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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

SPECIAL PROVISION

Section 161—Control of Soil Erosion and Sedimentation

Add the following:

161.1 General Description

This Work includes using control measures shown on the Plans, ordered by the Engineer, or as required during the life of the Contract to control soil erosion and sedimentation through the use of any of the devices or methods referred to in this Section.

161.1.01 Definitions

Certified Personnel— certified personnel are defined as persons who have successfully completed the Level IA certification course approved by the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission. For Department projects the certified person must also have successfully completed the Department's WECS certification course.

Design Professional as defined in the current GAR100002 NPDES permit.

161.1.02 Related References

A. Standard Specifications

[Section 105—Control of Work](#)

[Section 106—Control of Materials](#)

[Section 107—Legal Regulations and Responsibility to the Public](#)

[Section 109—Measurement and Payment](#)

[Section 160—Reclamation of Material Pits and Waste Areas](#)

[Section 162—Erosion Control Check Dams](#)

[Section 163—Miscellaneous Erosion Control Items](#)

[Section 166—Restoration or Alteration of Lakes and Ponds](#)

[Section 170—Silt Retention Barrier](#)

[Section 171—Temporary Silt Fence](#)

[Section 205—Roadway Excavation](#)

[Section 434—Sand Asphalt Paved Ditches](#)

[Section 441—Miscellaneous Concrete](#)

[Section 603—Rip Rap](#)

[Section 700—Grassing](#)

[Section 710—Permanent Soil Reinforcing Mat](#)

[Section 715—Bituminous Treated Roving](#)

[Section 716—Erosion Control Mats \(Blankets\)](#)

Erosion control measures contained in the Specifications include:

Erosion Control Measure	Section
Temporary Check Dams	163.3.05.J
Bituminous Treated Mulch	700.3.05.G
Concrete Paved Ditches	441
Bituminous Treated Roving	715
Erosion Control Mats (Blankets)	716
Erosion Control Check Dams	162
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Sediment Basin	163.3.05.C
Silt Control Gate	163.3.05.A
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Mulch	163
Temporary Grassing	163.3.05.F
Temporary Silt Fence	171
Temporary Slope Drains	163.3.05.B
Triangular Sediment Barrier	720
Silt Filter Bag	719
Organic & Synthetic Material Fiber Blanket	713

B. Referenced Documents

Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Plans (ESPCP)

161.1.03 Submittals

A. Status of Erosion Control Devices

The Worksite Erosion Control Supervisor (WECS) or certified personnel will inspect the installation and maintenance of the Erosion Control Devices according to [Subsection 167.3.05.B](#) and the ESPCP.

1. Submit all reports to the Engineer within 24 hours of the inspection. Refer to [Subsection 167.3.05.C](#) for report requirements.

2. The Engineer will review the reports and inspect the Project for compliance and concurrence with the submitted reports.
3. The Engineer will notify the WECS or certified personnel of any additional items that should be added to the reports.
4. Items listed in the report requiring maintenance or correction shall be completed within 72 hours.

B. Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan

1. Project Plans

An erosion and sedimentation pollution control plan (ESPCP) for the construction of the project will be provided by the Department. The ESPCP will be prepared for the various stages of construction necessary to complete the project.

If the Contractor elects to alter the stage construction from that shown in the plans, it will be the responsibility of the Contractor to have the plans revised and prepared in accordance with the current GAR100002 NPDES permit by a Design Professional to reflect all changes in Staging. This will also include any revisions to erosion and sedimentation control item quantities. If the changes affect the Comprehensive Monitoring Program (CMP), the Contractor will be responsible for any revisions to the CMP as well. Submit revised plans and quantities to the Engineer for review prior to land disturbing activities.

2. Haul Roads, Borrow Pits, Excess Material Pits, etc.

The Contractor is responsible for preparing erosion and sedimentation control plans for construction access roads and or haul roads borrow pits, excess material pits, etc (inside the Right of Way). Prepare these plans for all stages of construction and include the appropriate items and quantities. Submit these plans to the Engineer for review prior to land disturbing activities. These plans are to be prepared by a Design Professional.

If construction of access roads, haul roads, borrow pits, excess material pits, etc., (inside the Right of Way) encroach within the 25 foot (7.6 m) buffer along the banks of all state waters or within the 50 ft. (15 m) buffer along the banks of any state waters classified as a "trout stream", a state water buffer variance must be obtained by the Contractor prior to beginning any land disturbing activity in the stream buffer.

3. Erosion Control for Borrow and Excess Material Pits Outside the Right-of-Way

Erosion control for borrow pits and excess material pits outside the right of way is the responsibility of the Contractor. If borrow or excess material pits require coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit (NPDES) or other permits or variances are required, submit a copy of all documentation required by the permitting agency to the Engineer. All costs associated with complying with local, state, and federal laws and regulations are the responsibility of the Contractor.

4. Culverts and Pipes

The ESPCP does not contain approved methods to construct a stream diversion or stream diversion channel. The Contractor shall prepare a diversion plan utilizing a Design Professional as defined in the current NPDES permit. See 161.3.05 G for additional information.

5. Temporary Asphalt or Concrete Batch Plants

In addition to the requirements of any applicable specifications, if the Department authorizes the temporary installation and use of any asphalt, concrete or similar batch plants within its right of way, the contractor shall submit an NOI to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for coverage under the following NPDES permits; The Infrastructure permit for the construction of the plant, and the Industrial permit for the operation of, such a plant. The contractor shall submit the NOIs as both the Owner and the Operator.

161.2 Materials

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.2.01 Delivery, Storage, and Handling

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.3 Construction Requirements

161.3.01 Personnel

A. Duties of the Worksite Erosion Control Supervisor

Before beginning Work, designate a Worksite Erosion Control Supervisor (WECS) to initiate, install, maintain, inspect, and report the condition of all erosion control devices as described in Sections 160 through 171 or in the Contract and ESPCP documents. The designee shall submit their qualifications on the Department provided resume form for consideration and approval. The contractor may utilize additional persons having WECS qualifications to facilitate compliance however, only one WECS shall be designated at a time.

The WECS and alternates shall:

- Be an employee of the Prime Contractor.
- Have at least one year of experience in erosion and sediment control, including the installation, inspection, maintenance and reporting of BMPs.
- Successfully completed the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Certification Course Level IA and the Department's WECS Certification Course.
- Provide phone numbers where the WECS can be located 24 hours a day.

The WECS' duties include the following:

1. Be available or have an approved representative available 24 hours a day and have access to the equipment, personnel, and materials needed to maintain erosion control and flooding control.
2. Inform the Engineer in writing whenever the alternate WECS assumes project responsibilities.
3. Ensure that erosion control deficiencies are corrected within seventy two (72) hours or immediately during emergencies. Deficiencies that interfere with traffic flow, safety or downstream turbidity are to be corrected immediately.
4. During heavy rain, have the construction area patrolled day or night, any day of the week to quickly detect and correct erosion or flooding problems before they interfere with traffic flow, safety, or downstream turbidity.
5. Be on the site within three (3) hours after receiving notification of an emergency prepared to positively respond to the conditions encountered. The Department may handle emergencies without notifying the Contractor. The Department will recover costs for emergency maintenance work according to [Subsection 105.15, "Failure to Maintain Roadway or Structures."](#)
6. Maintain and submit for project record, "As-built" Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plans that supplement and graphically depict EC-1 reported additions and deletions of BMPs. The As-Built plans are to be accessed and retained at a Department facility at all times.
7. Ensure that both the WECS and the alternate meet the criteria of this Subsection.
8. The WECS shall maintain a current certification card for the duration of the project. Recertification of the WECS will be required prior to the expiration date shown on the Certification card in order to remain as Certified Personnel and the WECS for the project.

Failure of the WECS or alternate to perform the duties specified in the Contract, or whose performance, has resulted in a citation being received from a State or Federal Regulatory Agency, e.g. the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, shall result in one or more of the following;

- Suspension of the WECS' certification for a period of not less than 30 days
- Removal of the Contractor's project superintendent in accordance with Sections 105.05 and 108.05 for a period not less than 14 days
- Department wide revocation of the WECS certification for a period of 12 months
- Removal of the Contractor's project superintendent in accordance with Sections 105.05 and 108.05

161.3.02 Equipment

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.3.03 Preparation

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.3.04 Fabrication

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.3.05 Construction

Coordinate the temporary and permanent erosion control provisions in this Specification with the permanent erosion control provisions in the Contract to ensure economical, effective, and continuous erosion control throughout the construction and post-construction periods.

At all times that land disturbing activity is underway, a person meeting the requirements of, "certified person" by the GSWCC (Level IA) must be on the project.

A. Control Dust Pollution

The contractor shall keep dust pollution to a minimum during any of the activities performed on the project. It may be necessary to apply water or other BMPs to roadways or other areas reduce pollution.

B. Perform Permanent or Temporary Grassing

Perform permanent grassing, temporary grassing, or mulching on cut and fill slopes weekly (unless a shorter period is required by Subsection 107.23) during grading operations. When conditions warrant, the Engineer may require more frequent intervals.

Under no circumstances shall the grading (height of cut) exceed the height operating range of the grassing equipment. It is extremely important to obtain a cover, whether it is mulch, temporary grass or permanent grass. Adequate mulch is a must.

When grading operations or other soil disturbing activities have stopped, perform grassing or erosion control as shown in the Plans, as shown in an approved Plan submitted by the Contractor, or as directed by the Engineer.

C. Seed and Mulch

Refer to Subsection [161.3.05.B, "Perform Permanent or Temporary Grassing"](#).

D. Implement Permanent or Temporary Erosion Control

1. Silt fence shown along the perimeter, e.g. right of way, and sediment containment devices, e.g. sediment basins, shall be installed prior to or concurrently with clearing and grubbing operations.
2. Incorporate permanent erosion control features into the Project at the earliest practicable time, e.g. velocity dissipation, permanent ditch protection.
3. Use temporary erosion control measures to address conditions that develop during construction but were unforeseen during the design stage.
4. Use temporary erosion control measures when installation of permanent erosion control features cannot be accomplished.

The Engineer has the authority to:

- Limit the surface area of erodible earth material exposed by clearing and grubbing.
- Limit the surface area of erodible earth material exposed by excavation and borrow and fill operations.
- Limit the area of excavation, and embankment operations in progress to correspond with the Contractor's ability to keep the finish grading, mulching, seeding, and other permanent erosion control measures current.
- Direct the Contractor to provide immediate permanent or temporary erosion control to prevent contamination of adjacent streams or water courses, lakes, ponds, or other areas of water impoundment.

Such Work may include constructing items listed in the table in [Subsection 161.1.02.A, "Related References"](#) or other control devices or methods to control erosion.

E. Erodible Area

NOTE: Never allow the surface area of erodible earth material exposed at one time to exceed 17 acres (7 ha) except as approved by the State Construction Engineer.

The maximum of 17 acres (7 ha) of exposed erodible earth applies to the entire Project and to all of its combined operations as a whole, not to the exposed erodible earth of each individual operation.

Upon receipt of a written request from the contractor the State Construction Engineer, or his designee, will review; the request, any justifications and the Project conditions for waiver of the 17 acres (7 ha) limitation.

If the 17 acre limitation is increased by the State Construction Engineer, the WECS shall not be assigned to another project in that capacity and should remain on site each work day that the exposed acreage exceeds 17 acres.

After installing temporary erosion control devices, e.g., grassing, mulching, stabilizing an area, and having it approved by the Engineer, that area will be released from the 17 acres (7 ha) limit.

F. Perform Grading Operations

Perform the following grading operations:

1. Complete each roadway cut and embankment continuously, unless otherwise specified in the Contract or ordered by the Engineer.
2. Maintain the top of the earthwork in roadway sections throughout the construction stages to allow water to run off to the outer edges. .
3. Provide temporary slope drain facilities with inlets and velocity dissipaters (straw bales, silt fence, aprons, etc.) to carry the runoff water to the bottom of the slopes. Place drains at intervals to handle the accumulated water.
4. Continue temporary erosion control measures until permanent drainage facilities have been constructed, pavement placed, and the grass on planted slopes stabilized to deter erosion.

G. Perform Construction in Rivers and Streams

Perform construction in river and stream beds as follows:

1. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Engineer, restrict construction operations in rivers, streams, and impoundments to:
 - Areas where channel changes or access for construction are shown on the Plans to construct temporary or permanent structures.
2. If channel changes or diversions are not shown on the Plans, the Contractor shall develop diversion plans prepared in accordance with the current GAR100002 NPDES Infrastructure Construction permit utilizing a design professional as defined within the permit. The Engineer will review prepared diversion plans for content only and accepts no responsibility for design errors or omissions. Amendments will be made part of the project plans by attachment. Include any associated costs in the price bid for the overall contract. Any contract time associated with the submittal or its review and subsequent response will not be considered for an extension of Contract time. All time associated with this subsection shall be considered incidental.
3. If additional access for construction or removal of work bridges, temporary roads/access or work platforms is necessary, and will require additional encroachment upon river or stream banks and bottoms, the contractor shall prepare a plan in accordance with the current GAR100002 NPDES Infrastructure Construction permit utilizing a design professional as defined within the permit. Plans should be submitted at least 12 weeks prior to the date the associated work is expected to begin. If necessary, the plan will be provided to the appropriate regulating authority, e.g. United States Army Corps of Engineers by the Department for consideration and approval. No work that impacts areas beyond what has been shown in the approved plans will be allowed to begin until written approval of the submitted plan has been provided by the Department. Approved plan amendments will be made part of the project plans by attachment. Include any associated costs in the price bid for the overall contract. Any contract time associated with the submittal or its review and subsequent response will not be considered for an extension of Contract time. All time associated with this subsection shall be considered incidental.
4. Clear rivers, streams, and impoundments of the following as soon as conditions permit:
 - Falsework
 - Piling that is to be removed
 - Debris
 - Other obstructions placed or caused by construction operations
5. Do not ford live streams with construction equipment.
6. Use temporary bridges or other structures that are adequate for a 25-year storm for stream crossings. Include costs in the price bid for the overall contract.
7. Do not operate mechanized equipment in live streams except to construct channel changes or temporary or permanent structures, and to remove temporary structures, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Engineer.

H. State Water Buffers and Environmental Restrictions

1. The WECS shall review the plans and contract documents for environmental restrictions, Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), e.g. buffers, etc prior to performing land disturbing activities.
2. The WECS shall ensure all parties performing land disturbing activities within the project limits are aware of all environmental restrictions.
3. Buffer delineation shall be performed prior to clearing, or any other land disturbing activities. Site conditions may require temporary delineation measures are implemented prior to the installation of orange barrier/safety fencing. The means of temporary delineation shall have the Engineer's prior approval.
4. The WECS shall allow the Engineer to review the buffer delineation prior to performing any land disturbing activities, including but not limited to clearing, grubbing and thinning of vegetation. Any removal and relocation of buffer delineation based upon the Engineer's review will not be measured for separate payment.
5. The WECS shall advise the Engineer of any surface water(s) encountered that are not shown in the plans. The WECS shall prevent land disturbing activities from occurring within surface water buffers until the Engineer provides approval to proceed.

I. General Requirements

Projects that consist of asphalt resurfacing, shoulder reconstruction and/or shoulder widening; schedule and perform the construction of the project to comply with the following:

After temporary and permanent erosion control devices are installed and the area permanently stabilized (temporary or permanent) and approved by the Engineer, the area may be released from the 1 acre (0.4 ha) limit.

The maximum of 1 acre (0.4 ha) of erodible earth applies to the entire project and to all combined operations, including borrow and excess material operations that are within the right of way, not 1 acre (0.4 ha) of exposed erodible earth for each operation.

NOTE: Never allow the surface area of erodible earth material exposed at one time to exceed 1 acre (0.4 ha).

1. Do not allow the disturbed exposed erodible area to exceed 1 acres (0.4 ha). This 1 acre (0.4 ha) limit includes all disturbed areas relating to the construction of the project including but not limited to slope and shoulder construction.
2. At the end of each working day, permanently stabilize all of the area disturbed by slope and shoulder reconstruction to prevent any contamination of adjacent streams or other watercourses, lakes, ponds or other areas of water impoundment. For purposes of this Specification, the end of the working day is defined as when the construction operations cease. For example, 6:00 a.m. is the end of the working day on a project that allows work only between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.)
3. Stabilize the cut and fill slopes and shoulder with permanent or temporary grassing and a Wood Fiber Blanket ([Section 713](#), Type II). Mulching is not allowed. Borrow pits, soil disposal sites and haul roads will not require daily applications of wood fiber blanket. The application rate for the Wood Fiber Blanket on shoulder reconstruction is the rate specified for Shoulders. For shoulder reconstruction, the ground preparation requirements of [Subsection 700.3.05.A.1](#) are waived. Preparation consists of scarifying the existing shoulders 4 to 6 in (100 to 150 mm) deep and leaving the area in a smooth uniform condition free from stones, lumps, roots or other material.

4. If a sudden rain event occurs that would not allow the Contractor to apply the Type II Wood Fiber Blanket per [Section 713](#), install Wood Fiber Blanket Type I per [Section 713](#) if directed by the Engineer. Wood Fiber Blanket Type I application is for emergency use only.

Install temporary grass or permanent grass according to seasonal limitations and Specifications. When temporary grass is used, use the overseeding method ([Subsection 700.3.05.E.4](#)) when planting permanent grass.

3. Remove and dispose of all material excavated for the trench widening operation at an approved soil disposal site by the end of each working day. When shoulder reconstruction is required, this material may be used to reconstruct the graded shoulder after all asphaltic concrete pavement has been placed.

4. Provide immediate permanent and/or temporary erosion control measures for borrow pits, soil disposal sites and haul roads to prevent any contamination of adjacent streams or other watercourses, lakes, ponds or other areas of water impoundment.

5. Place asphalt in the trench the same day as the excavation occurs. Place asphalt or concrete in driveways and side roads being re-graded the same day as the excavation occurs. Stabilize any disturbed or exposed soil that is not covered with asphalt with a Wood Fiber Blanket (and grass seed). Payment will be made for the Wood Fiber Blanket and grass seed only if the shoulder has been constructed to final dimensions and grade and no further grading will be required.

6. Do not allow the grading (height of cut or fill) to exceed the operating range of the grassing equipment.

7. When grading operations or other soil disturbing activities are suspended, regardless of the reason, promptly perform all necessary permanent stabilization and/or erosion control work.

8. Use temporary erosion control measures to:

To correct conditions that develop during construction but were unforeseen during the design stage.

To use as needed before installing permanent erosion control features.

To temporarily control erosion that develops during normal construction practices but are not associated with permanent control features on the Project.

9. When conditions warrant, such as unfavorable weather (rain event), the Engineer may require more frequent intervals for this work.

161.3.06 Quality Acceptance

Before Final Acceptance of the Work, clean drainage structures within the project limits, both existing and newly constructed, and ensure that they are functioning properly. Costs to accomplish this work are incidental and shall be included in the overall bid for the Contract.

161.3.07 Contractor Warranty and Maintenance

Maintain the erosion control features installed to:

- Contain erosion within the limits of the right-of-way
- Control storm water discharges from disturbed areas

Effectively install and maintain the erosion control features. Ensure these features contain the erosion and sediment within the limits of the rights of way and control the discharges of storm-water from disturbed areas to meet all local, state, and federal requirements on water quality.

If a construction Project has separate contractors, the Prime Contractor shall maintain the erosion control features at grading sites as acceptable to the Engineer until the Contract is accepted. If any erosion control devices are damaged by any contractor either by neglect, by construction methods, or any other reasons, including acts of nature, they shall be repaired within 24 hours by the Prime Contractor at no cost to the Department.

161.4 Measurement

Control of soil erosion and sedimentation is not measured separately for payment.

161.4.01 Limits

General Provisions 101 through 150.

161.5 Payment

When no pay item is shown in the Contract, the requirements of this Specification and the Erosion Control Plan shall be in full effect. The cost of complying with these requirements will not be paid for separately, but shall be included in the overall bid submitted with the exception of inspections performed by qualified personnel which will be included in Section 167.

When listed as a pay item in the Contract, payment will be made at the unit price bid for each particular item.

No payment will be made for erosion control outside the Right-of-Way or construction easements except as provided for by the Plans.

161.5.01 Enforcement and Adjustments

A. Failure to Provide a WECS

If a designated WECS is not maintained or if the Contractor does not comply with this Specification, cease activities except traffic control and erosion control work. Monies that are due or that may become due also may be withheld according to the Specifications

B. Failure to submit reports

A non-refundable deduction will be taken from the schedule below whenever the WECS fails to submit completed reports required by [Subsection 167.3.05.C](#) in accordance with the provisions of this specification.

C. Failure to Comply with Specifications

If the Contractor fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Specification, all activities shall cease immediately except traffic control and erosion control related work.

Monies that are currently due or that may become due shall be withheld according to the specifications. In addition, nonrefundable monies shall be deducted from the contract as shown in the Schedule of Deductions table below. These deductions are in addition to any actions taken in the above subsections. Deductions assessed for uncorrected deficiencies shall continue until all corrections are completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

D. Receipt of a Consent Order or Notice of Violation, etc

Regulatory enforcement actions will be resolved including at a minimum the following steps;

- The Department will perform an internal review of the alleged violations
- The Department will then meet with the Contractor to review and further determine responsibilities for the alleged violations
- The Department will then arrange to collectively meet with the regulatory agencies to negotiate resolutions and/or settlements.

The Department does not waive any rights of the Contractor to resolve such matters however, in the event that regulatory agency communication is addressed jointly to the Department and to the contractor, the Department reserves the right to coordinate all communications, e.g., written correspondence, and to schedule jointly attended meetings with Regulatory agencies such that timely and accurate responses are known to the Department.

Such Orders or Notices may result in the assessment of Deductions from the table below for each day the condition remains non-compliant following an agreed remedy.

Monetary penalties for which the contractor is obligated for as a result of regulatory enforcement may be withheld from future monies due the contractor.

Schedule of Deductions for Each Calendar Day of Erosion Control Deficiencies Initial Occurrence* Original Total Contract Amount		
From More Than	To and Including	Daily Charge
0	\$100,000	\$750
\$100,000	\$1,000,000	\$1125
\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$2000
\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$3000
\$15,000,000	-	\$5000

*Continued non-compliance with the requirements of this specification may result in the doubling of the above tabulated Daily Charge.

Upon written request from the Contractor, the Engineer may allow, limited activities to concurrently proceed once significant portions of the corrective work have been completed. This authorization may be similarly rescinded if in the opinion of the Engineer corrective work is not being diligently pursued.