

SECTION 015719  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK

- A. This Section describes each Prime Contractors requirement for protection of the atmosphere, waterways, groundwater, plants, animal habitats, soils, etc., both on and off site.

1.2 RELATED WORK SPECIFIED ELSEWHERE

- A. Applicable provisions of Bidding Requirements, Contract Requirements in Division 0 and all applicable Division 1 sections.
- B. Earthwork in Division 2.

1.3 REGULATORY AGENCIES AND CODES

- A. Comply with the following in accordance with Division 1:
  - 1. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
  - 2. Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds, Technical Release No. 55, Engineering Division, Soil Conservation Service.
  - 3. National Engineering Handbooks, Section 4 (Hydrology); Section 5 (Hydraulics); Section 16 (Drainage), Soil Conservation Service.
  - 4. City of Philadelphia

1.4 DEFINITIONS

- A. Sediment - Soil that has been eroded and transported by runoff water.
- B. Degradable Debris - Debris which can undergo biodegradation or combustion, or which can be dissolved in or suspended by water.
- C. Nondegradable Debris - Inorganic debris which will not disintegrate nor dissolve when exposed to moisture or water.
- D. Chemicals - Petroleum or cementitious products, bituminous materials, salts, acids, alkalis, herbicides and pesticides.
- E. Waste - Sewage, including domestic sanitary sewage, garbage, and trash.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Compost Sock: 5mil photo-degradable HDPE fabric, in-filled with weed-free, well-decomposed organic compost. Fabric sock "Siltsoxx" as manufactured by MCS Inc. ([www.mcsnjinc.com](http://www.mcsnjinc.com)) or approved equal.
- B. Silt Fences: Three (3) foot wide fabric designed to filter sediment, as

manufactured by Mirafi, Inc. Amoco, or Exxon.

- C. Earth Stabilizer: Rye grass seed, hay, straw mulch, chemical stabilizer, or other devices approved by the environmental protection agency having jurisdiction and by the Design Professional.
- D. RipRap: Sizes as shown on drawings.

### PART 3 EXECUTION

#### 3.1 GENERAL

- A. Establish and enforce ecological preservation measures which will avoid pollution of the atmosphere, waterways, groundwater, plants, soils, animal habitats, landfills, wetlands, the site, adjacent sites, roadways, etc.
- B. Prevent spilling of chemicals or waste. Provide emergency plans and methods for abatement of accidental spills of toxic substances.

#### 3.2 SEDIMENT CONTROL

- A. Until permanent work establishes sediment control, provide temporary control, using vegetative cover with seeding, mulch, and binder within [ten (10)] days after completion of grading of any given area.
- B. As a temporary measure, provide silt fences, arranged along the toe of surface drainage ways and inlets, in such a manner that water will pass through the silt fences and filter the sediment. Embed silt fence in ground 6 inches deep and anchor to the ground with posts, as shown on the drawings. Replace silt fences when they become clogged and ineffective.
- C. During pipe laying work, prevent silt from entering the piping systems by use of hay bales, silt fence, temporary closures of pipe ends, or other means as best suited to the conditions.

#### 3.3 CONTROLS DURING EARTH MOVING

- A. Perform earth moving in phases to minimize the area and extent of exposed land.
- B. Control the rate of water runoff by diversion ditches, benches, berms, and other earth-formed shaping so that the rate of flow is retarded and silting shall be minimized. Reshape and restore conditions showing evidence of earth erosion.

#### 3.4 DUST CONTROL

- A. Keep dust down at all times, including non-working days, weekends, and holidays. Wet down or treat disturbed soil with dust suppressers as required and approved.
- B. Do not leave areas of disturbed earth unworked for long periods of time. Provide temporary or permanent earth stabilization promptly.
- C. In sandblasting operations, confine the dust.
- D. Use wet-cutting methods for cutting concrete, asphalt, and masonry.
- E. Do not shake out bags containing dust-causing substances.

3.5 NOISE CONTROL

- A. Provide mufflers on internal combustion engine equipment. Maximum noise level shall be 90 dbA at 50 feet.
- B. Where blasting is permitted, special permit and other requirements of the governing authorities regarding blasting shall govern.
- 3.6 C. Limit hours of operation of noisy construction to limits set by City ordinance.

DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS, CHEMICALS AND WASTE

- A. Legally dispose of debris, chemicals, and waste off the site
- B. Collect and contain materials before disposal in orderly fashion and by means which prevent contamination of air, water and soil.
- C. Store chemicals in watertight containers.
- D. Do not burn materials on the site.

3.7 TRUCKS

- A. Dump trucks shall be tarpaulin-covered so that spillage does not occur.
- B. Provide a gravel surfaced truck wheel washing area at entrances. Clean all truck wheels of mud and debris before the trucks leave the site

3.8 MAINTENANCE AND TERMINATION

- A. Maintain in working order environmental protection measures until they are no longer required.
- B. Terminate environmental control measures when there is no longer a threat of pollution. Remove temporary control measures. Complete or, if necessary, restore permanent construction that may have been delayed or damaged because of interference with environmental controls.

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