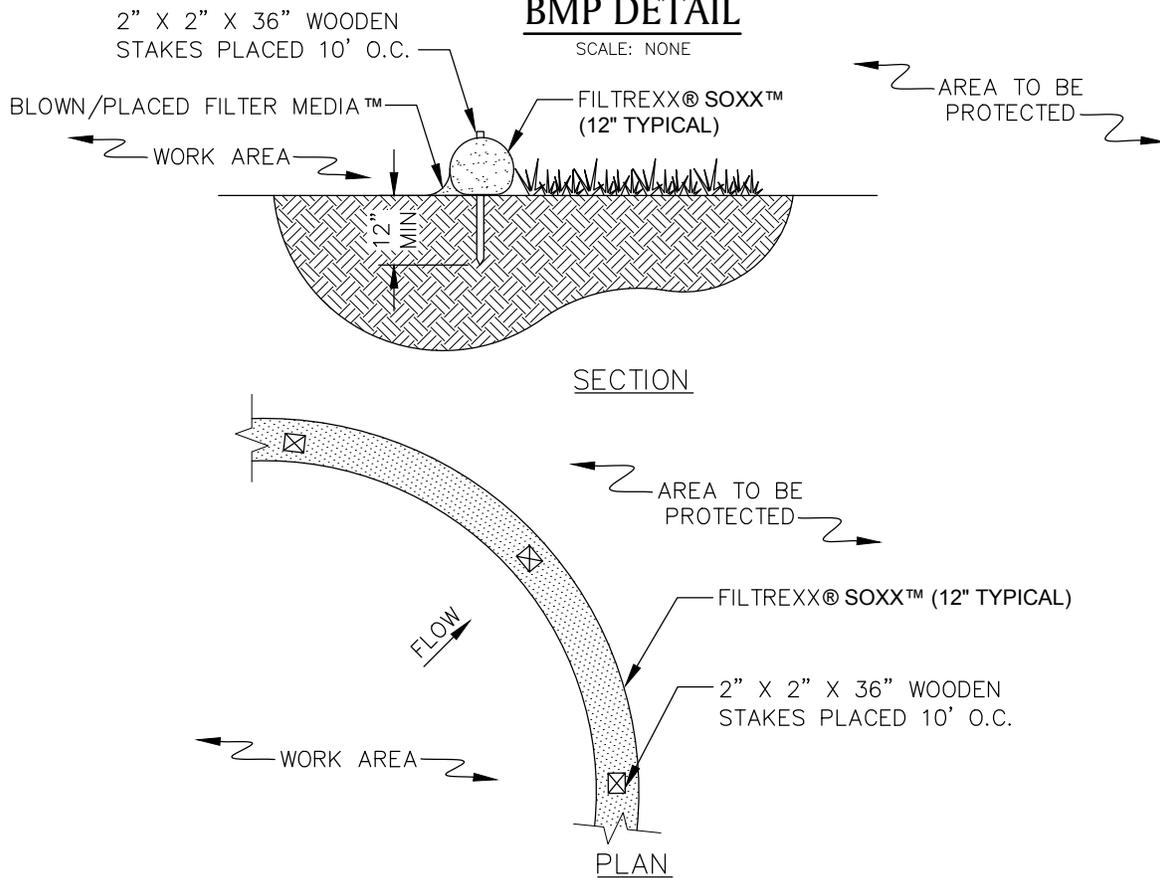
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SCALE: NONE



**NOTES**

1. PRODUCT TO BE FILTREXX® SILT SOXX™ OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. ALL MATERIAL TO MEET FILTREXX® SPECIFICATIONS.
3. FILTER MEDIA™ FILL TO MEET APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.
4. COMPOST MATERIAL TO BE DISPERSED ON SITE, AS DETERMINED BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



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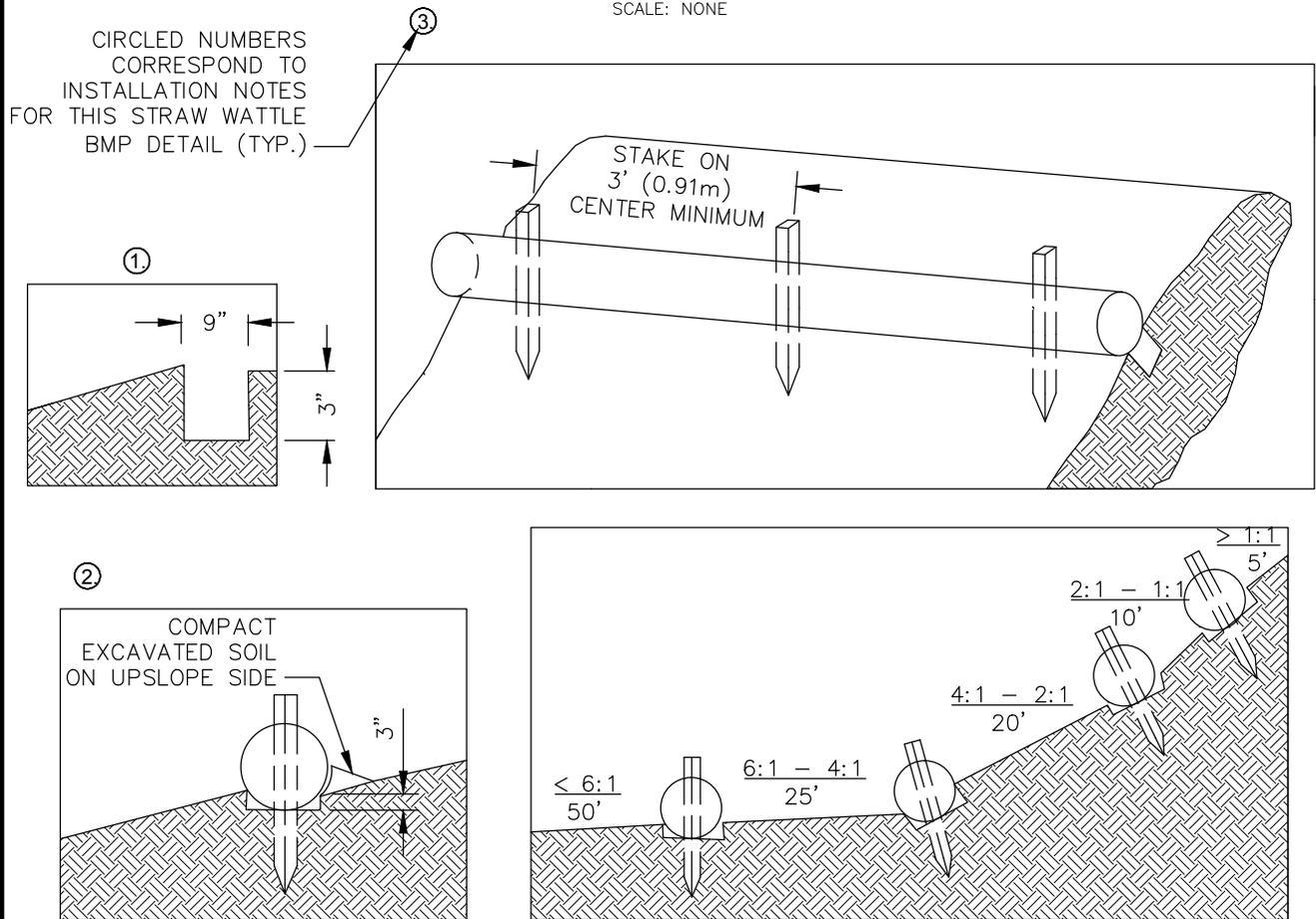
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**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE TENSAR NORTH AMERICAN GREEN STRAW WATTLE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. TYPICAL WATTLE SPACING BASED ON SLOPE GRADIENT. COORDINATE SPACING AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**INSTALLATION NOTES:**

1. BEGIN AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE WATTLE IS TO BE INSTALLED BY EXCAVATING A 2-3" DEEP X 9" WIDE TRENCH ALONG THE CONTOUR OF THE SLOPE. EXCAVATED SOIL SHOULD BE PLACED UPSLOPE FROM THE ANCHOR TRENCH.
2. PLACE THE WATTLE IN THE TRENCH SO THAT IT CONTOURS TO THE SOIL SURFACE. COMPACT SOIL FROM THE EXCAVATED TRENCH AGAINST THE WATTLE ON THE UPHILL SIDE. ADJACENT WATTLES SHOULD TIGHTLY ABUT.
3. SECURE THE WATTLE WITH 18-24" STAKES EVERY 3-4' AND WITH A STAKE ON EACH END. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE WATTLE LEAVING AT LEAST 2-3" OF STAKE EXTENDING ABOVE THE WATTLE. STAKES SHOULD BE DRIVEN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SLOPE FACE.

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**STRAW WATTLE \* (1 OF 2)**

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STRAW WATTLE \* (2 OF 2)

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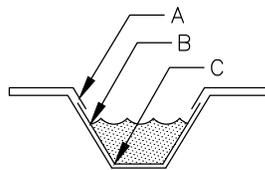
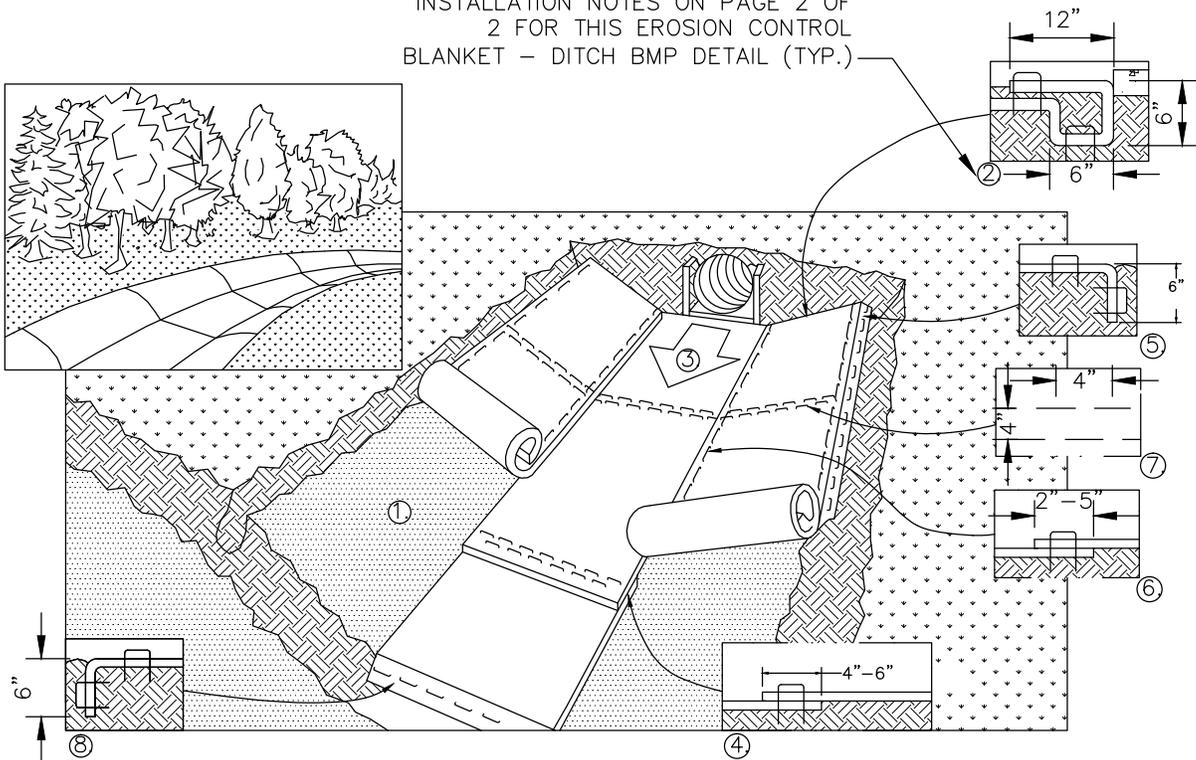
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SCALE: NONE

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2 FOR THIS EROSION CONTROL  
BLANKET - DITCH BMP DETAIL (TYP.)



CRITICAL POINTS

- A. OVERLAPS AND SEAMS
- B. PROJECTED WATER LINE
- C. CHANNEL BOTTOM/SIDE SLOPE VERTICES

NOTES:

1. PRODUCT TO BE NORTH AMERICAN GREEN EROSION CONTROL BLANKET OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. HORIZONTAL STAPLE SPACING SHOULD BE ALTERED IF NECESSARY TO ALLOW STAPLES TO SECURE THE CRITICAL POINTS ALONG THE CHANNEL SURFACE.
3. IN LOOSE SOIL CONDITIONS, THE USE OF STAPLE OR STAKE LENGTHS GREATER THAN 6" (15 CM) MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROPERLY ANCHOR THE ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS (RECP's).

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**BMP DETAIL**

**INSTALLATION NOTES:**

1. PREPARE SOIL BEFORE INSTALLING ROLLED EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS (RECP's), INCLUDING ANY NECESSARY APPLICATION OF LIME, FERTILIZER, AND SEED. NOTE: WHEN USING CELL-O-SEED DO NOT SEED PREPARED AREA. CELL-O-SEED MUST BE INSTALLED WITH PAPER SIDE DOWN.
2. BEGIN AT THE TOP OF THE CHANNEL BY ANCHORING THE RECP's IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH WITH APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) OF RECP's EXTENDED BEYOND THE UP-SLOPE PORTION OF THE TRENCH. ANCHOR THE RECP's WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING. APPLY SEED TO COMPACTED SOIL AND FOLD REMAINING 12" (30 CM) PORTION OF RECP's BACK OVER SEED AND COMPACTED SOIL. SECURE RECP's OVER COMPACTED SOIL WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES SPACED APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE RECP's.
3. ROLL CENTER RECP's IN DIRECTION OF WATER FLOW IN BOTTOM OF CHANNEL. RECP's WILL UNROLL WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE AGAINST THE SOIL SURFACE. ALL RECP's MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TO SOIL SURFACE BY PLACING STAPLES/STAKES IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE STAPLE PATTERN GUIDE. WHEN USING THE DOT SYSTEM, STAPLES/STAKES SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH EACH OF THE COLORED DOTS CORRESPONDING TO THE APPROPRIATE STAPLE PATTERN.
4. PLACE CONSECUTIVE RECP's END OVER END (SHINGLE STYLE) WITH A 4" - 6" (10 CM -15 CM) OVERLAP. USE A DOUBLE ROW OF STAPLES STAGGERED 4" (10 CM) APART AND 4" (10 CM) ON CENTER TO SECURE RECP's.
5. FULL LENGTH EDGE OF RECP's AT TOP OF SIDE SLOPES MUST BE ANCHORED WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING.
6. ADJACENT RECP's MUST BE OVERLAPPED APPROXIMATELY 2" - 5" (5 CM -12.5 CM) (DEPENDING ON RECP's TYPE) AND STAPLED.
7. IN HIGH FLOW CHANNEL APPLICATIONS, A STAPLE CHECK SLOT IS RECOMMENDED AT 30 TO 40 FOOT (9 M - 12 M) INTERVALS. USE A DOUBLE ROW OF STAPLES STAGGERED 4" (10 CM) APART AND 4" (10 CM) ON CENTER OVER ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE CHANNEL.
8. THE TERMINAL END OF THE RECP's MUST BE ANCHORED WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING.

**BMP PICTURE**



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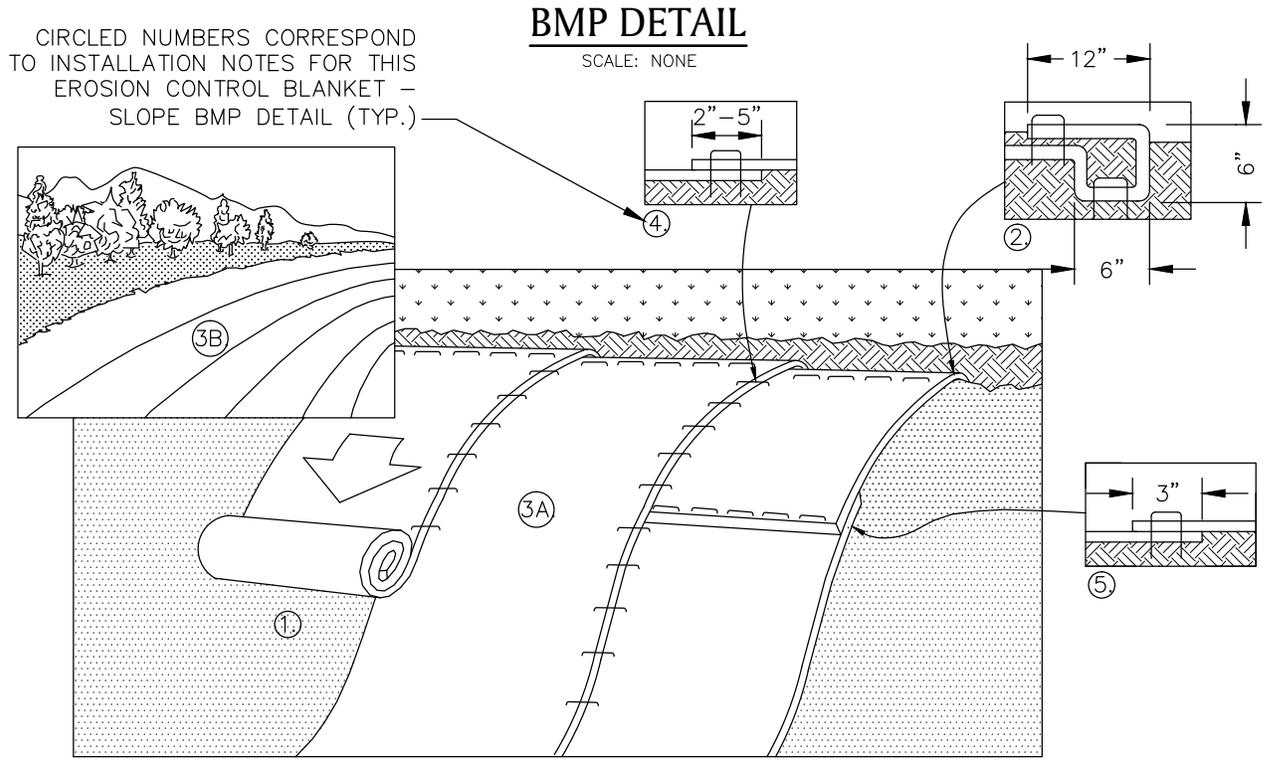
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NOTES:

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2. IN LOOSE SOIL CONDITIONS, THE USE OF STAPLES OR STAKE LENGTHS GREATER THAN 6" (15 CM) MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROPERLY SECURE THE RECP's.

INSTALLATION NOTES:

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2. BEGIN AT THE TOP OF THE SLOPE BY ANCHORING THE RECP's IN A 6" (15 CM) DEEP X 6" (15 CM) WIDE TRENCH WITH APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) OF RECP's EXTENDED BEYOND THE UP-SLOPE PORTION OF THE TRENCH. ANCHOR THE RECP's WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART IN THE BOTTOM OF THE TRENCH. BACKFILL AND COMPACT THE TRENCH AFTER STAPLING. APPLY SEED TO COMPACTED SOIL AND FOLD REMAINING 12" (30 CM) PORTION OF RECP's BACK OVER SEED AND COMPACTED SOIL. SECURE RECP's OVER COMPACTED SOIL WITH A ROW OF STAPLES/STAKES SPACED APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART ACROSS THE WIDTH OF THE RECP's.
3. ROLL THE RECP's (A.) DOWN OR (B.) HORIZONTALLY ACROSS THE SLOPE. RECP's WILL UNROLL WITH APPROPRIATE SIDE AGAINST THE SOIL SURFACE. ALL RECP's MUST BE SECURELY FASTENED TO SOIL SURFACE BY PLACING STAPLES/STAKES IN APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE STAPLE PATTERN GUIDE. WHEN USING THE DOT SYSTEM, STAPLES/STAKES SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH EACH OF THE COLORED DOTS CORRESPONDING TO THE APPROPRIATE STAPLE PATTERN.
4. THE EDGES OF PARALLEL RECP's MUST BE STAPLED WITH APPROXIMATELY 2" - 5" (5 CM - 12.5 CM) OVERLAP DEPENDING ON RECP's TYPE.
5. CONSECUTIVE RECP's SPLICED DOWN THE SLOPE MUST BE PLACED END OVER END (SHINGLE STYLE) WITH AN APPROXIMATE 3" (7.5 CM) OVERLAP. STAPLE THROUGH OVERLAPPED AREA, APPROXIMATELY 12" (30 CM) APART ACROSS ENTIRE RECP's WIDTH.

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**EROSION CONTROL BLANKET -**  
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**NOTES:**

1. COORDINATE MIXTURE TYPE AND APPLICATION AREAS WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
2. A MINIMUM OF 1500 LBS. PER ACRE OF A PAPER/CORN FIBER OR EQUIVALENT WITH NATURAL TACKIFIERS WILL BE USED ON SLOPES LESS THAN 3:1.
3. A BFM (BONDED FIBER MATRIX) WILL BE USED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 2:1.
4. A FGM (FLEXIBLE GROWTH MATRIX) OR ESM (EXTREME SLOPE MATRIX) WILL BE USED ON SLOPES GREATER THAN 1:1.
5. REFER TO BMP #10 FOR SEED MIXTURE OPTIONS.

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**BMP # 8**  
**HYDROSEEDING WITH TACKIFIER**  
**(SLOPE STABILIZATION) \***

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**BMP**

**Definition**

Applying coarse plant residue or chips, or other suitable materials, to cover the soil surface.

**Purpose**

The primary purpose is to provide initial erosion control while a seeding or shrub planting is establishing. Mulch will conserve moisture and modify the surface soil temperature and reduce fluctuation of both. Mulch will prevent soil surface crusting and aid in weed control. Mulch is also used alone for temporary stabilization in non-growing months.

**Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On soils subject to erosion and on new seedings and shrub plantings. Mulch is useful on soils with low infiltration rates by retarding runoff.

**Criteria**

Site preparation prior to mulching requires the installation of necessary erosion control or water management practices and drainage systems.

Slope, grade and smooth the site to fit needs of selected mulch products.

Remove all undesirable stones and other debris to meet the needs of the anticipated land use and maintenance required.

Apply mulch after soil amendments and planting is accomplished or simultaneously if hydroseeding is used.

Select appropriate mulch material and application rate or material needs. Determine local availability.

Select appropriate mulch anchoring material.

NOTE: The best combination for grass/legume establishment is straw (cereal grain) mulch applied at 2 ton/acre (90 lbs./1000sq.ft.) and anchored with wood fiber mulch (hydromulch) at 500 – 750 lbs./acre (11 – 17 lbs./1000 sq. ft.). The wood fiber mulch must be applied through a hydroseeder immediately after mulching.



**NOTE:**

1. PICTURE DEPICTS STRAW MULCH APPLICATION (FROM MULCH SPREADER) ON STEEP SLOPE WITH AN IMPROVED DRAINAGE SWALE.
2. COORDINATE MULCH MATERIALS AND RATES WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

\* BMP INFORMATION FROM "NEW YORK STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (AUGUST, 2005)." INFORMATION OBTAINED VIA WEBSITE: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29066.html>  
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**BMP # 9**  
**MULCH MATERIALS, RATES AND**  
**USES (FROM NY) \***

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## UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX – GENERAL

### Species Composition Options:

- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass
- Chamaecrista fasciculata; Partridge Pea
- Desmodium canadense; Showy Tick Trefoil
- Heliopsis helianthoides; Ox–Eye Sunflower
- Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Rudbeckia hirta; Black Eyed Susan
- Poa palustris; Fowl Bluegrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Agrostis alba; Redtop
- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Lotus corniculatus; Birds–Foot Trefoil
- Chrysanthemum leucanthem; Ox–Eye Daisy
- Aster novae–angliae; New England Aster

### Example Seed Mixes:

1. Native Upland wildlife forage and Cover Meadow Mix – Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX–123)
2. Eastern Ecotype Native Grass Mix– Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX–177)
3. New England Native Warm Season Grass Mix – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
4. New England Logging Road Mix – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
5. Northeast Upland Wildflower/Restoration Erosion Mix – Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX–2)

## UPLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX – DRY/ROCKY SITES

### Species Composition Options:

- Festuca rubra; Red Fescue
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Elymus Canadensis; Canada Wild Rye
- Bouteloua gracillis; Blue Grama
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Lolium perenne; Perennial Ryegrass
- Agrostis scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Agrostis perennans; Upland Bentgrass
- Sorghastrum nutans; Indiangrass

### Example Seed Mixes:

1. New England Erosion Control/ Restoration Mix for Dry Sites – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
2. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

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## WETLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX

### Species Composition Options:

- Agrostis stolonifera; Creeping Bentgrass
- Poa trivialis; Rough Bluegrass
- Alopecurus arundinaceus; Creeping Meadow Foxtail
- Lolium multiflorum; Annual Ryegrass
- Festuca rubra; Creeping Red Fescue
- Elymus virginicus; Virginia Wildrye
- Schizachyrium scoparium; Little Bluestem
- Andropogon gerardii; Niagra Big Bluestem
- Carex vulpinoidea; Fox sedge
- Panicum virgatum; Switchgrass
- Agrostis scabra; Rough Bentgrass
- Aster novae-angliae; New England Aster
- Eupatorium perfoliatum; Boneset
- Euthamia graminifolia; Grass Leaved Goldenrod
- Scirpus atrovirens; Green Bulrush
- Verbena hastata; Blue Vervain
- Juncus effusus; Soft Rush
- Scirpus cyperinus; Wool Grass
- Panicum clandestinum; Deertongue

### Example Seed Mixes

1. New England Erosion Control/Restoration Mix for Detention Basins and Moist Sites – New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
2. Northeast Wetland Grass Seed Mix – Southern Tier Consulting (STCMX-7)
3. Ernst Conservation Seeds and similar companies can create a custom seed mix matching the composition above (with site specific additions if necessary).

### GERNERAL NOTES:

1. Seed mixes described herein are intended to cover a variety of typical new england landscapes. However, site specific seed mixes will need to be evaluated in coastal or mountainous regions.
2. Seed mixes described herein are intended for general ROW restoration. Site specific wetland seed mixes may be required by local, state and/or federal regulators for certain impacts to wetlands.
3. All seed mixes are to be approved by National Grid Environmental Scientist prior to construction and must conform with all project permits.
4. Seedbed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls are crucial to the establishment of newly seeded areas. Coordinate with National Grid Environmental Scientist on seed bed preparation and maintenance as well as temporary erosion and sediment controls prior to construction.

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**BMP PICTURE**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE ALTURNAMATS' PREFABRICATED MATS OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. PRODUCT AVAILABLE IN 4X8' UNITS.
3. IF MATS ARE INSTALLED IN A WETLAND AREA, INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS TO CONTAIN MATERIAL UTILIZED IN THE MAT TRANSITIONS.

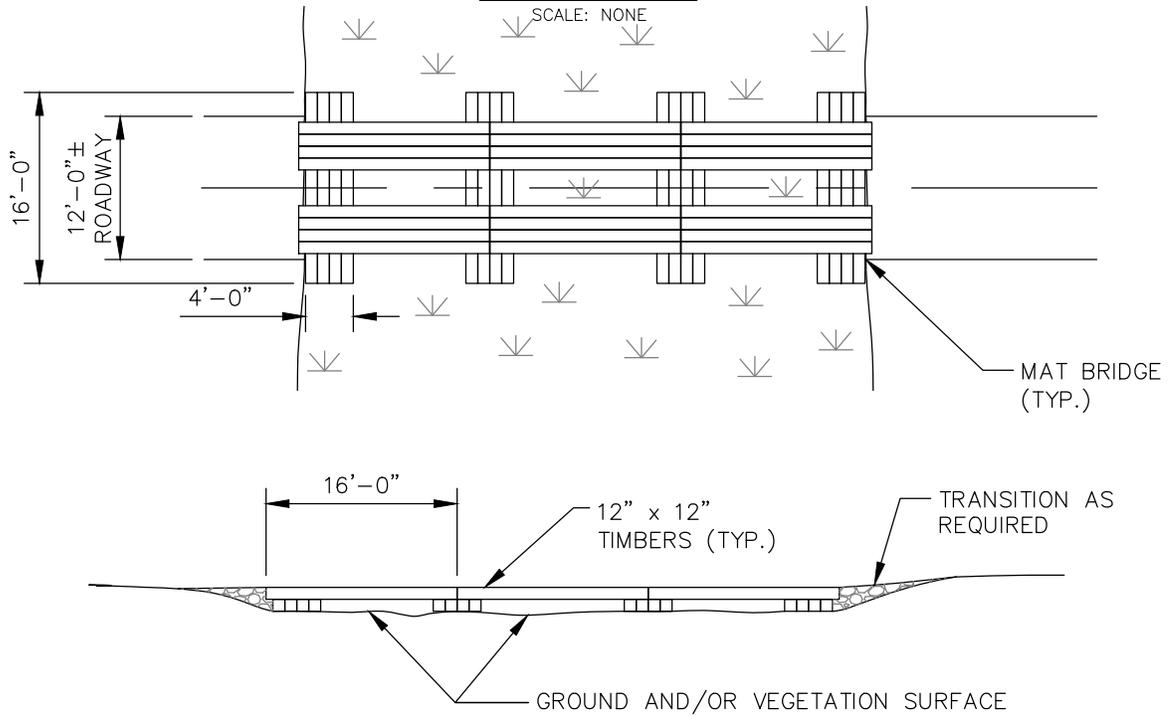
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**BMP # 12**  
**PREFABRICATED MATS \***

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**BMP DETAIL**



**NOTES:**

1. IF MATS ARE INSTALLED IN A WETLAND AREA, INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS TO CONTAIN MATERIAL UTILIZED IN THE MAT TRANSITIONS.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 13**  
**MAT BRIDGE**

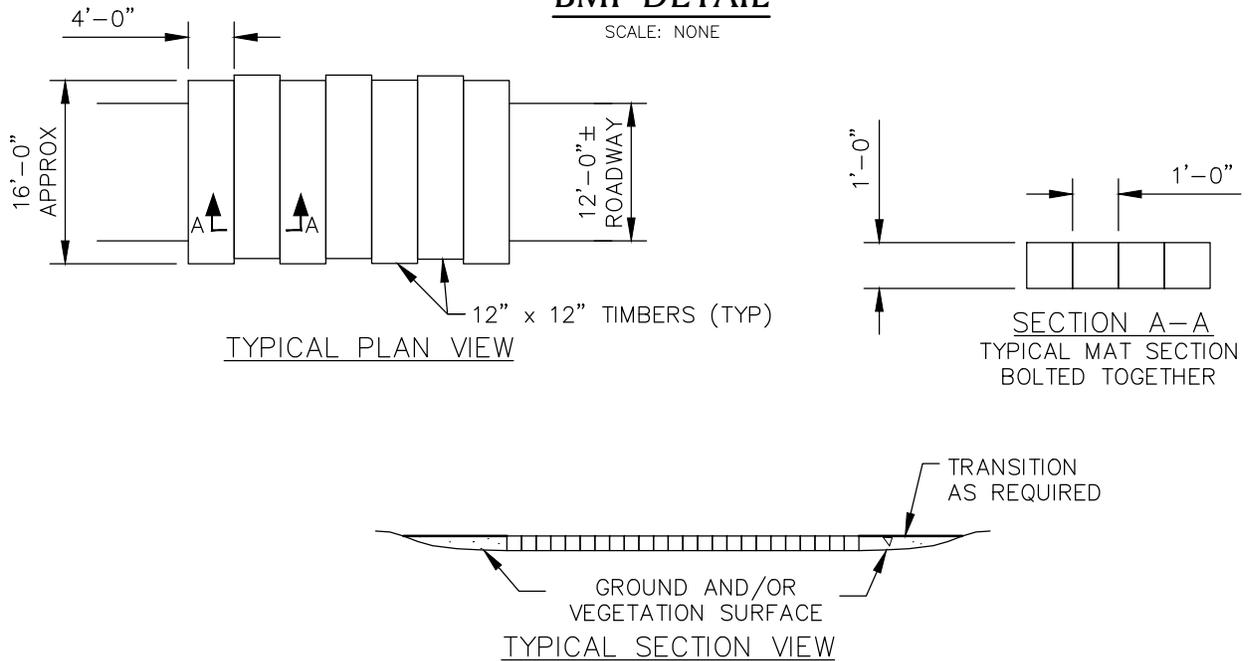
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. TO BE INSTALLED IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT RUTTING, TO ACCESS STRUCTURES.
2. THIS DETAIL SHOWS TYPICAL DIMENSIONS. SOME CONTRACTOR'S SWAMP MATS ARE DIMENSIONALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IS SHOWN HERE.
3. DEPENDENT ON SITE CONDITIONS, MULTIPLE LAYERS OF SWAMP MATS MAY BE INSTALLED.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 14**  
**SWAMP MAT LAYOUT**  
**(WITH TRANSITION)**

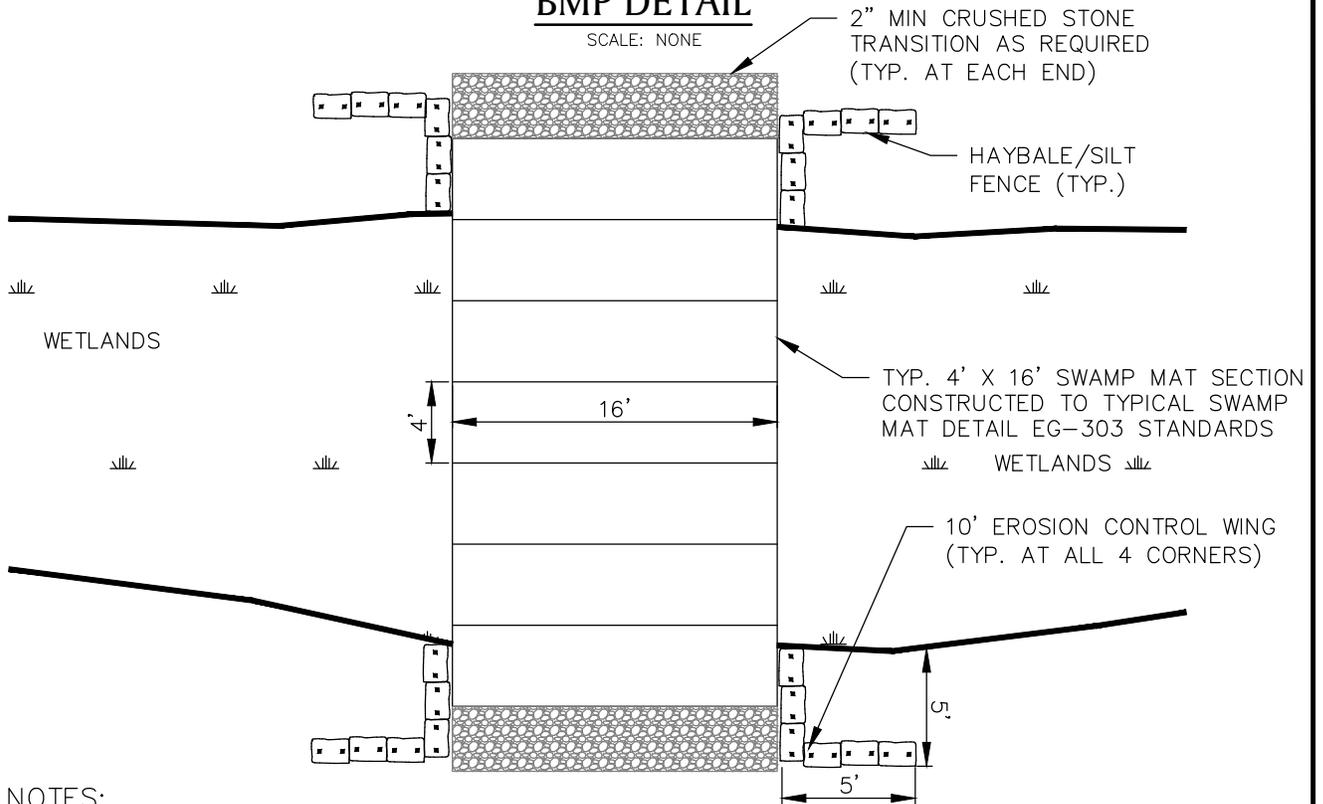
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. ADD FILTER FABRIC AS NEEDED UNDER STONE TRANSITION RAMPS.
2. ALL MEASUREMENTS AND LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 15**

**SWAMP MAT LAYOUT  
(WITH TRANSITION AND BMPs)**

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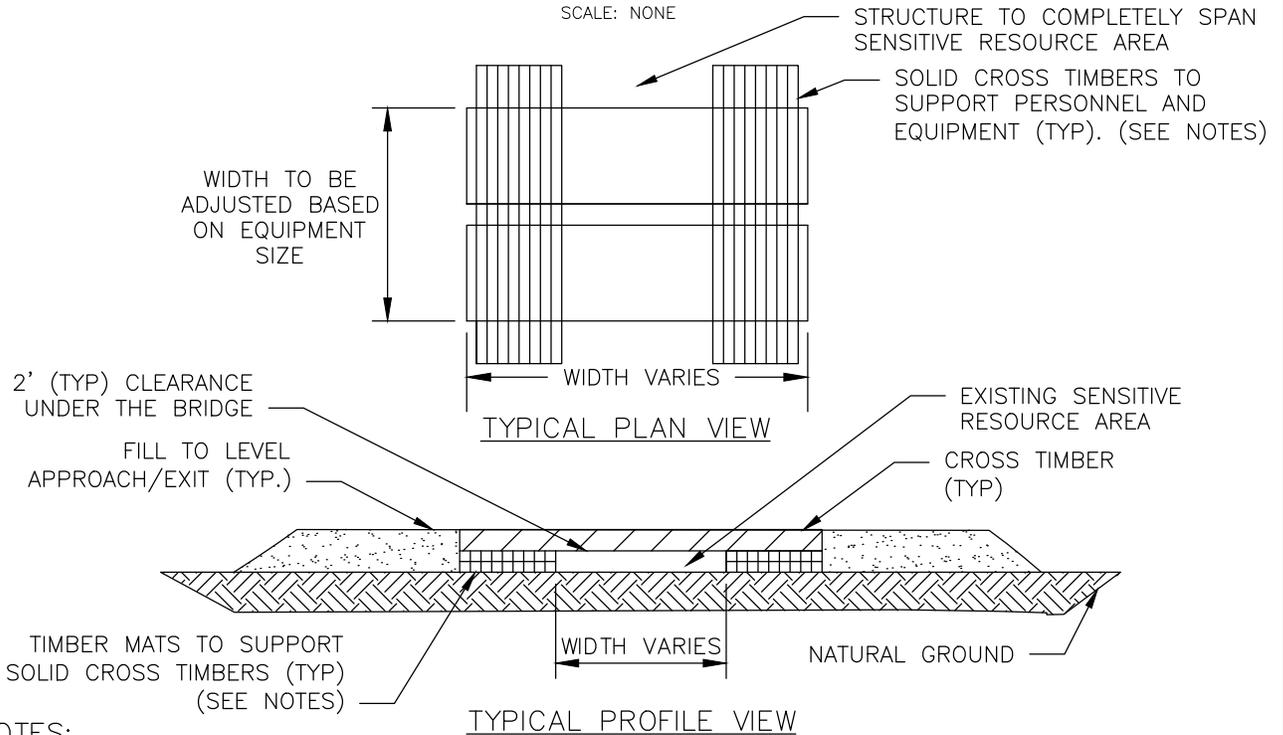
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. THE DETAIL SHOWN IS CONCEPTUAL. TIMBER MATS AND CROSS TIMBERS SHALL BE SIZED AND SELECTED BASED ON SPAN WIDTH, CROSSING EQUIPMENT AND FIELD CONDITIONS.
2. THE NUMBER OF TIMBER MATS MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE CLEARANCE HEIGHT.
3. EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOAD SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED ON ALL TIMBERS.
4. EACH EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND USER OF THE FIELD BRIDGE SHALL BE FAMILIAR WITH THE DESIGN AND THE MAXIMUM EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL LOADS.
5. THIS DETAIL MAY NOT BE APPLICABLE IN ALL FIELD CONDITIONS.
6. INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS ADJACENT TO THE CULVERT ENDS TO PROTECT THE WATERWAY FROM ROADWAY DEBRIS.

**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 16**  
**SWAMP MAT - AIR BRIDGE**

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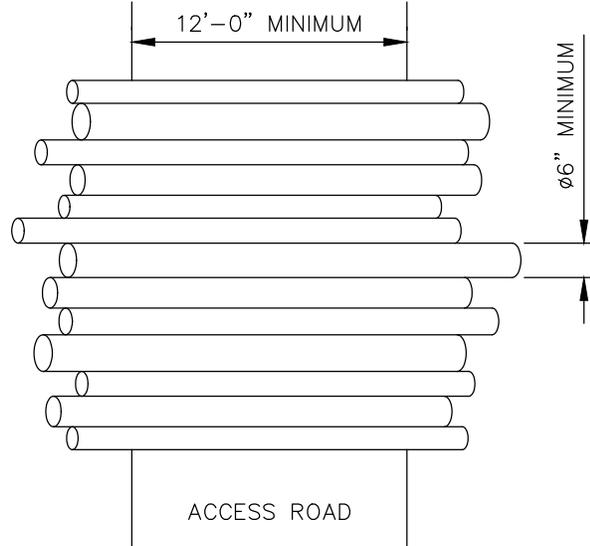
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SCALE: NONE



RANDOM LENGTH AND DIAMETER LOGS PLACED ACROSS AN ACCESS ROAD

**NOTE:**

1. A SIMILAR BRUSH MAT INSTALLATION CONSISTING OF SMALLER DIAMETER STEMS AND LOGS CAN BE USED.
2. CORDUROY ROADS SHALL ONLY BE USED IN EMERGENCIES OR AFTER APPROVAL FROM THE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT OR NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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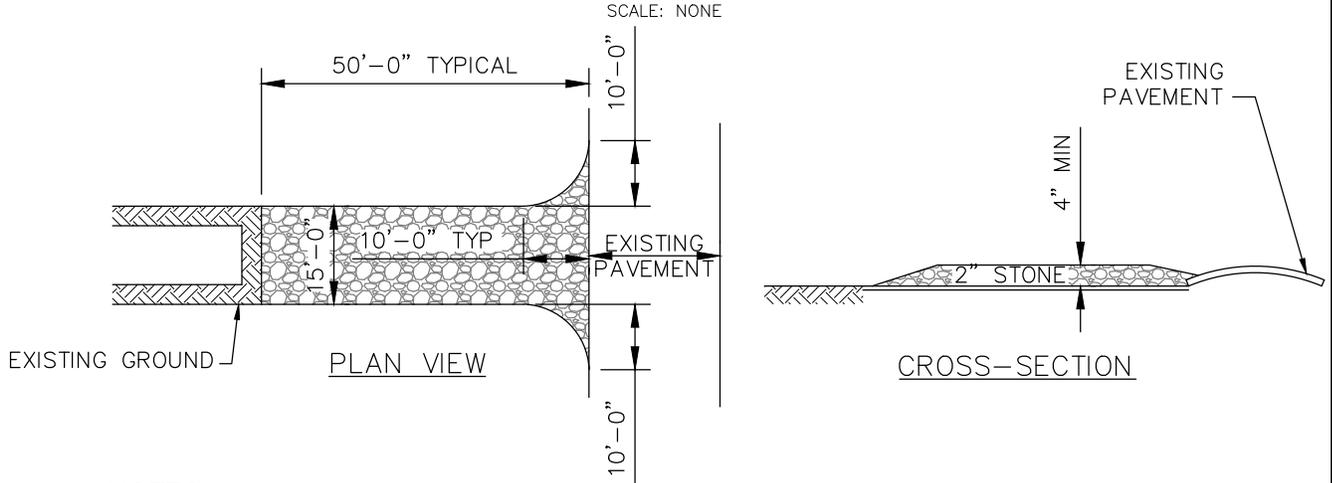
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. STONE SIZE – USE 2” STONE (MINIMUM) TO 6” STONE (MAXIMUM)
2. LENGTH – GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 FEET
3. THICKNESS – 4”
4. WIDTH – FIFTEEN (15) FOOT TYP., BUT NOT LESS THAN THE FULL WIDTH AT POINTS WHERE INGRESS OR EGRESS OCCURS.
5. SURFACE WATER – ALL SURFACE WATER FLOWING OR DIVERTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTION ENTRANCES SHALL BE PIPED ACROSS THE ENTRANCE. IF PIPING IS IMPRACTICAL, A MOUNTABLE BERM SHALL BE PERMITTED.
6. MAINTENANCE – THE ENTRANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A CONDITION WHICH SHALL PREVENT TRACKING OR FLOWING OF SEDIMENT ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY. THIS MAY REQUIRE PERIODIC TOP DRESSING WITH ADDITIONAL STONE AS CONDITIONS DEMAND AND REPAIR OR CLEANOUT OF ANY MEASURES USED TO TRAP SEDIMENT. ALL SEDIMENT SPILLED, DROPPED, WASHED OR TRACKED ONTO PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY.
7. PERIODIC INSPECTION AND NEEDED MAINTENANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED.
8. DEPENDING UPON SITE CONDITIONS, THIS ENTRANCE MAY OR MAY NOT BE PERMANENT.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 18**  
**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**ENTRANCE/ EXIT**

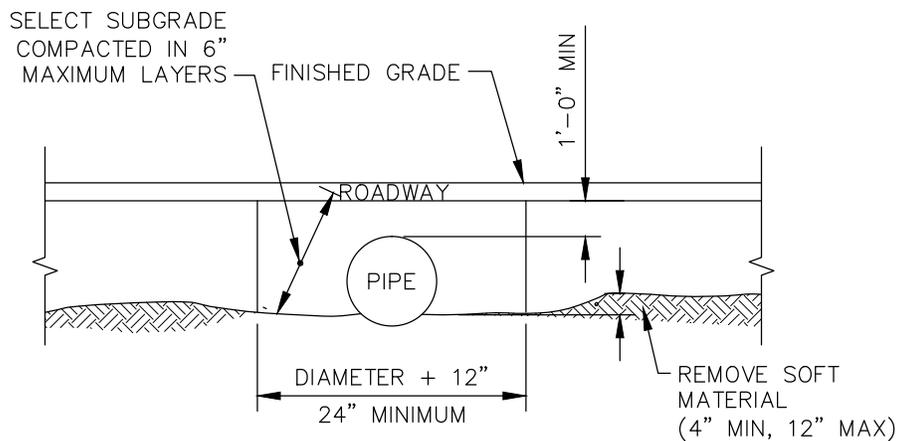
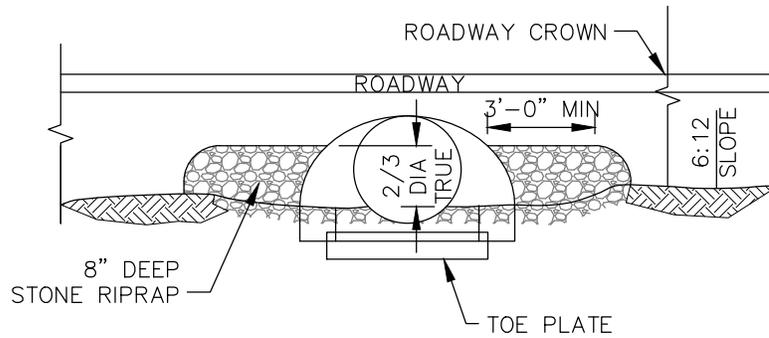
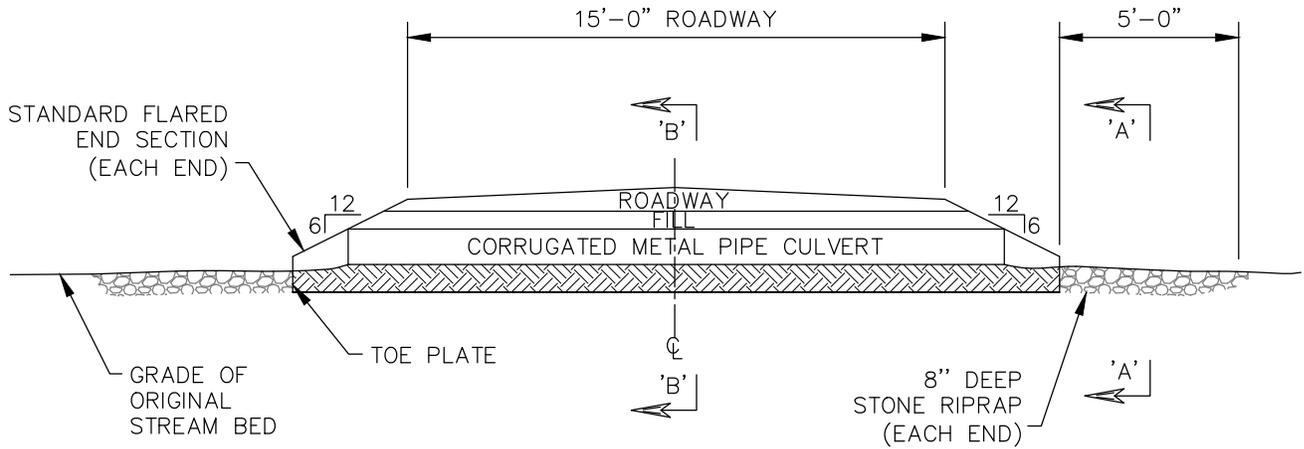
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SCALE: NONE  
15'-0" ROADWAY



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**BMP # 19**  
**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**CULVERT (1 OF 2)**

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**Reference**  
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**BMP DETAIL**

**NOTES:**

SCALE: NONE

1. CULVERT DESIGN AND LAYOUT SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST (NGES).
2. CROWN ROADWAY 1/2 INCH PER FOOT.
3. LAY THE CULVERT STRAIGHT AND AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE ALONG THE EXISTING STREAM BED AND WITH THE INVERTS AT OR SLIGHTLY BELOW BED ELEVATION.
4. CORRUGATED METAL PIPE IS TO BE GALVANIZED STEEL, OR ALUMINIZED STEEL (TYPE 2), WITH BOLTED CONNECTORS.
5. DIAMETERS SHALL BE AS PER THE PROJECT DRAWINGS AND THE SPECIFICATION. THE PIPE GAGE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DIAMETER (INCHES)	GAGE
12" - 15"	.004"
18" - 24"	.079"
30" - 36"	.109"

6. INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS LARGER THAN 36 INCH DIAMETER SHALL REQUIRE SPECIAL ENGINEERING DESIGN.
7. SELECT SUBGRADE SHALL BE A GRANULAR MATERIAL AS DESCRIBED IN NYSDOT SPECIFICATION ITEM 203-2.02C, OR AS APPROVED BY A NGES.
8. STONE RIPRAP SHALL BE AS DESCRIBED IN NYSDOT SPECIFICATION ITEM 203-2.02D, WITH 8 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE, OR AS APPROVED BY A NGES. EXCEPT WHERE PROTECTED BY STONE, ALL EMBANKMENT SLOPES ARE TO BE STABILIZED, MULCHED AND SEEDS AS PER PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS.
9. OUTLET SHOULD BE CONFIGURED NOT TO CREATE HYDRAULIC JUMP OR PLUNGE POOL.
10. INSTALL EROSION CONTROLS ADJACENT TO THE CULVERT ENDS TO PROTECT THE WATERWAY FROM ROADWAY DEBRIS.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 19**  
**TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION**  
**CULVERT (2 OF 2)**

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**BMP PICTURE**



**NOTE:**

1. PICTURE SHOWS VIEW OF ACCESS WAY STABILIZATION ADJACENT TO A WETLAND.
2. COORDINATE STABILIZATION DESIGN AND PRODUCT WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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**BMP # 20**  
**ACCESS WAY STABILIZATION**

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**BMP PICTURE**



NO ACCESS – WETLAND/STREAM CROSSING MATS REQUIRED



NO ACCESS – A.) PROJECT LIMITS E.G. ROW LIMITS  
B.) HISTORICAL/CULTURAL  
C.) ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE E.G. THREATENED & ENDANGERED  
D.) OTHER



APPROVED ACCESS

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**BMP # 21**  
**CONSTRUCTION SIGNAGE**

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

## WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE

MUTUAL INDUSTRIES WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE

PART # 1776-14-24

36" X 100'

36" MISF 1776 FABRIC

24" 14GA WIRE MESH

OPENING OF MESH 2" X 4"

FABRIC HOG RINGED EVERY 12"-18" ALONG THE TOP OF THE FENCE

ROLL WEIGHT 40 LBS

32 ROLLS PER PALLET

NOTES:

1. PRODUCT TO BE MUTUAL INDUSTRIES' WIRE BACKED SILT FENCE OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. COORDINATE INSTALLATION METHOD AND LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

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**BMP # 22**  
**REINFORCED SILT FENCE \***

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BMP PICTURE



NOTE:

1. PICTURE SHOWS SEDIMENT FILTER WITHIN A WETLAND.

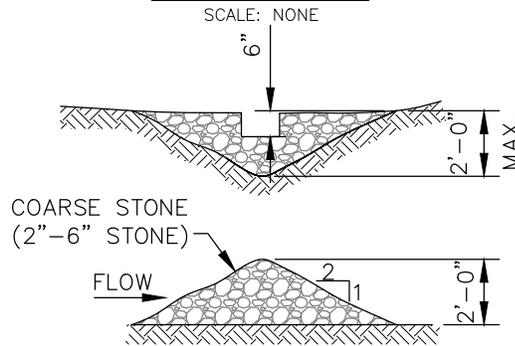
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**BMP DETAIL**



**STONE CHECK DAM**

**NOTES:**

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. THE CENTER OF THE CHECK DAM MUST BE AT LEAST 6" LOWER THAN THE OUTER EDGES.
4. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
5. MAX. SPACING: TOE OF THE UPSTREAM DAM IS SAME ELEVATION AS TOP OF DOWNSTREAM DAM.
6. STONE SHALL BE FREE OF FINE PARTICLES TO PREVENT TURBID DISCHARGES.

**BMP PICTURE**



NOTE: A SMALLER STONE SIZE IS SHOWN IN THIS PICTURE.

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**BMP # 24**  
**STONE CHECK DAMS**

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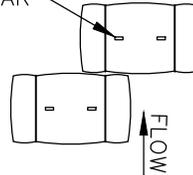
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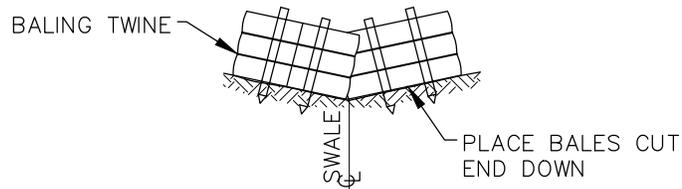
**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

3' HARDWOOD  
STAKES OR  
Ø5/8" REBAR



PLAN VIEW



SECTION VIEW

NOTES:

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



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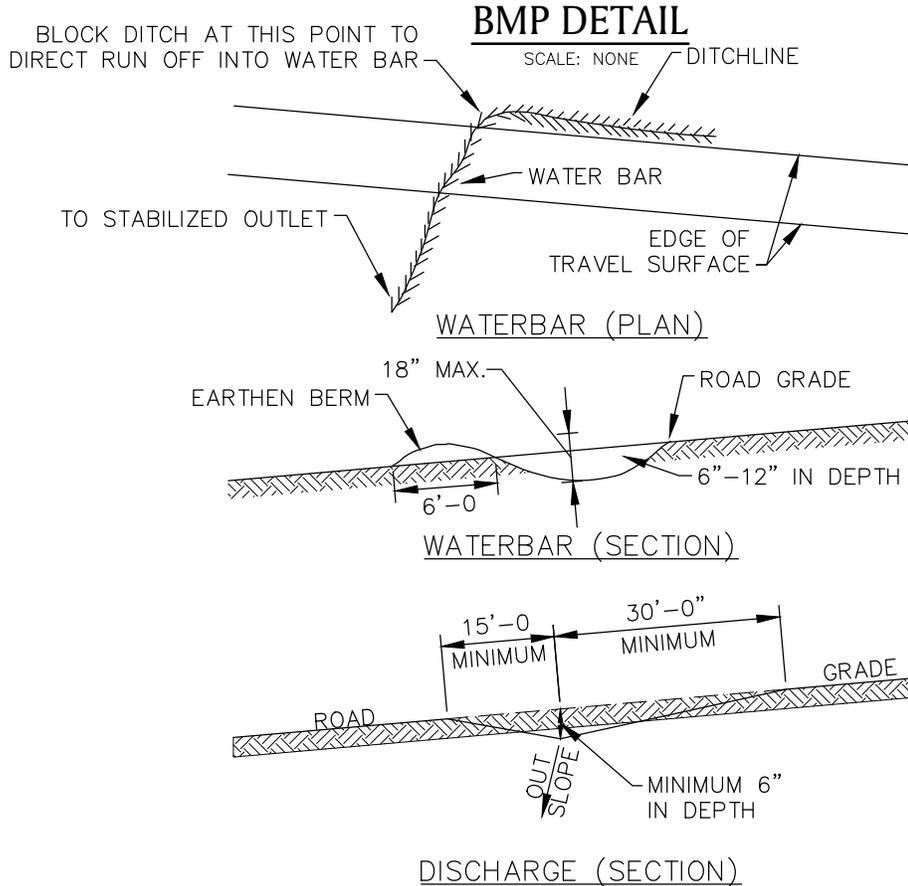
**BMP # 25**  
**STRAW / HAYBALE CHECK DAM**

**SUBJECT**

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**NOTE:**

1. LINE WITH 2"-6" STONE UNDERLAIN BY GEOTEXTILE FILTER FABRIC, KEYED INTO ROAD SURFACE AT LEAST 10 FEET EACH SIDE OF WATERBAR.
2. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 26**  
**WATERBAR**

**SUBJECT**

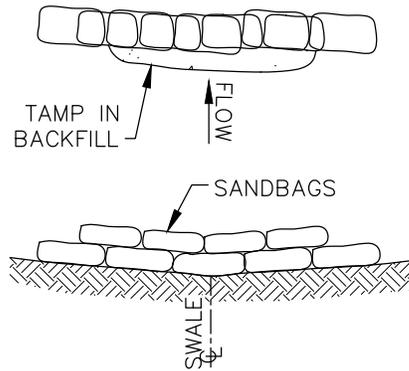
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**SANDBAG  
CHECK DAM**

**NOTES:**

1. USE CHECK DAMS TO SLOW WATER FLOWS AND AS SMALL SEDIMENT TRAPS IN DITCHES ALONG ACCESS ROADS.
2. CLEAN SEDIMENT AND REPLACE DAMS AS NECESSARY.
3. COORDINATE SPACING WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



**NOTE:**

1. PICTURE DOES NOT DEPICT "TAMP IN BACKFILL"

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**BMP # 27  
SANDBAG CHECK DAM**

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BMP PICTURE



NOTE:

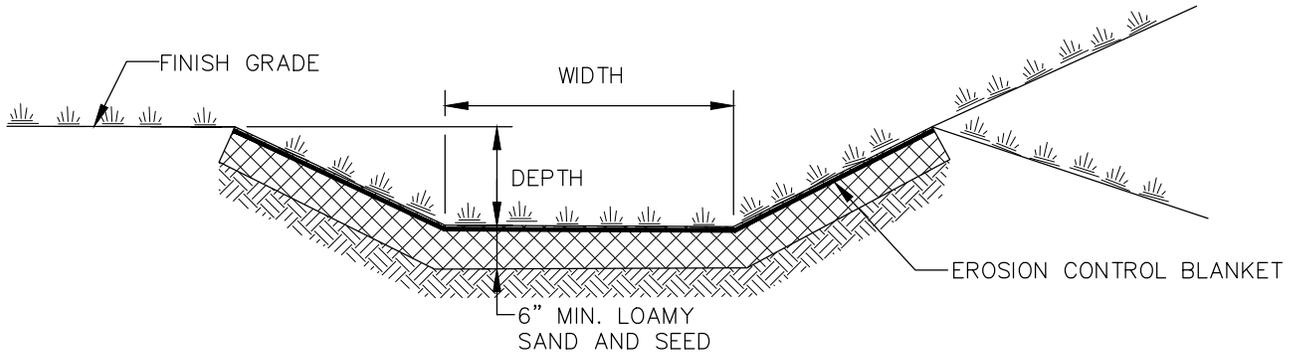
1. EXACT SIZE, LOCATION AND DESIGN IS DEPENDANT ON SITE CONDITIONS, AND LOCAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. COORDINATE THIS BMP WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. WIDTH AND DEPTH OF SWALE, AND EROSION CONTROL BLANKET TYPE TO BE COORDINATED WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. REFER TO BMP # 10 FOR SEED MIXTURE OPTIONS.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 29  
DRAINAGE SWALE AND  
LINED DITCH**

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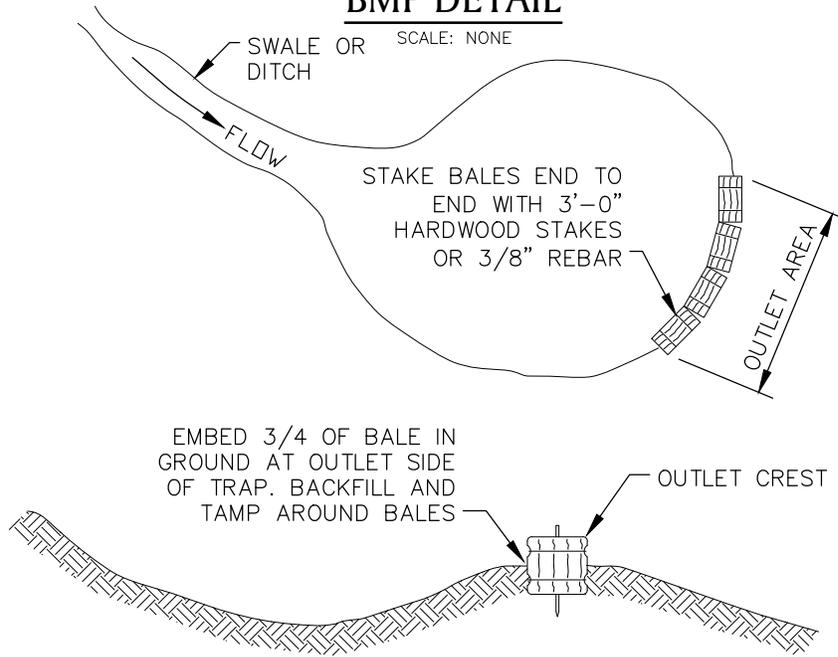
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**BMP DETAIL**



TYPICAL PROFILE

NOTES

1. SIZE, SHAPE AND PROFILE OF SEDIMENT WILL VARY ACCORDING TO ANTICIPATED FLOW VOLUME AND SURROUNDING TERRAIN AND SHALL BE COORDIANATED WITH THE NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE BASIN SHALL BE CUT BELOW THE GROUNDLINE. FILL SHALL NOT BE USED TO HOLD WATER UNLESS ROLLED AND COMPACTED.
3. OUTLET AREA IS TO REMAIN FREE OF EXCAVATION SPOILS.
4. OUTLET CREST ELEVATION SHALL BE LOWER THAN INLET ELEVATION AND AT LEAST 1'-0" BELOW THE TOP OF THE BASIN. ARMOUR SLOPES >8% IN OUTLET AREA WITH STONE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE TO PREVENT SCOUR.
5. ARMOUR SLOPES >8% IN OUTLET AREA WITH STONE OF APPROPRIATE SIZE TO PREVENT SCOUR.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 30**  
**SEDIMENTATION BASIN**

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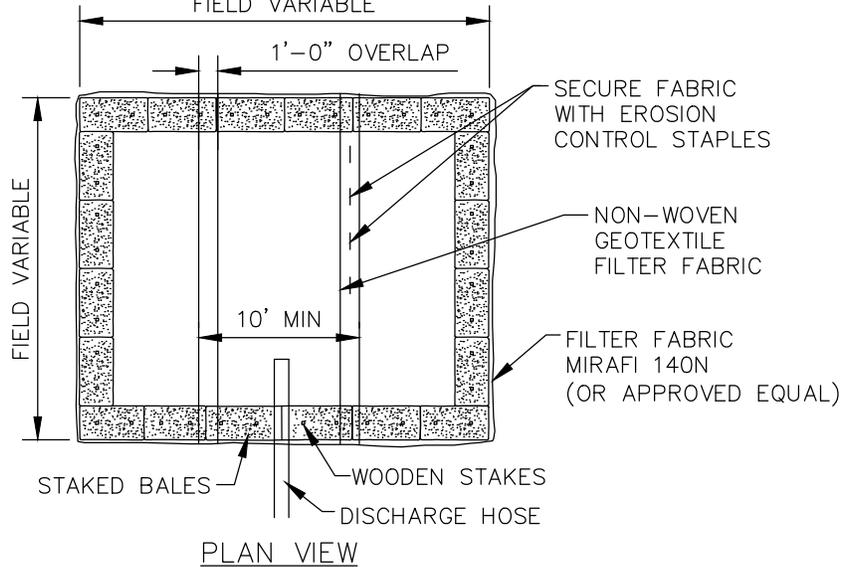
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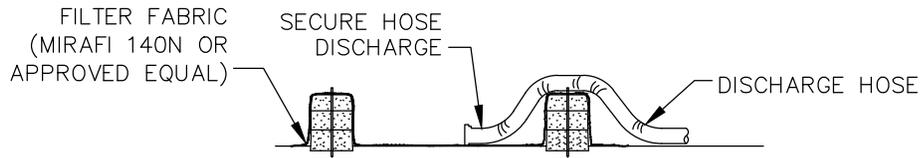
**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

FIELD VARIABLE



PLAN VIEW



CROSS-SECTION

NOTES:

1. NUMBER OF BALES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS,
2. THE BASIN TO BE SIZED TO PREVENT DISCHARGE WATER FROM OVERTOPPING BASIN.
3. KEEP AS FAR FROM WETLANDS AS PRACTICAL.
4. CLEAN AND REMOVE AS SOON AS DEWATERING IS COMPLETE.

**BMP PICTURE**



**BMP # 31**  
**DEWATERING BASIN**  
**(SMALL SCALE)**

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**BMP PICTURE**



**NOTE:**

1. EXACT SIZE, LOCATION AND DESIGN IS DEPENDANT ON SITE CONDITIONS, AND LOCAL AND STATE REGULATIONS. COORDINATE THIS BMP WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

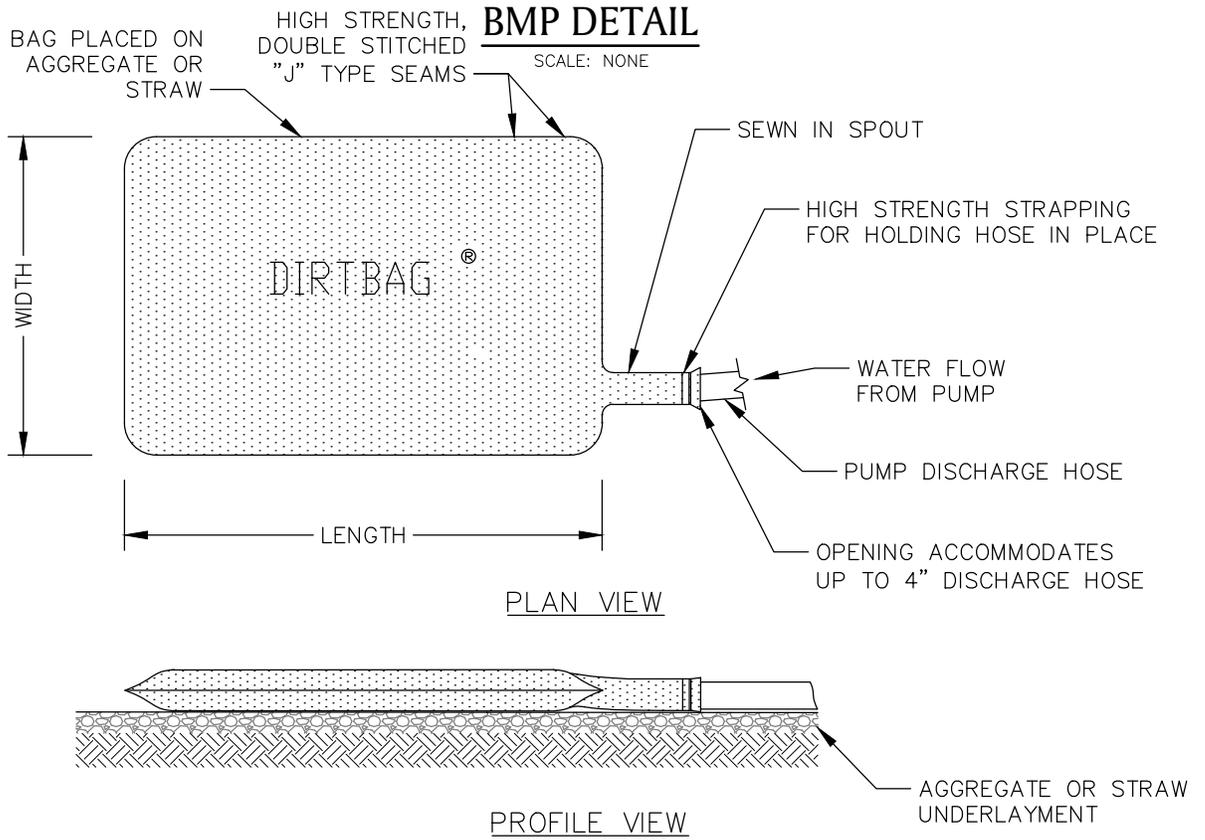
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**BMP # 32**  
**DEWATERING BASIN -**  
**LARGE SCALE**

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**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 33**  
**DIRTBAG<sup>®</sup>**

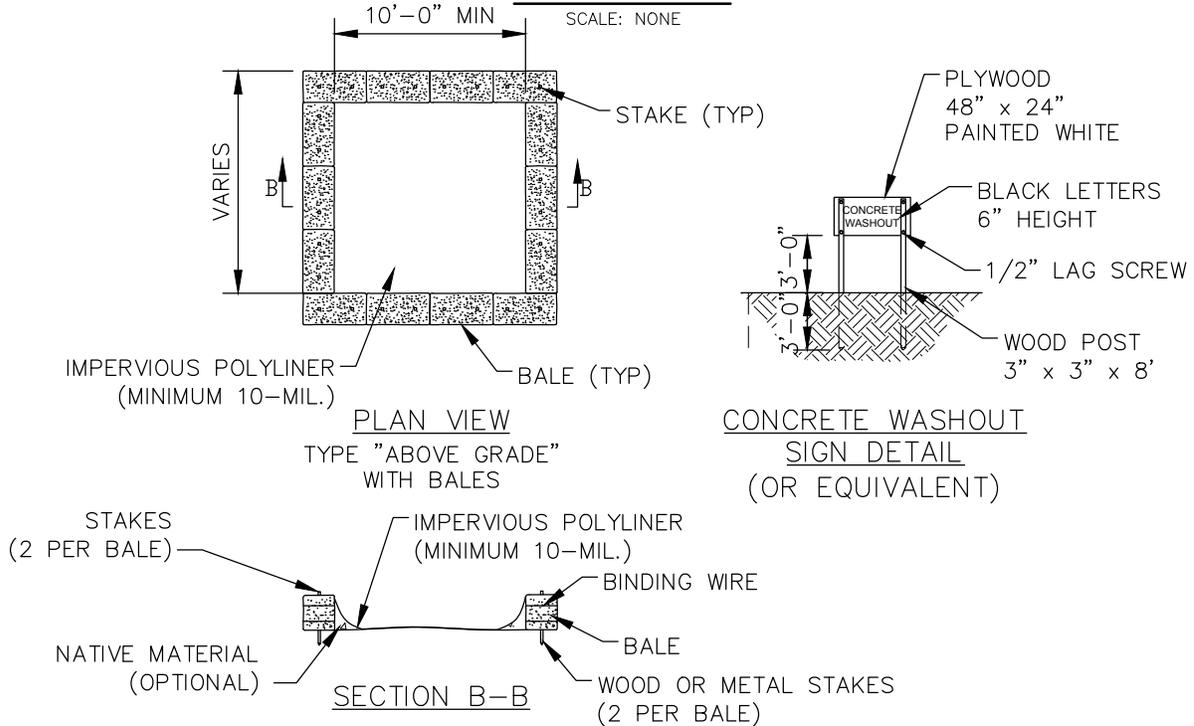
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**BMP DETAIL**



**NOTES:**

1. NUMBER OF BALES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON SITE CONDITIONS. COORDINATE SIZE AND LOCATION OF CONCRETE WASTE SUMP WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. KEEP AS FAR FROM DRAINAGE CHANNELS AND WETLAND AREAS AS PRACTICAL.
3. SUMPS TO BE CLEANED AND WASTE CONCRETE REMOVED AND PROPERLY DISPOSED OF UPON COMPLETION OF WORK.
4. SEE ADDITIONAL NOTES ON BMP #35.

**BMP PICTURE**



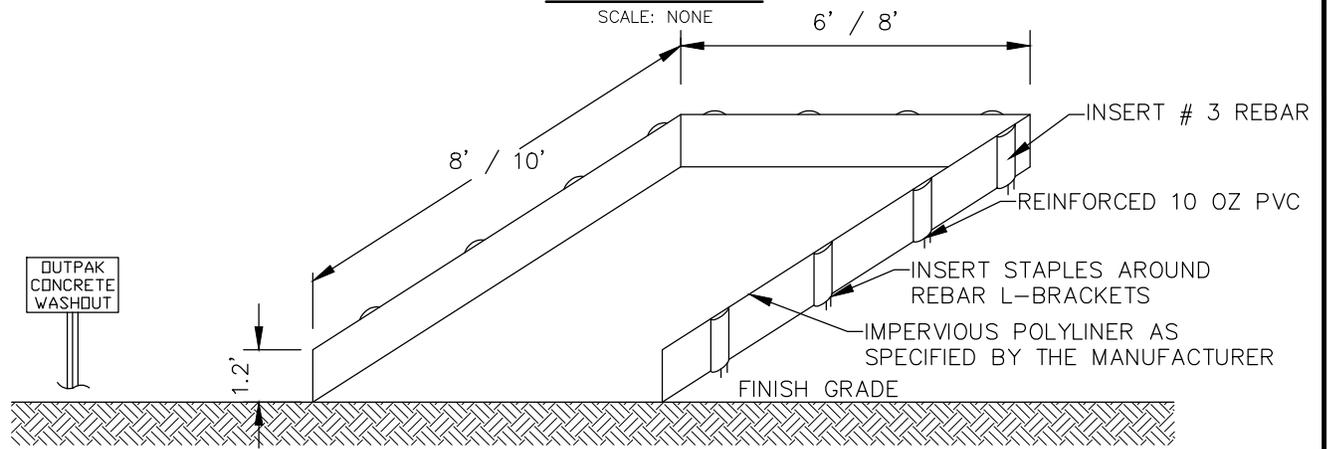
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**BMP # 34**  
**CONCRETE WASTE SUMP**

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**BMP DETAIL**



**CROSS SECTION**

**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE OUTPAK PVC CONCRETE WASHOUT OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO ANY CONCRETE PLACEMENT.
3. SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED AS NECESSARY TO CLEARLY INDICATE THE LOCATION OF THE CONCRETE WASHOUT.
4. THE CONCRETE WASHOUT AREA WILL BE REPLACED AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CAPACITY FOR WASTE CONCRETE AND OTHER LIQUID WASTE.
5. WASHOUT RESIDUE SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND DISPENSED OF AT AN APPROVED WASTE SITE.
6. DO NOT MIX EXCESS AMOUNTS OF FRESH CONCRETE OR CEMENT ON-SITE.
7. DO NOT WASH OUT CONCRETE TRUCKS INTO STORM DRAINS, OPEN DITCHES, STREETS, OR STREAMS.
8. AVOID DUMPING EXCESS CONCRETE IN NON-DESIGNATED DUMPING AREAS.
9. LOCATE WASHOUT AREA AT LEAST 50' FROM STORM DRAIN, OPEN DITCHES, OR WATERBODIES. COORDINATE LOCATION WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
10. WASH OUT WASTES INTO THE OUTPAK WASHOUT WHERE THE CONCRETE CAN SET, BE BROKEN UP, AND THEN DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.
11. A SECURE, NON-COLLAPSING, NON-WATER COLLECTING COVER MUST BE PLACED OVER CONCRETE WASHOUT PRIOR TO PREDICTED WET WEATHER TO PREVENT ACCUMULATION AND OVERFLOW OF PRECIPITATION.

**BMP PICTURE**



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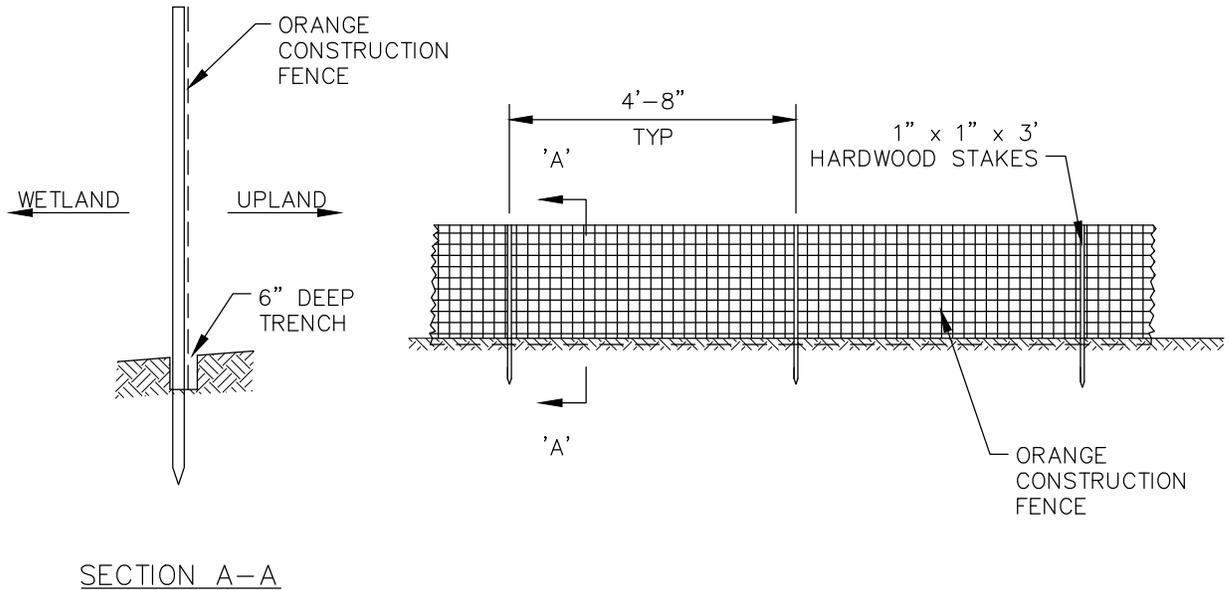
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**OUTPAK CONCRETE WASHOUT \***

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 36**  
**BARRIER FENCE**  
**(CONSTRUCTION FENCE)**

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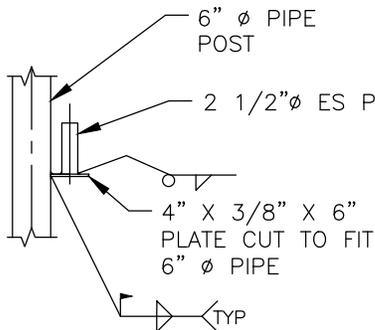
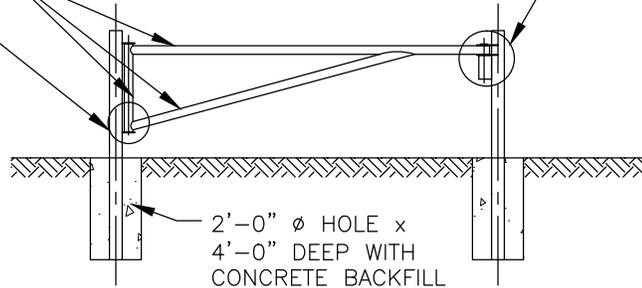
4"  $\phi$  DES PIPE  
GATE WELDMENT

**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE

DETAIL 1

DETAIL 2



DETAIL 1

SIMILAR DETAIL AT TOP

ROUND PIECE CUT FROM  
1/4" PLATE AND WELDED

4"  $\phi$  DES PIPE  
1 1/4"  $\phi$  ROD  
(SLOTTED)  
6"  $\phi$  STD PIPE  
WELDED TO 3/8"  
PLATE

7" X 3/8" X 10" PLATE  
WITH HOLE CUT TO FIT  
6"  $\phi$  PIPE & WELDED

6"  $\phi$  PIPE  
POST  
DOUBLE LOCK  
INSERT PLATE

DETAIL 2

NOTES:

1. ALL GATE STEEL PIPES SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM A-501, PLATES SHALL BE ASTM A-36.
2. ALL STEEL PIPES SHALL BE PRIMED WITH ZINC-CHROMATE PRIMER AND FINISHED WITH AN APPROVED OSHA "SAFETY YELLOW" TOP COAT COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRIMER AND FOR EXTERIOR EXPOSURE.
3. REFLECTORS SHALL BE SPACED AT 3 FEET ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE CROSSBAR AND BRACE
4. BACKFILL AT POSTS TO BE COMPACTED.

**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 37**  
**ROW GATE / FENCE**

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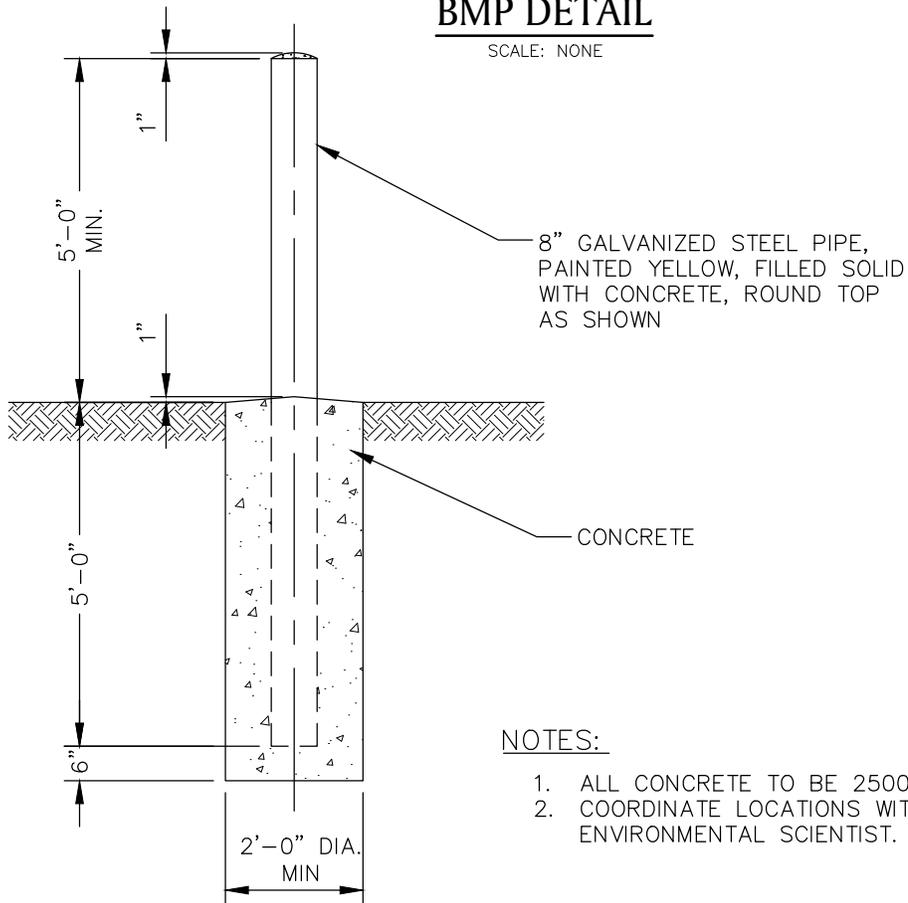
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. ALL CONCRETE TO BE 2500 P.S.I. MINIMUM.
2. COORDINATE LOCATIONS WITH NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 38**  
**BOLLARD**

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**BMP**



**Vegetative Cover** – For disturbed areas not subject to traffic, vegetation provides the most practical method of dust control (see Section 3).

**Mulch** (including gravel mulch) – Mulch offers a fast effective means of controlling dust. This can also include rolled erosion control blankets.

**Spray adhesives** – These are products generally composed of polymers in a liquid or solid form that are mixed with water to form an emulsion that is sprayed on the soil surface with typical hydroseeding equipment. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations for the specific soils on the site. In no case should the application of these adhesives be made on wet soils or if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators and others working with the material.

**B. Driving Areas** – These areas utilize water, polymer emulsions, and barriers to prevent dust movement from the traffic surface into the air.

**Sprinkling** – The site may be sprayed with water until the surface is wet. This is especially effective on haul roads and access routes.

**Polymer Additives** – These polymers are mixed with water and applied to the driving surface by a water truck with a gravity feed drip bar, spray bar or automated distributor truck. The mixing ratios and application rates will be in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations. Incorporation of the emulsion into the soil will be done to the appropriate depth based on expected traffic. Compaction after incorporation will be by vibratory roller to a minimum of 95%. The prepared surface shall be moist and no application of the polymer will be made if there is a probability of precipitation within 48 hours of its proposed use. Material Safety Data Sheets will be provided to all applicators working with the material.

**Barriers** – Woven geotextiles can be placed on the driving surface to effectively reduce dust throw and particle migration on haul roads. Stone can also be used for construction roads for effective dust control.

**Windbreak** – A silt fence or similar barrier can control air currents at intervals equal to ten times the barrier height. Preserve existing wind barrier vegetation as much as practical.

**Definition**

The control of dust resulting from land-disturbing activities.

**Purpose**

To prevent surface and air movement of dust from disturbed soil surfaces that may cause off-site damage, health hazards, and traffic safety problems.

**Conditions Where Practice Applies**

On construction roads, access points, and other disturbed areas subject to surface dust movement and dust blowing where off-site damage may occur if dust is not controlled.

**Design Criteria**

**Construction operations should be scheduled to minimize the amount of area disturbed at one time.** Buffer areas of vegetation should be left where practical. Temporary or permanent stabilization measures shall be installed. No specific design criteria is given; see construction specifications below for common methods of dust control.

Water quality must be considered when materials are selected for dust control. Where there is a potential for the material to wash off to a stream, ingredient information must be provided to the local permitting authority.

**Construction Specifications**

**A. Non-driving Areas** – These areas use products and materials applied or placed on soil surfaces to prevent airborne migration of soil particles.

\* BMP INFORMATION FROM "NEW YORK STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL (AUGUST, 2005)." INFORMATION OBTAINED VIA WEBSITE: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/29066.html>  
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**BMP # 39**  
**DUST CONTROL (FROM NY) \***

**SUBJECT**

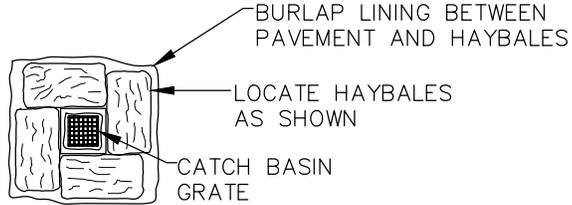
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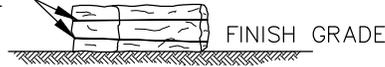
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



TIE HAYBALES TOP &  
BOTTOM WITH 14  
GAUGE WIRE



**NOTES:**

1. SURROUND STREET DRAINAGE STRUCTURE INLET WITH HAY BALES PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAIN UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED. ACCUMULATED SEDIMENTS SHALL BE REMOVED.
2. HAYBALES PLACED ON PAVEMENT SHALL HAVE BURLAP PLACED BETWEEN PAVEMENT AND HAYBALE

**BMP PICTURE**



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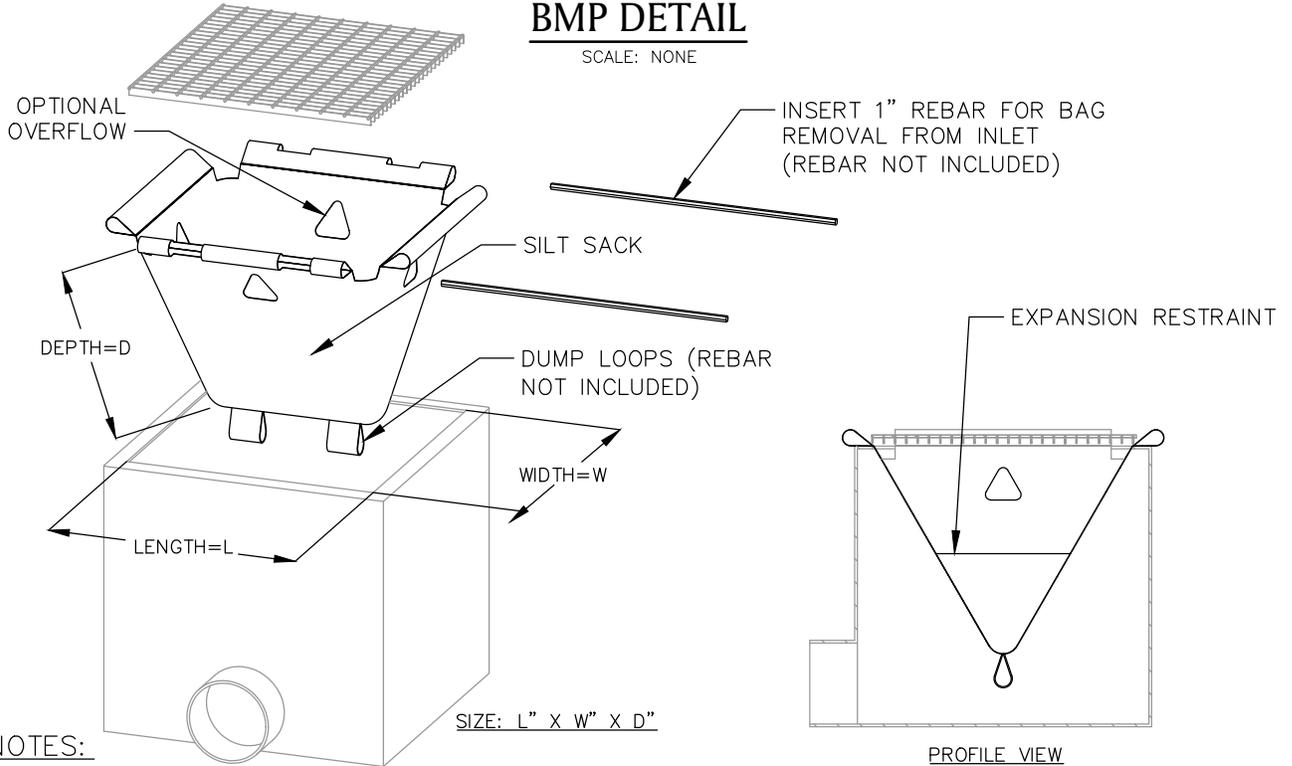
**BMP # 40**  
**CATCH BASIN INLET PROTECTION**

**SUBJECT**  
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**Reference**  
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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**NOTES:**

1. PRODUCT TO BE SILT SACK OR APPROVED EQUAL BY NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.
2. THE USE OF A SILT SACK OPTIONAL OVERFLOW AND OVERALL DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE COORDINATED WITH A NATIONAL GRID ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST.

**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 41**  
**SILT SACK \***

**SUBJECT**

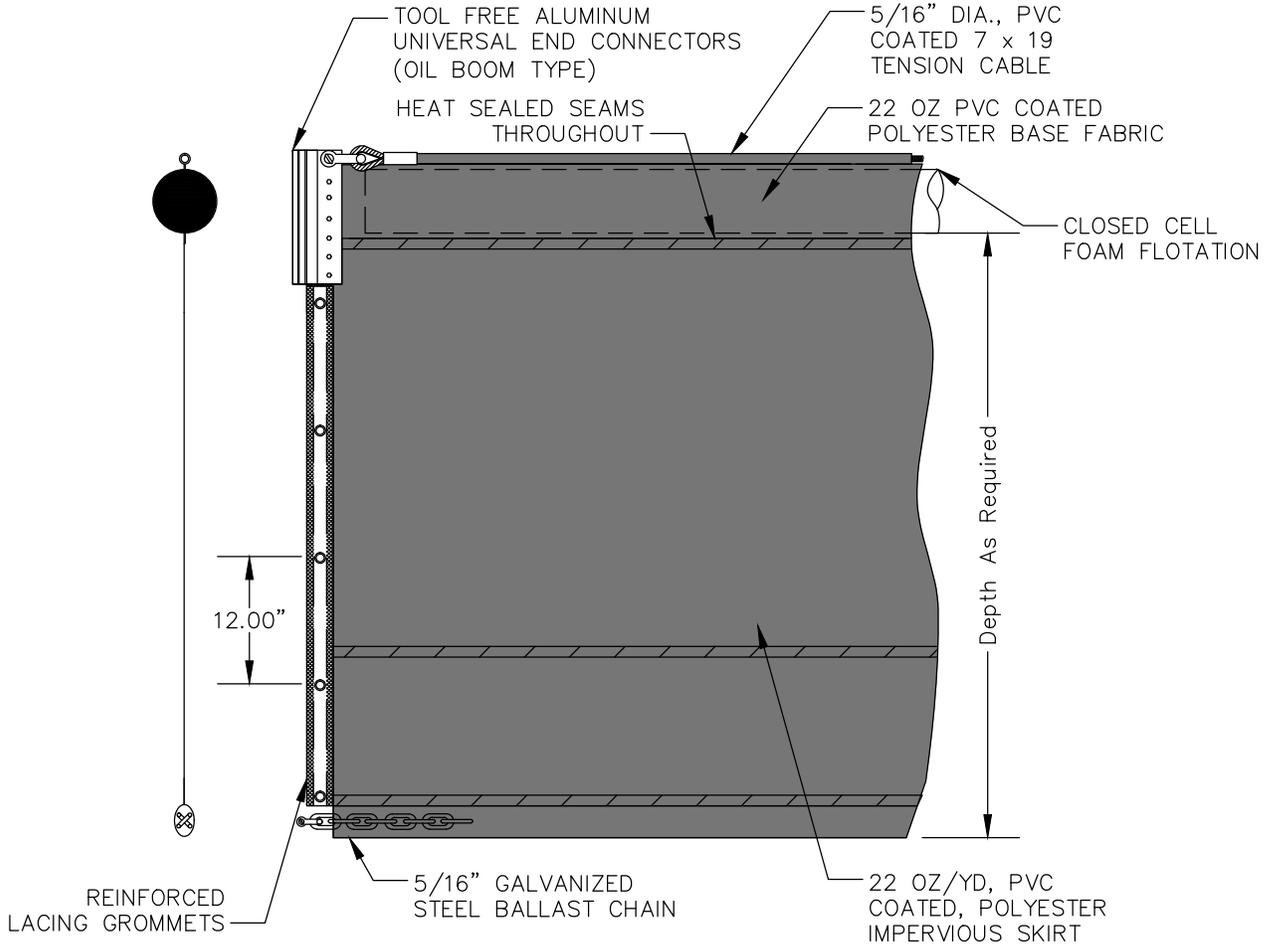
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**Reference**

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**BMP DETAIL**

SCALE: NONE



**BMP PICTURE**



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**BMP # 42**  
**TURBIDITY CURTAIN \***



**SUBJECT**

**Access, Maintenance and Construction  
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**Reference**

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<b>Record of Change</b>		
<b>Date of Review/Revision:</b>		
<b>Revision</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
0	1/23/12	Issued New England Specific EG-303 NE
1	04/22/13	Stone wall dismantling edits.
2	1/23/14	added bmp # 39, edited text on p40 to reference form1 and form2
3	08/29/14	Added section on communication of project specific environmental requirements (2.5), added appendices for EFI, simplified EFI, and STORMS boilerplate language. Added language concerning removal of BMPs (18.1). Minor edits to BMP details, and renumbered appendices. Added swamp mat transition, mat air bridge and silt sack BMP details.
4	2/5/15	Adding additional language about signage and demarcation of rare species populations and historic resources.

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