

**In Service Performance Evaluation
of
Erosion Prevention Sediment Control Devices**

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ABSTRACT

The Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) market continuously expands with the addition of new products based on research and development. While some products may require special equipment for installation, others are installation ready. There have not been any investigations conducted on installation complications and cost to gain feedback from construction field personnel with regard to which practices are performing better and/or are preferred. The objective of this thesis is to further evaluate the current practices from performance and cost perspectives, in order to improve the plans development efficiency for the Tennessee Department of Transportation' Roadway Design, Environmental, and Operations Divisions.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) devices are widely used during construction projects by DOTs nationally to prevent or reduce the movement of sediment that is carried into lakes, streams and rivers by storm water runoff from a site during construction and are required by state water quality and storm water regulations. Preventing erosion reduces the amount of sediment that leaves a construction site which carries nutrients and pollutants that degrade water resources and harm aquatic wildlife. Proper planning of construction site activities greatly reduces the impact of soil disturbance on nearby resources (Minnesota Storm water Manual). Although erosion on construction sites often affects only a relatively small acreage of land in a watershed, it is a major source of sediment because the potential for erosion on highly disturbed land is commonly 100 times greater than on agricultural land (Brady and Weil, 1999). Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has developed standard drawings per state water quality and storm water regulations (TDEC Construction General Permit) and their Drainage Manual (Chapter 10) to provide guidance to roadway designers in order to develop erosion control plans to protect natural water resources during temporary roadway construction activities.

It is evident that more information is needed to better assess the amount of sediment lost during the temporary construction activities including phasing activities observing field performance of EPSC devices, and improving design and implementation of EPSC devices based on past experience. This need has been elevated not only by design professionals who are directly involved in the development of erosion plans, but also operations professionals and other agencies and research institutions. Since the first published guidance, EPA, Guidelines for Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Implementation, August 1972, other research has provided additional design guidance to improve practices such as NCHRP Project 16-3 Erosion Control during Highway Construction Volumes I and II, February 1976. Currently every state department provides specific EPSC guidance that serves best for their state needs. North Carolina Department of Transportation, Storm water Best Management Practices Toolbox, Version 2, April 2014, is an example to such guidance. As the foundation of best management practices are laid and lessons are learned, new research projects continuously provide improved guidance for practitioners use.

The performance, in terms of reduction of sediment erosion, off-site transport, and product durability, has only been studied at TDOT active roadway construction sites at a limited degree. A few examples include, T. Diehl, Suspended Sediment Concentrations at Six Highway Construction Outfalls, USGS 2014, Statewide Construction Storm Water Turbidity Monitoring Study for the Tennessee Department of Transportation 2010-2012. TDOT Materials and Test Division, National Wattle (Sediment Tube) Survey Report, April 2006, and Summary report, Detailed Analysis related to the Functionality of TDOT Standard Erosion and Sediment-Control Structures under Conditions Presented by the 2-year/24-Hour Storm Event in Tennessee, July 2002.

In order to implement the results of the subject studies into a practice, as well as assessing the current practices, the objective of this research is defined as to investigate in service performance of the effectiveness of current TDOT-EPSC device installation practices in field. In addition, this research further evaluates the application guidance and quantity calculation methods currently provided for each EPSC device, estimates more accurate total cost of installed devices based on initial installation, maintenance, and field performance. Outcome of this research will result in improved quality of standard drawings, accuracy of contract plans, as well as construction cost estimate, which should reduce the number of change orders and construction cost overruns. The practices included in the construction plans and SWPPP will need to control runoff, stabilize slopes and exposed soils, and limit the movement of soils into drainage systems and natural areas. A key element to ensure effectiveness of the erosion and sediment control plan is the implementation of an inspection and maintenance program. Frequent inspection and maintenance activities ensure that the installed temporary sediment control practices are operating effectively throughout the course of the project. All of the best management practices currently being used by the department are shown in the Drainage Manual-Chapter 10 and roadway standard drawings. They have been certified by the TDEC, confirming that they meet the requirements of Construction General Permit. Erosion Plan sheets for the final construction plans were developed and quantities were calculated based on subject documents.

The EPSC market continuously expands with the addition of new products based on research and development. While some products may require special equipment for installation, others are installation ready. There have not been any investigations conducted on installation complications and cost to gain feedback from construction field personnel with regards to which practices are performing better and/or are preferred.

The department is aware of the issues with current practices and has recently established a new standing EPSC Policies Committee that is represented by multiple divisions. Recently, this committee initiated a research study with UT's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering to achieve "In Service Performance Evaluation of EPSC Devices" that is led by the Roadway Design Division. The objective of this research is to improve the plans development efficiency for the Design, Environmental, and Operations Divisions.

Method

Three separate tasks were completed to answer the research questions and achieve these objectives. First, the In-Service Performance Evaluation Questionnaire was prepared using Google Docs. Then, specific questions concentrating on specific areas were prepared. Lastly, the total of 56 survey questions were developed are grouped under four major areas: installation (11 questions), performance (25 questions), maintenance (9 questions), and plan accuracy (11 questions). The first step was to distribute the survey to 400+ people including roadway designers, consultant engineering firms, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) consultants, construction field inspectors, and Construction Engineering & Inspection (CEI) Consultants. A total of 24 responses (Table I) were received from professionals who are best represented by their involvement in the SWPPP development or field implementation of EPSC.

Table I- Survey Participants

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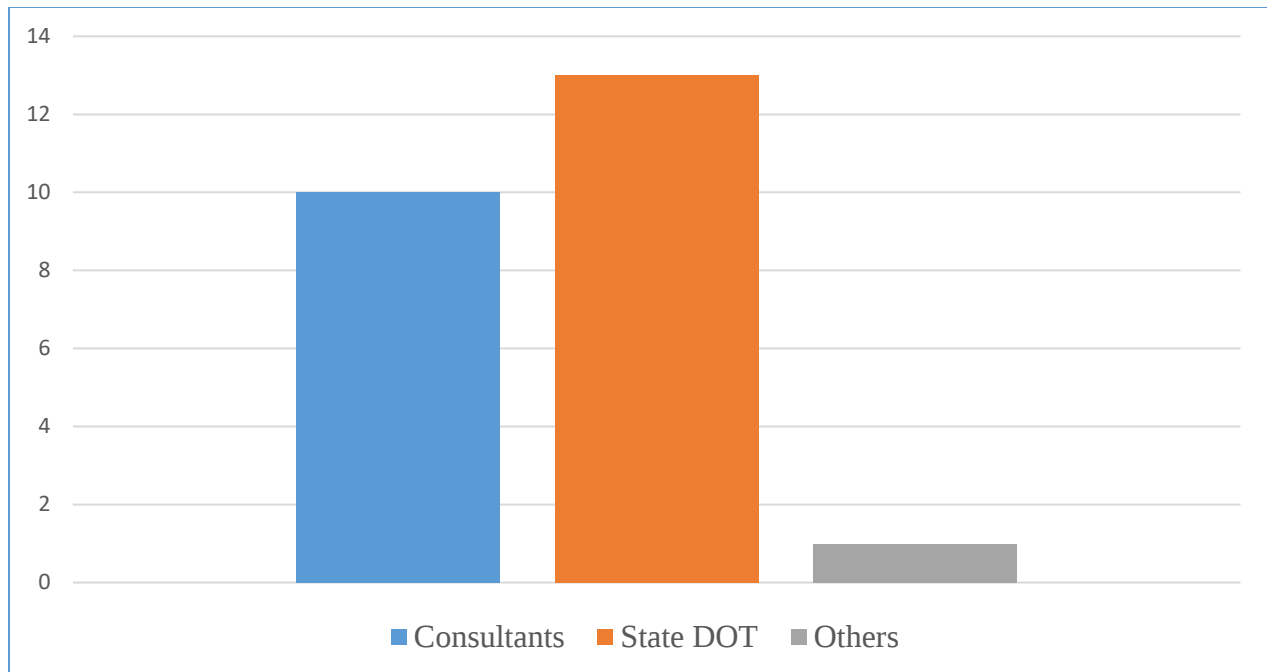


Figure I- Background of Survey Responders

Chapter II of the report summarizes the responses to the survey questions and recommendations to improve the current TDOT EPSC practices. (Please find the complete list of survey questions and responses under Appendix C).

The second step was to perform field visits to active construction sites. They were identified by TDOT Environmental Compliance Officers. Two separate site visits were completed. The first visit was to Region 1 (Knoxville and surrounding counties) and the second to Region 3 (Nashville and surrounding counties). Five construction sites were visited with large disturbed lands. TDOT inspectors and contractors facilitated the field investigations and answered questions. Appendix A of this report summarizes the site visits with pictures of installed/inspected EPSC devices.

The third step was to review all survey responses and field investigation findings and apply the findings to each current EPSC practice in accordance with the standard drawings. Appendix B of this report tabulates the recommendations to current standard EPSC drawings based on the research findings.

Results and Discussion

The following results are based on the 24 survey responses received. The final survey results summarized under each focus area, installation, performance, maintenance, and plans accuracy (Appendix C) and they are evaluated based on participant's background. While CEI consultants and TDOT field inspectors provided valuable feedback on installation and maintenance issues based on their field experiences, project designers provided good feedback on performance and plans accuracy related questions. The results also included the findings from site visits,

discoveries from interviews with constructors, and field personnel, as well as review and evaluation of the current TDOT standard drawings.

Please find below the in-service performance evaluation results of this research documenting the issues TDOT is currently experiencing during the implementation of EPSC. The Section 1.4.1 is provides recommendations to the department about how to improve both design and construction phases of a roadway project.

What are the most common field changes on erosion plans, as designed vs. as constructed, for EPSC best management applications and what is the reasoning behind these changes?

Relocating silt fence, substituting it with silt fence with wire backing, modifying rock check dam (or enhanced rock check dam) to fit geometry or substituting them with sediment tubes, as well as increasing the number of ditch checks are the most common field changes. These practices are needed due to construction phasing and/or site management practices.

During construction it is common for a contractor to modify construction phasing. While the quantity and location of many devices may still function as designed, others may need modifications. The current practices do not allow any flexibility to add new devices and change quantities without a construction change order. Change orders are highly undesirable due to the additional time they take to get approved and the possible added cost to the original estimated construction cost. The department highly discourages this because numbers of change orders are performance indicators for the department monitored by the Federal Highway Administration. In order to eliminate this issue, it is recommended to identify and list the most commonly used and best EPSC management practices and include them in tabulated quantities of construction plans. This will provide flexibility to use various products if the need arises during construction.

What are the deficiencies of installation details shown on current roadway standards that are not applicable to common field conditions?

Silt Fence, Silt fence with Wire Backing, Rock Check Dam, Enhanced Rock Check Dam, and Sediment Tubes are the most commonly used devices. The most common installation issues of each device are listed below.

- a) Silt fence and silt fence with wire backing standard drawings show a maximum of 4” wide trenching. Despite this requirement, alternative trenching practices are common in the field such as plowing or using a backhoe. Those practices leave a wider trench width and excessive disturbance which results in structurally deficient post installations. It is recommended to further evaluate trenching practices and require installation of posts resting against undisturbed downstream banks. The current installation guidance does not address how posts should be installed when they encounter rocks. Guidance, such as eliminating a few posts and trenching, going around an obstruction, or terminating the installation, is needed.
- b) TDOT Qualified Product list and standard drawings were reviewed based on AASTHO Material Specification M-288, 2017 developed for road construction. It was found that the current silt fence fabric specifications for different class geotextiles and silt fence installation details are not corresponding with to each other.

- c) Polyacrylamides (PAM) were used in a few projects. Application of PAM requires additional guidance on the types of products used, application rates, and different types of soil conditions. It was found that TDOT Design Division is currently working to develop a new flocculent guidance for the current Drainage Manual (Chapter 10).
- d) The current instructions recommend installation of silt fence with wire backing when the disturbed areas are close to water. The geotextile fabric used for this device has a water flux value (18 vs. 4 GPM/SQFT) that is four times larger. Despite being stronger, the fabric and wire backing do not add any benefit to the protection of the waters of the state. More affordable and effective practices such as using silt fence with sediment tube or mulch would provide improved sediment filtration, compared to the more expensive and less effective silt fence with wire backing.
- e) Catch basin inlet protections are generic devices designed by TDOT. While smaller CB inlet protection frames are manufactured and used by some contractors, many others prefer premanufactured light weight devices such as Silt Saver. Inlet protection standards for larger catch basin boxes, such as 7'x7', have never been used due to the amount of work that is required to manufacture one. Removing these applications will have no impact on the best management practices.
- f) Level spreaders have not been used on any TDOT construction project. It may be an effective device to reduce erosive waters leaving construction and permanent agricultural applications. Unfortunately, installation of this device is not as practical as a temporary EPSC management practice. There are many other devices available, such as a sediment tube. Removing this application will have no impact on current practices.
- g) Enhanced silt fence checks are not used any longer due to poor field performance. They are not stable and they require extensive maintenance. Removing this application will have no impact on the current best management practices.
- h) Gabion check dams are not used. Gabion baskets are not practical to be installed as a temporary EPSC device. Manufacturing a gabion basket is time consuming and once placed cannot be relocated. They are excellent for permanent bank stabilization or preventing stream of head cut. It is recommended to remove Gabion Basket standard drawings EC-STR-55, 56, 57, 58, and 59. This move will have no impact on current best management practices.
- i) Rock Sediment Dam and Rock and Earth Sediment Embankment devices have not been used. They are not practical and their size is too large for temporary EPSC management practices. Removing those applications will have no impact on current management practices.

What deficiencies can be further modified to address field conditions, for example modifying design parameters for some devices such as slope, distance, height, size, or using proprietary products?

During field visits, it was observed that Silt Fence was being used as a construction site delineator. This installation practice crosses the contour lines. Regardless, the ground geometry silt fences installed at higher ground elevations where silt fence is not needed. It is recommended to develop a construction site delineator fence detail similar to a high visibility fence. This alternative device will be cheaper and faster to install since no trenching will be required during installation. Additionally it will provide better delineation of a construction site.

Regardless of the type of device installed, it is a challenge for TDOT Environmental Compliance Office inspectors to have a contractor repair or maintain identified deficiencies. The current payment method does not include the maintenance of installed devices, but only addresses sediment removal activity. It is recommended to create a new generic payment item number for contractors to get compensation for the maintenance of EPSC installation deficiencies.

Rock check dam and enhanced rock checks are the preferred ditch check methods because once installed they do not need frequent maintenance. Enhanced rock checks perform well in field. However, field observations showed variation in weir opening sizes when compared to the standard drawing weir opening requirements. Sediment tubes are also used often as a ditch check. They perform well at mildly sloped ditches and slopes. However, overlapping or stacking details for ditch application is not practiced to achieve the proper height for ditch checks. The feedback received from field personnel was that the lighter the material, the harder it is to maintain. It is suggested to reevaluate the ditch check installations practice using sediment tubes. Sediment Tubes are not a direct substitution for rock check dams when it comes to field performance. Silt fences are rarely used for ditch check. Enhanced silt fence for ditch checks should be removed from standards due to poor field performance.

What benefits may be gained from installing repetitive devices and what is the cost-benefit ratio for different sediment control device treatment-train combinations?

TDOT experienced repetitive installation of devices during the SR-840 construction in order to meet more restricted turbidity levels. The project included various repetitive applications and turbulence monitoring. The applications have been monitored and the results have been reported by USGS. It is recommended to adopt such devices as a standard practice and to further recommend them to be used close to bodies of water or environmentally sensitive areas.

The current practice is to install Temporary Silt Fence with backing item No. 209-08.02 close to bodies of water. The average installation cost is close to five dollars per linear ft. with #70-100 standard sieve opening. Replacing this with Silt fence 209-08.03 #30-70 standard sieve opening in conjunction with a sediment tube 740-11.01 would double the system's filtration efficiency and with half the cost.

What project development phases need improvement?

Both design and construction phases need improvement. The engineering design phase should include a site visit to understand how projects will be constructed and phased. The site visit and communications among design, construction, and environmental divisions will improve the overall plans quality and EPSC practices for all construction projects. Currently, the department is adding a new mandatory site visit to improve final construction plans quality. Even though the purpose of this new field review step is to review more costly roadway features, such as

structures, construction phasing, or work zone traffic control, it also includes a review of erosion plan development.

New design training is suggested in order to improve erosion plans' quality and consistency. Currently, the department offers two trainings to roadway designers, EPSC Level I and Level II. Both trainings are developed and provided to industry by TDEC. Level I is mandatory for all field personnel and Level II is mandatory for all design personnel. TDOT Environmental Division developed new training for field personal to substitute TDEC Level I certification training. Several TDOT field inspectors and designers have EnviroCerts's CPECS certification to meet the industry's standards. It is strongly recommended to develop a new training module that is specific to the roadway design erosion plan development. Such training would provide base design knowledge on current practices and help designers understand how to calculate quantities better.

Another issue identified as a result of the questionnaire was the lack of knowledge about the installed proprietary product. Having installers certified to install proprietary products would eliminate delay due to corrections later. Changes have to be made to TDOT practices in order for contractors to not be paid for deficient installations. An inspection form similar to guardrail installation may be developed to document proper installation and payment release.

Conclusions

What recommendations can be given to TDOT to modify the current practices?

Recommendations for the project development Phase

- a) Have a site visit and review the development of plans.
- b) Develop a new erosion prevention plans development training.
- c) Identify and list common EPSC item numbers on all plans to eliminate change orders during construction. Use hydro mulch more often.
- d) Review silt fence fabric specifications and rock check dam quantity calculations. Improve guidance regarding use of mulch and seed. Use tackifiers with straw. Limit the use of sediment tubes in ditches.
- e) Evaluate, delete, and modify current standards for different applications as shown Part IV.
- f) Develop a construction site delineator standard using high visibility fence.
- g) Develop a new standard showing repetitive practice installation detail.
- h) Develop a j hook detail for silt fences.
- i) Reevaluate the recommended use of enhanced silt fence with wire backing close to bodies of water.
- j) Improve EPSC device legend and plan scale to improve the intended erosion control design.
- k) Remove best management practices that have never been used.

Recommendations for the Construction Phase

- a) Do not pay contractors for deficient installations. Develop a new form to document installations and proceed with payment only after Environmental Compliance Officer signs the form.
- b) Create a new generic payment item number to correct maintenance of devices installed during service and have the contractor be properly compensated for corrections. Ask for the work documented on the new form of payment.
- c) Require installers to be certified for proprietary products by the manufacturers.

CHAPTER II

SUMMARY AND EVALUATION OF SURVEY QUESTIONS

Evaluation of Installation Practices

Name the types of EPSC types typically used in your region/district.

The most common EPSC devices used on TDOT projects are, Silt fence, Silt fence with wire backing, Rock check dam, Enhanced rock check dam and sediment tubes.

What difficulties are encountered during installation of named structure(s)?

General Installation issues are, not following contours or not properly trenching silt fence devices. Not having proper weir opening as well was not extending far enough to reach out above the banks. Responds indicated the calculated rock quantities on the plans for the rock check dams are always short. Methods to calculate estimated quantities needs to be investigated. The last difficulty is, contractors not installing devices per the standards.

What can be done to improve the installation efficiency of named structure(s)?

Improved supervision with qualified personnel. Train contractors. Require a certification for a compiled list of TDOT Certified EPSC BMP contractors. Have contractors understand that no payment will be given for inappropriately installed BMPs.

What EPSC products are the most difficult to install in accordance to the current installation details?

In stream diversions are hard to install if it is not shown on plan set. Erosion control blankets are not keyed. Sediment tubes are not trenched. Silt fence with wire backing is hard to install.

What can be done to improve the current installation practice per EPSC device?

Better training of subcontractor and contractor personnel. Payment in lump sum of all BMP use per phase of SWPPP. Better selection of devices for particular applications. Do not pay for items not installed per standard specifications.

How can the installation be modified to improve installation efficiency but retain the level of EPSC performance effectiveness?

Rock check dam height based on ditch depth. Develop a J hook detail. Better categorization of storm water inlet protection devices. Alternative if rock is encountered during trenching. ROW to adequately accommodate the BMP.

What measure is consistently not installed in accordance with current installation details?

Check dams, Erosion control blanket. The manufacturer's installation drawings/instructions which when the product is placed on the QPL need to be readily available during construction.

Are multiple EPSC devices designed and installed in a drainage sequence?

Yes.

Does a treatment train of multiple EPSC devices improve site performance reducing erosion?

Yes.

Do you have any recommendations about current installation practices?

Encourage the contractor to take the time to install the measures.

Need to be more of a priority for contractors.

Contractor has been paid for poor installation.

Recommendations to Current Installation Practices

Survey responses identified that the most common EPSC devices used on TDOT projects are Silt fence, Silt fence with wire backing, Rock check dam, Enhanced rock check dam and sediment tubes. The General Installation issues can be grouped under two categories: Improvements on standards/plans and field installation practices.

Design Standards/Construction Plans

Investigate the current guidance related to Rock check dam height based on ditch depth. The rock check dam quantities on the plans are always less than what is needed. Update the estimated quantities practices for rock check dams. Re-categorize storm water inlet protection devices. Develop an alternative installation detail when rock is encountered during trenching. Develop a J hook detail for silt fence installations. Reevaluate and provide guidance for current trenching practices, plowing or using bucket. Provide guidance to have the necessary ROW to adequately accommodate the BMP.

Field Installation practices

Have the manufacturer's installation drawings/instructions which, when the product is placed on the QPL, need to be readily available during construction.

Better training of subcontractor and contractor personnel. Payment in lump sum of all BMP use per phase of SWPPP. Better selection of devices for particular applications. Develop an installer certification program to eliminate poor installation practices or devices installed not confirming standards. Encourage the contractor to take the time to install the measures. Contractors understanding installation and/or maintenance of EPSC devices in timely manner is a priority for TDOT construction sites. Do not pay for items not installed per standard specifications, such as erosion prevention devices not following ground contours, not properly trenching silt fence devices, not having a weir opening by depressing rock check dam or not extending far enough to reach out above the banks.

Evaluation of Field Performance

Which products are failing once installed in accordance to the current installation details?

Geo hay, sediment tubes, silt fence.

Most all products work fine when installed in accordance to the current installation details.

What products are the most effective when installed properly?

Enhanced Rock check dams.

Which product's performances are not meeting the design criteria shown in the standard drawings?

Sediment Tubes and Silt fences.

What component of the device is over designed or needs improvement?

Sediment tube staking and installation.

Is trenching of silt fence necessary? If so, what recommendations can be made to improve installation?

Yes, trenching is necessary, do not allow plowing or bucket trench excavation methods, and add j-hooks.

Is trenching of rolled erosion control products necessary to maintain intimate contact with soil?

Mixed feedback. Improving installation to have a better soil contact is needed.

Do you see any benefits in minimizing soil disturbance during the installation of such products?

Limit trenching practices do not allow digging with bucket equipment or ripping with plow.

How often is newly applied straw mechanically crimped or chemically tacked to soil?

Practice needs improvement in field.

Do you see the cost benefit of limiting the application of enhanced silt fence with wire backing to only steep fill or cut slope locations?

It lasts longer. Need to investigate the practice of using this device close to water.

What products are preferred by contractors?

Rock check dam and, Sediment tube.

Is trenching of rock checks and enhanced rock checks necessary to improve performance of the measure?

Mixed feedback but, No.

How often is mulch applied at the specified rates per TDOT standards?

Mixed feedback. Seldom, practice needs improvement in field. No consistency.

Are there any EPSC devices shown on the plans that you generally change to an alternate device in the field due to your experience with its performance? If so, please explain.

Limit the use of CB inlet protection, especially for large structures. Delete Enhanced silt fence checks for ditch applications. Set up short-term ditch check application with sediment tube.

How often is fertilizer used when applying vegetation?

Mixed feedback. Practice needs improvement in the field.

How often seed beds are properly developed when applying vegetation?

Practice needs improvement in field to use often.

Have you used PAM (polyacrylamide) on a project? If so, how did it perform?

Practice needs improvement in field to use often.

Have you used Bonded Fiber Matrix?

Limited use. Explore to expand the use.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, have you applied with seed or without seed?

Limited use. If it used seed applied.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, how did it perform?

Positive experience explore how to use more.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, did the performance justify the cost difference with typical seed and mulch?

Yes the cost is justifiable. Especially at locations with limited access.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, are they equal to or better than blankets?

Quick results and easy application.

Have you used Tackifiers? What types of Tackifiers are being used?

Very limited use. Explore how to expand the use of Tackifiers.

Which TDOT catch basin/area drain inlet protection have you found to perform the best?

Remove Type E from EC-STR-19. Others devices are working well. Limit the field installation time for generic CB assembly standard. Silt Saver is a good CB protection.

Do you have any recommendations about performance of EPSC practices?

Explore how to use sediment basins often since they allow contractor to perform construction phasing freely. Remove sediment tubes from ditch applications. Provide erosion prevention measures at the earliest possible time.

Recommendations to Field Performance

Most products work fine when installed in accordance to the standard drawings. However, light products such as Geo Hay, a filter sock (non-biodegradable), consisting of rolled recycled carpet, or sediment tubes (biodegradable) do not perform well in ditch applications if they are not staked correctly. They are not heavy, which provides handling benefit to installers. Therefore, unlike rock check dam, they move by the sediment laden concentrated discharges. Survey responses, based on field performance, indicate that they are not a direct replacement to rock check dam or even silt fence when installed in ditches. Further investigation is recommended to improve the performance of rolled erosion control products (RECP), especially staking options. Mixed responses were received regarding trenching of RECP. Although 2" trenching is shown on the current standard, it is favorable to minimize ground disturbance during installation. The benefits of trenching need to be investigated as well. It is recommended to provide guidance for service life of sediment tubes.

Stability and performance of silt fence is based on correct installation practices. Current trenching practices, trenching with bucket equipment or ripping the ground with plow, should

not be allowed because removal of a large quantity of earth effects fence stability. Among all silt fence devices the silt fence with wire backing is the most preferred device by contractors because they stay stable for a long time. The current TDOT standards do not have a J-hook detail, however it is recommended to develop a detail for long installations.

Silt fence with wire backing is used at locations close to bodies of water. Other than stability, this practice does not offer any additional benefit. This practice needs further investigation. Another recommendation received from the responses is to eliminate the use of “enhanced silt dams in ditch”. This practice has not been used in field often, however, when it is used, it performs poorly. Therefore, it is recommended to eliminate this device.

Rock check dams are the preferred device by contractors. Responses indicate Enhanced Rock Check Dams are effective and easy to install. They are durable and do not need frequent maintenance. Current installation issues are not having proper weir opening, not extending to ditch banks and not placing geotextile fabric under the device extending downstream. Often, the provided rock quantity on plans are less than what is needed during construction, so it is recommended to investigate the current calculation methods for tabulated quantities.

Catch basin inlet protections, as shown on current standards, are manufactured by a wooden frame covered by geotextile fabric. Building boxes is time consuming, so it is not a desirable option by contractors in accordance to the responses. Often, “Silt Saver”, a type of manufactured product is used for CB inlet protection. Limiting the use of this device to only small size catch basin structures is recommended. Remove Type E from EC-STR-19; this practice is not recommended.

Seeding and mulching related survey responses indicated that the application process needs improvement. Preparation of seed beds, applying fertilizer, and/or seed is not consistent. Clarifying the application requirements and quantities is recommended.

PAM is used rarely. There was mixed feedback on questions that indicated better guidance is needed. TDOT recently updated the guidance under a new section called, Flocculants. Future field practices will improve the use of flocculants.

The department has limited experience with the use of Bonded Fiber Matrix. However, the feedback is very positive. The product has a promising future in erosion prevention practices. Seed has been used in this application. It is the preferred method compared to erosion control blankets. It provides intimate contact with a much faster growth rate. It is the preferred method for locations where the placement of erosion control blanket is not possible. Having bonded fiber matrix item numbers on all future erosion plans will increase the use of this application.

The experience with tackifiers is very limited. Using tackifiers with straw should be encouraged since crimping is not a common practice.

Sediment basins provide flexibility for a contractor to work freely within the disturbed area. It is recommended to explore the use of sediment basins more often. Currently TDOT is working on another research project to improve the design and installation of sediment basins.

Evaluation of Maintenance Practices During Construction

Which EPSC products are the easiest to maintain?

Silt fence with wire backing and rock check dams.

Which EPSC products are the most difficult to maintain?

Sediment control devices, sediment trap, sediment filter bag, sediment ponds, and check dams.

Are there products that seem to cost too much but perform superior to others?

Hydro mulch, filtrex, rock check dams.

From your perspective, is it possible to reduce the frequency of inspection?

Inspections are needed not only to monitor the performance of the device (stable and cleanout) but mostly to address dynamic changes within the construction area.

What do you consider as the most difficult maintenance technique?

Sediment removal, cleaning rock check dams or sediment filter bags.

Would there be a benefit to having a separate line item for maintenance of EPSC devices? Please explain.

Yes. Consider to pay maintenance separately.

Do you feel that the estimated quantities for EPSC items generally include an adequate amount for maintenance and replacement? Please explain.

The only maintenance pay item is removing sediment. There is no maintenance pay item to correct deficiencies has been established.

Is the EPSC device installer typically responsible of maintaining the devices? Whether yes or no, please describe the pros and cons.

Prime contractor is responsible for the maintenance.

Do you have any recommendations to improve or eliminate maintenance activities?

Separate pay item for maintenance of installed devices would give incentive to contractors.

Recommendations to Maintenance Practices During Construction

Silt fence with wire backing and rock check dams are the most preferred methods. They have stable installation processes and do not require excessive maintenance, other than sediment removal. On the other hand, Sediment Filter Bags and Sediment Traps are not easy to maintain. They remove large quantities of sediment which requires frequent cleaning. Responses indicated that Hydro mulch, filtrex, and rock check dams are working better than the other devices. It is recommended that maintenance activities to correct device installation issues should be paid separately. This practice will give incentive to the contractor to fix and maintain installed devices. Also, no payment should be made until all deficiencies are corrected, as identified by field inspectors.

Evaluation of Erosion Plans Accuracy

Are there any devices in which the tabulated quantities do not match the plans?

Yes. Rock check dam rock quantities.

Do you have any other recommendations to modify the current practices?

Design phase field visit, more oversight of contractors installing devices.

Are there times when devices are not accurately depicted on the plans?

Explore the possibility of correctly locating and scaling devices on the plans. Improve QA/QC review of Erosion Control Plans.

Are there any EPSC devices, which TDOT has a standard drawing for, you never use? If so, please describe.

Recommend removing Enhanced silt fence checks, Gabion Check Dams, Level Spreaders, and Catch Basin Filter Assembly (Type 1).

Are there times when useful EPSC devices/measures are not included as items on the plans? If so, please describe.

List most common devices and item numbers on all roadway plans so a contractor can select an alternative EPSC method without change order.

Do designers properly utilize EPSC devices according to conditions shown on site plans?

Usually they do. Roadway design focused erosion plans development training is recommended.

Are stream diversions being shown on the plans and are they the appropriate type for the field conditions/terrain?

Yes they are shown appropriately.

Are sediment traps being shown on plans where needed? How often do you add sediment traps as a revision to your SWPPP in the field?

Yes they are shown on the plans. Seldom added to SWPPP at locations where rock check dam reached the limits. Suggest to associate two applications so for small drainage areas check dam will be used and for large drainage areas sediment trap.

How often do you use sediment basins as shown on TDOT standard drawings?

They are used rarely, but if shown on plans usually it can be installed in accordance to the details.

How much accuracy should be expected of the EPSC plans and quantities without knowledge of a contractor's construction phasing?

Erosion plans should be discussed during the constructability field review in order to improve plans accuracy.

Do you find that construction phasing and grading substantially affects the actual area draining to a device in contrast to the drainage areas on the plans that the EPSC measures were designed for? If so, how do you adjust for that?

Yes. Often adjustments made to improve erosion control practices in the field.

Do you have any recommendations about how to improve plans accuracy?

Site review is needed. The new mandatory new site visit step should also identify erosion related issues.

Recommendations to Erosion Control Plans Accuracy

Responses recommend to have a site visit during the plans development phase to receive feedback from construction office regarding construction phasing to improve the quality of completed erosion plans. Discussions among Department personnel revealed that a new Site Review step is already scheduled about six months before completing the construction plans set for every project. This mandatory new site visit would help designers identify EPSC strategies during the development of erosion plans. Also, providing additional training to roadway designers on “how to develop erosion plans” is recommended. Currently EPSC device legends show that the plans are not scaled properly and causing confusion.

Silt fence installations sometimes do not follow the contours and miss calculated rock quantities are other common issues. The current practice allow field modifications as needed. Listing the most common devices and item numbers on all roadway plans would also allow contractors to select and use alternative EPSC methods without a change order.

There are few devices that has not been used. Few device delivers poor field performance. Recommended to remove, Enhanced silt fence checks, Gabion Check Dams, Level Spreaders, and catch basin filter assembly (type 1) from the current standards. The use of sediment basins rare but if they are shown on plans they can be built without major modification.

Other

Is there any specific training that you would like have?

Certifying installers should be considered. A new design training is also recommended.

Are there devices that you have used on non-TDOT projects or that you have come up with on your own that you think would be beneficial for TDOT to review?

Review and adopt I-840 devices, consider active treatment systems, limit distance for slope applications. Promote the use of mulch berms often if applicable.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A
FIELD VISITS

FIELD VISITS

REGION 3

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TDOT Project: The widening of SR-65 in Springfield TN



Looking upstream

- **Enhanced rock check dam (EC-STR-6A).**
- **Silt deposits indicate that device performed well.**
- **Straw deposits at weir demonstrate that temporary mulch application on slopes did not crimp straw.**



Looking downstream from the proposed lane of the roadway widening project.

Rock check dam (EC-STR-6) used with sediment tubes (EC-STR-37) for ditch check.



Looking downstream

**Enhanced Rock Check Dam (EC-STR-6A).
Additionally, silt fence (EC-STR-3B) used as a secondary barrier.**

Catch Basin Protection (type B) with sediment tubes (type D) and temporary mulch (EC-STR-19).





**Enhanced Rock check dam
(EC-STR-6A).**

**Rock Check Dam
(EC-STR-6).**



I-65/SR-109 Interchange - North of Portland

Temporary slope protection (EC-STR-34).





**Pipe inlet protection
(EC-STR-11) used with
Enhanced rock check dam
(EC-STR-6A).**

**Temporary slope drain
(EC-STR-27).**



**Culvert inlet protection
(EC-STR-11A).**

**Silt fence with wire backing
(EC-STR-3C).**





**Sediment tube used for ditch application
(EC-STR-37)**

**Erosion control blanket used for slope Installation
(EC-STR-34)**



REGION I

Date: August 23, 2016

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TDOT Project: SR-115, Alcoa Highway Widening



**Enhanced rock check dam
(EC-STR-6A).**

Looking upstream



**Rock check dam
(EC-STR-6)**

**Curb inlet protection, Type 4
(EC-STR-39A)**





**Temporary slope drains
(EC-STR-27)**

**Enhanced rock check dam
(EC-STR-6A) shown with
temporary slope drain outlet**



**Suspended pipe diversion (EC-STR-33A)
Upstream side**

**Suspended pipe Diversion
(EC-STR-33)
Downstream side**

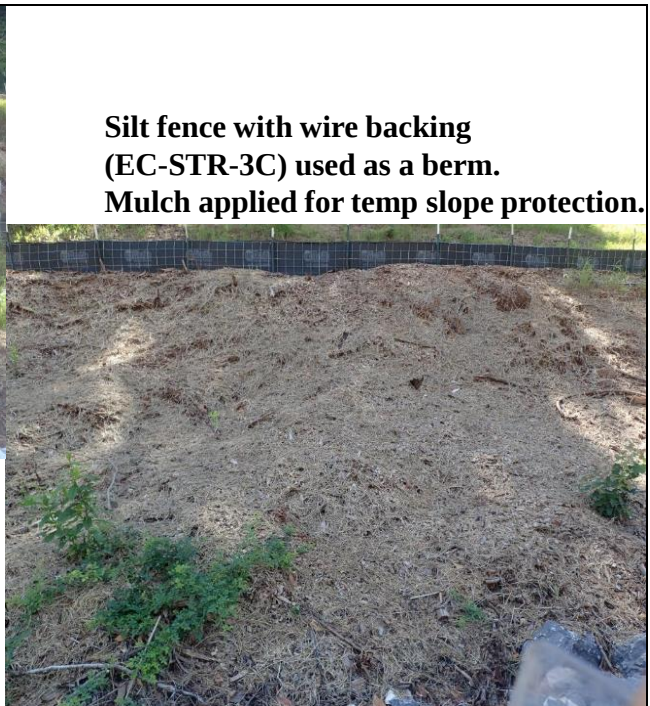




Sediment Filter Bag (EC-STR-2). Pad is ready for a filter bag. It will receive pumped water from suspended pipe diversion.



Sediment tube used as a berm (EC-STR-37). Silt fence with Wire Backing used in the middle of cut slope (EC-STR-3C) .



Silt fence with wire backing (EC-STR-3C) used as a berm. Mulch applied for temp slope protection.



**Enhanced rock check dam
(EC-STR-6A).**

**Silt fence with wire backing (EC-STR-3C)
used around bodies of water.**



SR-33 Widening Union Co.



**Silt fence with wire backing (EC-STR-3C)
used with sediment tube at the toe of fill
slope.**

**Silt fence with wire backing (EC-STR-3C)
used with rock or sediment tube weirs.
Two rows of sediment tube used
on the other bank.**





Temporary Slope Stabilization – mulch W/O Seed.
Straw is not crimped, light coverage,
low berm height failed to divert off site drainage on top of the cut slope.
No intermediate protection within the slope.



Proposed roadway fill with temporary berm (EC-STR-27).
Temporary slope drain has not been installed yet.





**Rock check dam (EC-STR-6)
looking upstream**

**Filter sock (EC-STR-37). Short piece of
geo-hay tube staked using steel posts.**



Looking up

Temporary slope drain (EC-STR-27).

Looking down





**Dewatering
structure under
construction
(EC-STR-1).**

**SR-33 and Beaver Creek Road intersection
Improvements, Knox Co.**



Permanent drainage basin

APPENDIX B

RECOMMENDATIONS TO EROSION PREVENTION SEDIMENT CONTROL STANDARD DRAWINGS

The list shown below is consist of all current EPSC standards available to roadway designers during the development of roadway pans. A short comment is provided to each standard drawing based on the research findings.

DEWATERING DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-1	Dewatering structure	This is a generic type of device used seldom. Reevaluate the size and investigate how to improve efficiency.
EC-STR-2	Sediment filter bag	Revise QPL and list 15'x15' and 15'x10' devices only

SLOPE DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-3B	Silt fence	Review and revise silt fence fabric specifications to be in conformance with AASHTO M-288 Material Specifications (table 7) Add J hook detail
EC-STR-3C	Silt fence with wire backing	Update fabric specifications and QPL.
EC-STR-3D	Enhanced silt fence	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-3E	Silt fence fabric joining details	No comment
EC-STR-8	Filter sock	Filter sock stacking not practiced. Remove detail, limit applicable slopes, revise spacing or eliminate ditch application. DO not use Geohay in ditch.
EC-STR-27	Temporary slope drain and berm	Min. pipe size is 15" for TDOT projects. Simplify berm details.
EC-STR-29	Permanent slope drain pipe	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-34	Erosion control blanket for slope installation	Hydro mulch should be considered as an alternate
EC-STR-35	Filter berms	No comment. Promote this practice.

EC-STR-37	Sediment tube	Improve staking details, limit ditch applications.
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DITCH DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-4	Enhanced silt fence check (trapezoidal ditch)	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-4A	Enhanced silt fence check (v-ditch)	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-4B	Enhanced silt fence check details	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-6	Rock check dam	Review rock quantity calculations
EC-STR-6A	Enhanced rock check dam	Review rock quantity calculations
EC-STR-7	Sediment trap with check dam	No comments.
EC-STR-55	Gabion check dam	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-56	Gabion check dam design tables	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-57	Gabion assembly details	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-58	Gabion assembly details	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-59	Gabion check dam general notes and component properties	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-61	Level spreaders	Standard has not been used consider voiding.

INLET PROTECTION

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-11	Culvert protection type 1	Remove sediment storage zone. Combine plan Views and leave more space for a placement of pipe headwall between the pipe end and rock check dam. Add pipe to title, remove type 1
EC-STR-19	Catch basin protection	Delete type E
EC-STR-39	Curb inlet protection type 1 & 2	Type 1, device has an excessive foot print. Impossible to maintain. Has not been used. Remove types. Label it as

		perimeter protection.
EC-STR-39A	Curb inlet protection type 3 & 4	Consider removing type 3, impossible to maintain. Minor modification is needed for type 4 to simplify maintenance.
EC-STE-40	Catch basin filter assembly for circular structures	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-41	Catch basin filter assembly (type 1)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-41A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 1) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-42	Catch basin filter assembly (type 2)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-42A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 2) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-43	Catch basin filter assembly (type 3)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-43A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 3) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-44	Catch basin filter assembly (type 4)	Delete – CB is too large
EC-STR-44A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 4) slipcover details	Delete – CB is too large
EC-STR-45	Catch basin filter assembly (type 5)	Delete – CB is too large
EC-STR-45A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 5) slipcover details	Delete – CB is too large
EC-STR-46	Catch basin filter assembly (type 6)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-46A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 6) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-47	Catch basin filter assembly (type 7)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-47A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 7) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-48	Catch basin filter assembly (type 8)	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-48A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 8) slipcover details	Limit the use up to 72" CB
EC-STR-49	Catch basin filter assembly (type 9)	Delete, CB is too large
EC-STR-49A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 9) slipcover details	Delete, CB is too large
EC-STR-50	Catch basin filter assembly (type 10)	Delete, CB is too large
EC-STR-50A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 10)	Delete, CB is too large

	slipcover details	
EC-STR-51	Catch basin filter assembly (type 11)	Delete, CB is too large
EC-STR-51A	Catch basin filter assembly (type 11) slipcover details	Delete, CB is too large

DETAINING DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-12	Rock sediment dam	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-13	Rock and earth sediment embankment	Standard has not been used consider voiding.
EC-STR-15	Sediment basin	Will be modified based on current ongoing research
EC-STR-16	Sediment basins riser and collar appurtenances	To be revised
EC-STR-17	Sediment basin embankment details	To be revised
EC-STR-18	Sediment basin floating outlet structure	No comment
EC-STR-21	Permanent riprap basin energy dissipators	Revise number and move to new series standards under energy dissipators.

IN-STREAM DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
Ec-str-11a	Culvert protection type 2	Remove type 2 add perimeter. EC-STR-11 will be renamed to pipe culvert protection.
EC-STR-25	Temporary culvert crossing, construction exit, construction ford	No comment
EC-STR-30	Instream diversion (without traffic)	No comment
EC-STR-30A	Instream diversion (with traffic)	No comment
EC-STR-31	Temporary diversion channel	No comment
EC-STR-31A	Temporary diversion channel design	No comment
EC-STR-32	Temporary diversion culverts	No comment
EC-STR-33	Suspended pipe diversion (downstream)	No comment

EC-STR-33A	Suspended pipe diversion (upstream)	No comment
EC-STR-36	Turf reinforcement mat for channel installation	No comment
EC-STR-38	Floating turbidity curtain	No comment

RECOMMENDED NEW DEVICES

Drawing	Description	Comments
EC-STR-XX	Construction site delineator	NEW
EC-STR-XX	Multi stage protection	NEW

APPENDIX C
SURVEY RESPONSE

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Name

Job title, region, and/or district

Contact information Email, Phone No.

Installation

Name the types of EPSC types typically used in your region/district:

What difficulties are encountered during installation of named structure(s)?

What can be done to improve the installation efficiency of named structure(s)?

What can be done to improve the current installation practice per EPSC device?

What EPSC products are the most difficult to install in accordance to the current installation details?

How can the installation be modified to improve installation efficiency but retain the level of EPSC performance effectiveness?

What measure is consistently not installed in accordance with current installation details?

Are multiple EPSC devices designed and installed in a drainage sequence?

Does a treatment train of multiple EPSC devices improve site performance reducing erosion?

Do you have any recommendations about current installation practices?

Performance

Which products are failing once installed in accordance to the current installation details?

What products are the most effective when installed properly?

Which product's performances are not meeting the design criteria shown in the standard drawings?

What component of the device is over designed or needs improvement?

Is trenching of silt fence necessary? If so, what recommendations can be made to improve installation?

Is trenching of rolled erosion control products necessary to maintain intimate contact with soil?

Do you see any benefits in minimizing soil disturbance during the installation of such products?

How often is newly applied straw mechanically crimped or chemically tacked to soil?

Do you see the cost benefit of limiting the application of enhanced silt fence with wire backing to only steep fill or cut slope locations?

What products are preferred by contractors?

Is trenching of rock checks and enhanced rock checks necessary to improve performance of the measure?

How often is mulch applied at the specified rates per TDOT standards?

Are there any EPSC devices shown on the plans that you generally change to an alternate device in the field due to your experience with its performance? If so, please explain.

How often is fertilizer used when applying vegetation?

How often is lime used when applying vegetation?

How often seed beds are properly developed when applying vegetation?

Have you used PAM (polyacrylamide) on a project? If so, how did it perform?

Have you used Bonded Fiber Matrix?

Have you applied with seed or without seed?

How did it perform?

Did the performance justify the cost difference with typical seed and mulch?
 Are they equal to or better than blankets?
 Have you used Tackifiers? What types of Tackifiers are being used?
 Which TDOT catch basin/area drain inlet protection have you found to perform the best?
 How often is mulch applied at the specified rates per TDOT standards?
 Are there any EPSC devices shown on the plans that you generally change to an alternate device in the field due to your experience with its performance? If so, please explain.
 How often is fertilizer used when applying vegetation?
 How often is lime used when applying vegetation?
 How often seed beds are properly developed when applying vegetation?
 Have you used PAM (polyacrylamide) on a project? If so, how did it perform?
 Have you used Bonded Fiber Matrix?
 Have you applied with seed or without seed?
 How did it perform?
 Did the performance justify the cost difference with typical seed and mulch?
 Are they equal to or better than blankets?
 Have you used Tackifiers? What types of Tackifiers are being used?

Maintenance

Which EPSC products are the easiest to maintain?
 Which EPSC products are the most difficult to maintain?
 Do you have any recommendations to improve or eliminate maintenance activities?
 Are there products that seem to cost too much but perform superior to others?
 From your perspective, is it possible to reduce the frequency of inspection?
 What do you consider as the most difficult maintenance technique?
 Would there be a benefit to having a separate line item for maintenance of EPSC devices? Please explain.
 Do you feel that the estimated quantities for EPSC items generally include an adequate amount for maintenance and replacement? Please explain.
 Is the EPSC device installer typically responsible of maintaining the devices? Whether yes or no, please describe the pros and cons.

Plans Accuracy

Are there any devices in which the tabulated quantities do not match the plans?
 Do you have any other recommendations to modify the current practices?
 Are there times when devices are not accurately depicted on the plans?
 Are there times when useful EPSC devices/measures are not included as items on the plans? If so, please describe.
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 Do designers properly utilize EPSC devices according to conditions shown on site plans?
 Are stream diversions being shown on the plans and are they the appropriate type for the field conditions/terrain?
 Are sediment traps being shown on plans where needed? How often do you add sediment traps as a revision to your SWPPP in the field?
 How often do you use sediment basins as shown on TDOT standard drawings?

How much accuracy should be expected of the EPSC plans and quantities without knowledge of a contractor's construction phasing?

Do you find that construction phasing and grading substantially affects the actual area draining to a device in contrast to the drainage areas on the plans that the EPSC measures were designed for? If so, how do you adjust for that?

Other

Is there any specific training that you would like have?

Are there devices that you have used on non-TDOT projects or that you have come up with on your own that you think would be beneficial for TDOT to review?

Survey Responses

Name the types of EPSC types typically used in your region/district?

Silt fence, silt fence with backing, sediment tubes, rock check dams, enhanced rock check dams, filter bags, temp stream diversion channels.

Sediment tubes, rock check dams, straw wattles, outlet protection, inlet protection, silt fence.

Gabion Check Dams, Rock Checks, Enhanced Rock Checks, Sediment traps with Check Dams, Silt Fence, Silt Fence Backing, Level Spreaders, Curb inlet protection Types 1, 2, 3, 4, Catch Basin protection 1, 2, 3, 4, Catch Basin Circular structures protection, Catch Basin Protections types 1-11, with some slip cover types, Filter Berms, silt/filter sock, sediment tubes, slope drains, ECB Erosion Control Blanket, Dewatering Structures, Sediment Filter Bag, Rock Sediment Dams, Rock basin Energy Dissipator, Sediment Basins, Turbidity Curtain, Cofferdams, Instream Diversions, Suspended pipe diversions, Diversion Channels, TRM Turf Reinforcement Matting, Culvert Protection Type 2, Crossings and Construction Entrances and Exits TCE.

Silt fence, check dams, sediment traps, geotextile, seeding and much, sod, stream diversions.

Rock check dams, enhanced rock check dams, filter sock, silt fence, silt fence with backing, temporary berm, turf reinforcement mat, erosion control blanket, sediment filter bag, temp slope drain.

Rcd, ercd sediment tube, silt fence, silt fence w/b, geotextiles, blankets, etc.

Silt fencing, silt fencing with backing, sediment tubes, Rock Check Dam, Enhanced Rock Check Dam, Sediment Filter Bag, Polyethylene Sheeting, Temporary In-Stream Diversion, High-Visibility Construction Fence, Geotextile Type III Erosion Control, Water, Sodding.

Silt Fence, Silt Fence with Backing, rock checks, and enhanced rock checks

Sediment Tubes, Silt Fence w & w/o backing, High Visibility Fence, Enhanced Rock Check Dam, Rock Check Dam, Filter Assembly, curb inlet protection, culvert protection type 1, suspended pipe diversion, stream diversion, sediment trap, slope drains, berms, Sediment tubes, silt fence, check dams.

Level 1

Silt fence, sediment tubes, check dams

Sediment tubes, silt fence, silt fence with backing, rock check dams, and enhanced rock check dams

Don't know.

Silt Fence, Sediment Tube, Enhanced Silt Fence, Rock Check Dams, Culvert Protections, Catch Basin Filters.

N/A

Silt fence

The most typical EPSC measures are: 1. Silt fence & Silt fence with backing 2. Check dams including both rock structures and manufactured products 3. Construction entrances 4. Storm water inlet protection.

All

Silt fence, rock check dam

Silt fence, check dam, enhanced check dam, straw wattles, construction exits, inlet protections

Discussion

The most common EPSC devices used on TDOT projects are, Silt fence, Silt fence with wire backing, Rock check dam, and Enhanced rock check dam. Evaluate CB filter assembly.

What difficulties are encountered during installation of named structure(s)?

Topography elevations and rock near bridge jobs, improper placement and installation by contractor subs.

As a QA Auditor, I am typically not on-site when the EPSC measures are installed.

Compliance with STD drawings in applications by TDOT staff (Construction Maintenance personnel). Some applications require site specific changes in STD installs that may not follow STD requirement. These site specific applications differ from STD yet end result is compliance, creates some confusion by regulatory/consultant inspections of projects as non-compliance issues per TDOT follow the STD requirements. Contractor knowledge of the STD and application requirements of many of the products. Alternative or Equivalent BMP per QPL and knowledge of Manufacturer's installation requirements, sometimes confusion in what part of STD is applied to such BMP installation vs Manufacturers requirements.

Always protect the streams.

I don't install them, so I am not sure.

N/A

Sometimes it is difficult to know exactly where to place a silt fence.

Rock during trenching of silt fence

Construction Question

Require manual labor/does not get installed properly

None

Rock, sub-contractors installing items want to be able to do it all mechanically instead of by hand in difficult areas, notches not placed correctly in checks

Contractor not installing to standards

N/A

N/A

Getting contractors to install correctly

1. Silt fence is sometime shown on plans in locations where it will be obliterated as soon as construction is initiated. It is also sometimes located on plans such that it is not on contour or proper installation of J-hooks is not indicated. 2. Check dams, both rock and manufactured, are many times installed without a wide enough cross-section in the flow path and/or with the outer ends higher than the obvious high flow level of the waterway. This is probably due to the fact that they are generally paid for with a "per each quantity". 3. The rock specified is impractical. The rock as sized will lodge between the tandem wheels of standard over-the-road dump trucks and create a road hazard. 4. Wooden box type are impractical for installation under traffic situations.

Amount of right of way available, steep slopes.

Along contour, trenching.

Not properly trenching silt fence, not building check dams with the middle lower than the sides.

Discussion

General Installation issues such as following contours or trenching silt fence. Investigate installation (depression side extensions) and rock quantities for rock check dams.

What can be done to improve the installation efficiency of named structure(s)?

Adequate oversight of subs doing the install to correct errors when subs are still onsite, too hard to get the subs back to correct install issues.

Not Applicable

Maybe require certification process for a compiled list of TDOT Certified EPSC BMP

Contractors that can work on TDOT projects. Require TDOT personnel that pay for and dictate the use of such BMPs for EPSC the same TDOT certification, previously noted. Contractor certifications of BMPs used for TDOT projects, Engineer knowledge base on TDOT used BMP for TDOT projects and personnel working on TDOT projects understand that no payment will be given for inappropriately installed BMPs or if end product of BMP is not performing the intended result of no sediment/turbidity issues in waters of State or off of project. Include the changes as indicated by Engineer on projects, will require Contractor and Engineer to work together on same goal to keep compliance if payment is not awarded until measure(s) have proven to maintain compliance on the project as whole.

More silt fence and check dams

n/a

Following the stand drawings

I am unsure. It may not be an easy problem to solve.

Contractor installing correctly

Construction Question

Find a product that does not require manual labor

Nothing

Don't pay for them if not installed correctly

Install per standards

N/A

N/A

Train contractors

The simple answer is: Improved supervision with qualified personnel.

No suggestions

Using trenching equipment

Discussion

Improved supervision with qualified personnel. Train contractors. Require certification process for a compiled list of TDOT Certified EPSC BMP contractors. Understand that no payment will be given for inappropriately installed BMPs.

What EPSC products are the most difficult to install in accordance to the current installation details?

Filter bags, temp stream channel diversions, silt fence with backing.

Not Applicable.

All have their niches. In stream diversions, to separate flowing water from construction activities is the one questioned frequently if not in design or construction plans. The sizing of and layout of in the plans is always open to interpretation if not in design/construction plans. STDs assist yet difficult based on high water flows and changing capacities of STR dependent on rain events that occur. Limited on increasing of such a BMP too site specific.

Stream crossings

N/A

N/A

I am unsure.

Silt Fence in general

Construction Question

Check dams

Unknown

Erosion control blanket - hardly anyone keys it in correctly and too many times the ground is not leveled enough to maintain contact with the blanket thus you get rilling underneath

Check dams (rock and tubes)

N/A

N/A

Sediment basin outlet structures.

Check dams and enhanced check dams.

No suggestions.

Depends on site and accessibility to the measure.

Sediment tubes typical are not entrenched as shown on the standard drawing.

Discussion

In stream diversions are had to install. If it is not shown on plan set hard to design. Erosion control blankets are not keyed. Sediment tubes are not trenched.

What can be done to improve the current installation practice per EPSC device?

Better training of subcontractor and contractor personnel to understand the EPSC device function and layout position

Not Applicable

TDOT Certification process of Contractors and TDOT Personnel to be able to install BMPs on TDOT Projects. Payment in lump sum of all BMP use per phase of SWPPP if compliance was maintained meaning no loss of turbidity and sediment per each EPSC phase of project in lieu of payment per installation of each BMP with holding correct installation or effectiveness as currently done.

Watch job during rain to see if erosion measures are working

N/A

Follow the standard drawings

I am unsure since I don't work in the field.

Contractor install correctly

More visual inspections

Do not pay for items not installed per standard specifications

Check it more often

More education and less acceptance of improper installs

Contractor taking the time to install correctly

N/A

N/A

Train contractors

Improve supervision

Better selection of devices for particular applications and better supervision during installation

Proper inspection

Discussion

Better training of subcontractor and contractor personnel. Payment in lump sum of all BMP use per phase of SWPPP. Better selection of devices for particular applications. Do not pay for items not installed per standard specifications.

How can the installation be modified to improve installation efficiency but retain the level of EPSC performance effectiveness?

Not Applicable

Include worst case scenario in the design calculations for diversion in STR and allow more space ROW to adequately accommodate the BMP and staging of work that can occur in the construction.

Make sure measures are installed correct

N/A

N/A

Maybe some more education as to proper installation techniques could be offered.

Make sure there is an alternative if rock is encountered during trenching

Construction Question

Take more pride in work

I don't know, mainly just make sure they are being installed per current standards

N/A

N/A

Use tighter survey/measuring controls

1. Silt fence should be understood before installation to be located at clearing limits (eg. a few feet beyond the toe of slopes) or at ROW if the project is to be cleared to ROW. Where silt fence is shown on plans running counter to contours, it should be installed in a J-hook fashion.

2. Check dams must, to be effective, must be installed must be with a wide enough cross-section in the flow path and with the outer ends higher than the obvious high flow level of the waterway but keeping in mind that it does no good to install a 3 foot high check dam in a 2-foot deep ditch.

3. Construction entrances of necessity should be constructed with larger stone and covered with some smaller stone when primary use is for small truck and automobile traffic.

4. Storm water inlet protection devices proliferate the market. They just need to be specified.

No suggestions

Discussion

Rock check dam height based on ditch depth. Develop a J hook detail. Better categorization of storm water inlet protection devices. Alternative if rock is encountered during trenching. ROW to adequately accommodate the BMP.

What measure is consistently not installed in accordance with current installation details?

Filter bags assemblies

In my limited experience, I have found that EPSC measures are consistently installed correctly. Temporary crossings, Silt Fence, SFB Silt Fence Backing, Rock Checks and ERC Enhanced Rock Checks (weir height, use of geotextile, areas of concentrated flows)

All measures are installed correct

N/A

Enhanced rock check dam

Unsure

Rock checks

Silt Fence

Sediment tubes

Silt fence

Erosion control blanket

Check dams

N/A

N/A

Installing devices at correct elevation

1. See 2, 3 & 4 above.

Silt fencing

No suggestions

Check dams

Sediment Tubes, Check dams, Mulch Filter Berms. QPL products – the manufacture's installation drawings/instructions which when the product is placed on the QPL need to be readily available during construction.

Discussion

Check dams, Erosion control blanket. The manufacture's installation drawings/instructions which when the product is placed on the QPL need to be readily available during construction.

Are multiple EPSC devices designed and installed in a drainage sequence?

Yes

Yes.

Majority of cases yes, dependent on amount of ROW (space available to appropriately implement). All EPSC BMPs that TDOT has or applies require multiple installation in drainage sequence. Slow the velocity or "meter" the amount of water reaching perimeter BMP to prevent overwhelming of outer BMP and allow sediment to fall out of suspension.

Yes

N/A

Yes

Unsure

Typically yes

Sometimes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Most of the time

Yes

N/A

Yes

Absolutely this is true. Multiple EPSC devices should be installed from higher to lower elevation in order of treatment of wider flow area to more concentrated flow and hopefully with an area of less slope toward the end of the sequence. Ditches filled with various sized rock and chips from clearing have proven effective.

Yes. Projects require that on occasion.

Yes

Yes

Most EPSC plans show EPSC devices in a sequence.

Discussion

Yes.

Does a treatment train of multiple EPSC devices improve site performance reducing erosion?

Yes

Yes. Areas that have multiple EPSC devices typically perform better than single device areas. Overall and in most all cases YES! Treatment train or series of BMPs is the most effective when areas in the series allow for "stalling" allowing sediment to drop from suspension integrated in the treatment train. Most effective in phase one of the project. When excavations change elevations limits the amount of area available for stalling and multiple measures. Increases the need for quicker stabilization (sod) in majority of cases.

YES

I believe so.

Yes, in most cases.

Maybe

Typically yes, if installed correctly

Construction Question

Yes

Not all the time

Definitely

Yes, what sediment is not caught upstream can be caught by other measures before leaving the job

Yes, when done according to plans

N/A

Yes

The only way to prevent erosion is with some form of ground cover such as seeding with mulch or erosion blanket, etc. or some form of stone application. Proper "tracking" of slopes will reduce erosion but is not nearly as effective as temporary seeding with mulch or just temporary mulching which is not applied nearly as often as it is warranted. The idea that we can "just wait until where're ready for permanent seeding" has in the past created several bad results. An ounce of erosion prevention is worth a pound of sediment control.

Yes but they must all be installed properly and maintained

Yes.

Yes

Sometimes. West TN has soils that stay suspended in water longer and do not always filter

Yes, if sufficient right-of-way is available to install the treatment train as shown on the plans.

Discussion

Yes.

Do you have any recommendations about current installation practices?

Not Applicable

Would be beneficial for TDOT site engineers on projects to be more aware of STD of installation of the BMP EPSC. Then to monitor the installation more closely. Especially at the beginning of the project to set expectations of the project with the Contractor as how expected to install. The more consistently this is monitored with contractors the better installation across the State on TDOT projects will become as these Contractors work multiple projects. Difficult to argue the way installed when Contractor has been paid for poor installation not meeting STD.

Always install erosion measures correct

N/A

Follow the standard drawing!

No

Just make sure they are installed according to the specification or don't pay for it.

No

Don't allow use of sediment tubes they are not installed correctly used incorrectly and don't work Effectively.

None

Mainly just encourage the contractor to take the time to install the measures by the standards.

N/A

N/A

No

Improve supervision with qualified personnel

EPSC measures need to be more of a priority for contractors

No suggestions.

Discussion

Encourage the contractor to take the time to install the measures. Need to be more of a priority for contractors. Contractor has been paid for poor installation.

Which products are failing once installed in accordance to the current installation details?

Geo hay check dams

I find that silt fence is the most common measure to fail. Silt fence also seems to be the least maintained measure on site.

Sediment tubes (needs series of in ditch applications, spacing not in ditch applications needed)

All measure work when installed

N/A

Unless overwhelmed by a storm event, no measure should fail if installed correctly.

Most probably work properly if they are installed properly.

Depends on the situation but geo hays typically fail the most

Sediment tubes, silt fences, regular SF,

Sediment tubes

N/A

N/A

Silt fence

Most all products work fine when installed in accordance to the current installation details. In fact some of the current installation details are over complicated. The problems that arise are in the translation to installation. You can't paint by numbers if you can't count.

Any can fail with poor installation.

Silt fence

Discussion

Geo hay, sediment tubes, silt fence. Most all products work fine when installed in accordance to the current installation details.

What products are the most effective when installed properly?

Silt fence with backing, enhanced rock check dams

Rock check dams

Rock Check Dams and Enhanced Rock Checks in series or multiples with additional sumps or sediment traps.

Silt fence and check dams

I have seen filter socks in ditches work better than rock check dams for retaining silt/sediment.

Geotextiles, Silt Fences, ERCD's

Probably rock check dams, silt fences, and sod.

Check dams

Check dams

Check damns

SFB

Enhanced rock check dams

N/A

N/A

Sediment basins

All of them

If chosen for the right application all measures in the standards are effective.

Enhanced rock check dam

Enhanced Rock Check Dam

Discussion

Enhanced Rock check dams.

Which product's performances are not meeting the design criteria shown in the standard drawings?

Silt fence. Probably more of a maintenance issue though.

Sediment tubes current STD in Ditch applications do not require to be in series.

None

N/A

N/A

Unsure

N/A

Silt fences

Accepted alternative check dams

Sediment tubes

N/A

N/A

Silt fence

Manufactured check dam material known as Geo-Hay.

No suggestions

Discussion

Sediment Tubes and Silt fences.

What component of the device is over designed or needs improvement?

Weight and stability in ditch applications to be stable. Easily corrected when placed in series and double up on staking.

NONE

N/A

N/A

Unsure

None

The method of holding the sediment tubes in place

N/A

N/A

None

Just quit using the product altogether.

No suggestions

Discussion

Sediment tube staking, installation.

Is trenching of silt fence necessary? If so, what recommendations can be made to improve installation?

Yes, require trenching of ditch instead of digging with bucket

Yes depending on the location within the watershed

Yes, automated or mechanical trenching installation unit that creates trench and installs fence with one pass

YES

Trenching of Silt fence with backing is necessary to a minimum depth of 6".

Yes, follow the standard drawing.

Yes. Unsure

Yes, make sure that the contractor is installing correctly

Yes

Unknown

Yes, add j-hooks

Yes, trenching machines seem to work well when you can use them versus doing by hand

N/A

N/A

Yes, train contractors

Yes it's necessary and it should be insured that it is accomplished when the silt fence is installed or in some cases where it is impractical to trench the silt fence in, sediment tubes or similar should be installed at the base of the silt fence.

Yes, light hand compaction of the trench material will help stability

Yes.

Yes

Yes

Yes trenching of silt fence is necessary to prevent the sediment laden storm water from flowing under the silt fence.

Discussion

Yes, trenching is necessary, do not allow plowing or bucket trench excavation methods, and add j-hooks.

Is trenching of rolled erosion control products necessary to maintain intimate contact with soil?

Yes, it greatly helps

Yes

No, yet dependent on velocity of drainage controlling. If the tubes and filter sock, silt worms are trenched in 2" depth with geo textile and staked velocity is high of water controlling. Not trenched for applications of where sheet flows are to be maintained.

YES

N/A

Yes, it prevent undermining at the top of the slope.

I do not believe so

Not if it is correctly pinned to the slope

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes, especially on the upstream end

N/A

N/A

No experience

I have never believed that it did much good for the trouble it takes. Better to get it installed in a timely fashion.

No, proper staking is adequate

Yes

No

Yes

Yes trenching of rolled erosion control products (RECP) is necessary to keep the RECP from being dislodged when storm water flows across it. Preparation of the ground surface prior to placing the RECP to achieve intimate contact with the soil is paramount. Observations of successful RECP installations on slopes where the RECP has been rolled out for a generous (usually >10 feet) back from the top of the slope and where there is no concentrated flow being directed to the top of the slope have been made. Therefore, providing sufficient "run out" distance back from the top of slope might be considered in lieu of trenching.

Discussion

Mixed feedback. Improving installation to have a better soil contact is needed.

Do you see any benefits in minimizing soil disturbance during the installation of such products?

Yes, trenching of ditch disturbs less soil vs digging with bucket equipment or ripping with plow
No. If your EPSC measure isn't installed with adequate contact with soil, you will lose more soil than if it was trenched initially.

Yes the more vegetated and less disturbed the surrounding the less to control and treat. Overall less measures save money and creates vegetative buffers that assist with sediment control and erosion prevention overall.

YES

N/A

Yes, an ounce of prevention/pound of cure.

Yes. The less soil disturbance, the less erosion.

Yes, stabilization would presumably occur faster with the less disturbance

Yes

In most cases

Definitely

Yes it is always best to minimize soil disturbance

N/A

N/A

Yes, much benefit

Not particularly if the disturbance is primarily kept on the up gradient side of the installation and all loose material is tamped back down.

Yes.

Yes

Yes

Yes minimizing soil disturbance is the best to prevent erosion. However, RECPs need to be installed on a prepared rather smooth surface to maintain the intimate contact.

Discussion

Limit trenching practices do not allow digging with bucket equipment or ripping with plow.

How often is newly applied straw mechanically crimped or chemically tacked to soil?

Never

Once in the 3 projects I have worked on.

Rarely if any, Crimping requires mechanical means and use in most cases the dozer is pulled away from earth moving needs (payed more for earth work than crimping/stabilizing slopes), limited options for chemical and cost of chemical tacks keeps this option from consideration in most cases.

MECHANICALLY CRIMP ALWAYS

N/A

At application

Unsure

Very little/never

Very little

Once during job

Never

I have never seen any done this way on a job.

N/A

N/A

Never

Very seldom. The personnel applying the straw usually don't have a tracked machine.

Not often

No suggestions

Discussion

Practice needs improvement in field.

Do you see the cost benefit of limiting the application of enhanced silt fence with wire backing to only steep fill or cut slope locations?

Maybe some, however silt fence with backing will last most of the project timeline if maintained and properly installed vs regular silt fence that needs to be fully replaced usually after 1 year

Yes, if you can utilize multiple lower cost EPSC measures in its place

Yes but should always be used for BMP for STREAM and WETLAND protection measures. In most cases bridging these features at STR will require rise in approaches with fill slopes at STR and Abutments. Same is true with WTL crossings with fill slopes. Limited need for cut slopes unless near STR or WTL.

Steep slopes need silt fence with backing is needed

N/A

No, it should also be required at streams at wetlands.

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

No

It costs more than silt fence but last longer and is stronger.

N/A

N/A

Yes

In TDOT Specs "enhanced silt fence" and regular "silt fence with backing" are two different things. Silt fence with backing should be used where necessary – steep slopes or not – depending on what is on the down gradient side of the fence, i.e. waters of the state, etc. Depending on the situation it is at times necessary for its structural qualities, for example when dirt clods or larger rocks tend to roll down fill slopes.

Yes but it needs to be used adjacent to waters of the state as well

Yes.

Yes

I think silt fence w/b should be used more. It works better to retain soils

Yes. Enhanced silt fence should be removed from use in concentrated flow applications.

Discussion

It lasts longer. Need to investigate the practice of using this device close to water.

What products are preferred by contractors?

Sediment tubes

Filtrexx Socks, Straw wattles, straw mulch

SFB Silt Fence Backing, longevity of BMP if placed correctly can last most all phases of project.
Sediment tubes quick and easy fix measure.

Silt fence and slope drains

n/a

Silt fences, geotextiles.

Unsure

Silt fence with backing, rock checks

Silt fence

Sediment tubes (anything they can put out quickly)

N/A

N/A

Cheap under designed products

Whichever products create the least delay and make them the most money.

Inexpensive products

No suggestions

Straw wattle

EPSC devices that utilize rock are preferred by contractors.

Discussion

Rock check dam and, Sediment tube

Is trenching of rock checks and enhanced rock checks necessary to improve performance of the measure?

No, as long as they are installed to prevent bypassing and have a proper weir

No, as long as it is installed properly

No as long as it is Rip Rap! Equivalents probably due to weight differences and stability concerns in high velocity of concentrated flow applications.

YES

N/A

Yes!

No

Yes, this allows for the undermining of the check

No

Yes

Would help

Yes to prevent undercutting.

N/A

N/A

No

Yes

Yes

No. There is a study Auburn University did on this topic.

Yes

No.

Discussion

Mixed feedback but NO

How often is mulch applied at the specified rates per TDOT standards?

Never

Unknown

Varies usually lower than specified. Cost of straw, multiple re-application but if paid for temporary mulch with every application explains why not crimped or tacked. Sometimes the availability of straw/mulch growing year dictates cost and availability of straw. High cost and availability of dictates the application rate for that season on some projects.

Very often

N/A

As often as needed to maintain coverage.

Unsure

I would assume very often

Most of the time

Once

Seldom

Not too often.

N/A

N/A

Never measured

About 25% of the time.

No suggestions

Most of the time it is unless the inspection request something different

Not often. It is difficult to visually determine the application rate. Possibly have a handbook that contains photos of various application rates.

Discussion

Seldom, practice needs improvement in field.

Are there any EPSC devices shown on the plans that you generally change to an alternate device in the field due to your experience with its performance? If so, please explain.

Erosion eels perform better than Geohay and sediment tubes

Not Applicable

QPL equivalents if the use of the BMP equivalent is not producing outcome as the original produced.

EPSC MEASURES PUT IN AS PLANS SHOW

N/A

RCD's to sediment tubes in the event of sodding in the next couple of days.

Unsure

Not at first, but contractor usually likes to change to geo-hay rather than rock check

No

Unknown

Rock check dams to sediment tube check dams

N/A

N/A

No

I never use the wood and wire fabric "chicken coops" for storm water structure protection. They are just too much trouble and are not feasible under traffic.

No suggestions

EC-STR-3D, EC-STR-4 & 4A. Rock check and Enhanced Rock Checks are easier to install and maintain than the Enhanced silt fence checks. Enhanced silt fence checks should be removed from use in concentrated flow applications.

Discussion

Limit the use of CB inlet protection, especially for large structures. Delete Enhanced silt fence checks for ditch applications. Set up short-term ditch check application with sediment tube.

How often is fertilizer used when applying vegetation?

Only when the contractor has to vegetate an area near end of project

Unknown

Dependent on existing soil condition and if top soil available on plans. Lately majority of projects have used sod as final stabilization. Fertilizer is used, yet application rates are questionable.

VERY OFTEN

N/A

Every time.

Unsure

Truthfully I would assume very little

Most of the time

Unknown

I do not think very often.

N/A

N/A

Always

I believe most reputable seeding subcontractors apply some fertilizer when seeding large areas.

So it's probably about 50% of the time.

No suggestions

All the time

Discussion

Mixed feedback. Practice needs improvement in field.

How often seed beds are properly developed when applying vegetation?

Not very often

Unknown

Very often

N/A

Sometimes (Not Enough)

Unsure

In the last few years I would say this has been going on regularly.

60/40

Unknown

Not often enough

Not too often.

N/A

N/A

Always

Not very often because the grading contractor is preparing the ground and a seeding sub is applying the vegetation. The seeding sub is probably not going to complain to the prime unless the preparation is awful.

Could be improved

Discussion

Practice needs improvement in field to use often.

Have you used PAM (polyacrylamide) on a project? If so, how did it perform?

Yes, not very well due to settling area and improper application rates

Never used

No

N/A

Yes, very well.

No

No

No

No

Yes, the gel logs are not great but other works well

No

N/A

N/A

No

Yes. And there are very particular cases where nothing else will accomplish the necessary treatment. I think it should be used judiciously because you can end up spending 90% of your money to cure 10% of the problem. It must have contact time with storm flow and settling time after contact. It generally takes more than advertised.

No suggestions

Yes. It did not perform as well as we would have liked, we ended up using another product

Discussion

Practice needs improvement in field to use often.

Have you used Bonded Fiber Matrix?

Yes

No

No

N/A

No

No

Yes

No

No

Yes

No

N/A

N/A

No

Yes

No suggestions

Yes we have performed TDOT Quality Assurance Audits for projects that have utilized bonded fiber matrix.

Discussion

Limited use. Explore how to expand the use.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, have you applied with seed or without seed?

With seed and it worked great

Not Applicable

N/A

N/A

N/A

No

With seed

No

With

No used

N/A

N/A

N/A

I have always used with seed because the TDOT spec paid for it that way.

No suggestions

With seed.

Discussion

Limited use. If used seed is applied.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, how did it perform?

Really good, however on steep or vertical slopes it sloughed due to vegetation and water weight

Not Applicable

Well, impressed with ability to hold to different slope rates. Fertilizer, seed, water and structural fiber works very well with one application. If used need to include a quick germinating seed to quickly stabilize application on steeper slopes. Have seen in rill out waiting on seeds to root and germinate if not applied during window where rain chances are low. Costly so the fewer applications, no reapplications for cover in not germinating quickly enough creating additional costs

N/A

N/A

N/A

NA

In most areas very good, only been few instances where it did not take.

Unknown

Pretty well

Not used

N/A

N/A

N/A

Very well if applied in sufficient amount per unit area and care was taken to eliminate gaps in coverage.

No suggestions

The bonded fiber matrix performed well.

Discussion

Positive experience explore how to use more.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, did the performance justify the cost difference with typical seed and mulch?

Yes, did not have to reapply seed due to washing away

Not Applicable

Yes on a case by case basis. Where not safe to stabilize with seed mulch are other conventional methods that make application of seed mulch limited to impossible

N/A

N/A

N/A

NA

There is no cost difference for the department as it is paid per matting and seed.

Unknown

If used in the right situation

Not used

N/A

N/A

N/A

I only remember using it when it was not possible to apply seed and blanket.

No suggestions

The cost of bonded fiber matrix is justified when used on steep slopes and areas difficult to place typical seed and mulch and erosion control blankets.

Discussion

Yes the cost is justifiable. Especially at locations with limited access.

If you used Bonded Fiber Matrix, are they equal to or better than blankets?

Better

Not Applicable

Better, primarily the seed is bonded or attached to the slope or soil where applied. Blankets do not have bond to seed and seed will sometimes wash out underneath the blanket.

Blankets work great

N/A

N/A

NA

I prefer this as you can see the result usually quicker

Unknown

Yes as long as they don't break up

Not used

N/A

N/A

N/A

Yes

No suggestions

Bonded fiber matrix could be used in area difficult to access for blanket install.

Discussion

Quick results and easy application

Have you used Tackifiers? What types of Tackifiers are being used?

No

No

Yes, petroleum based tacks only. No resins only seen once cost prohibitive.

NO

N/A

Yes, asphalt emulsion

No

No

No

No

N/A

N/A

N/A

Very seldom.

No suggestions

No.

Discussion

Very limited use. Explore how to expand the use of Tackifiers.

Which TDOT catch basin/area drain inlet protection have you found to perform the best?

Most do ok but the EC-STR-40 series does good but contractors hate them due to constructing

Filtrexxx Socks and Domed Drop inlet protectors

EC-STR-19 Type A Section C-C Mineral Aggregate use

Sediment tubes

N/A

Silt savers

I do not have much experience in this area

Silt savers if installed correctly

The ones made with 2x4" the dome ones wear out on long time bases

Unknown

Filter assemblies - silt savers

I think the silt saver devices perform well when installed properly.

N/A

N/A

Premanufactured devices

Silt savers work well and the TDOT Standards on EC-STR 11, 19, 39 and 39A (for under traffic situations) work well.

Curb Inlet Protection types 1 and 2 and slip cover filter assemblies

U end wall

They all work, but depends on the drainage area to each structure

EC-STR-19 Type E does not meet the current TDEC EPSC manual.

Discussion

Remove Type E from EC-STR-19. Others devices are working well. Limit the field installation time for generic CB assembly standard.

Do you have any recommendations about performance of EPSC practices?

No

Use of more detention on projects yet this will increase room needed for ROW. Series of BMPs with detention integrated in first two phase works very well to prevent overwhelming of outer measures and overall turbidity. Increase the need monetarily for final stabilization of disturbed areas as possible will prevent over expenditures of additional BMPs (multiples etc.) from needing to be used.

Always install EPSC measure correctly

N/A

N/A

No

Do not like sediment tubes for check dams

No

I think having the contractor install the devices correctly and also temporary stabilizing the work area quickly and often are big helps.

N/A

N/A

No

Schedule to install sediment control measures before they are critical by constantly surveying the forecast construction events and ascertaining the area, slope and flow path of anticipated storm flow from areas to be disturbed (project where the water is going to go).

Provide erosion prevention measures at the earliest possible time.

The standard measures work if installed properly and used for the right applications.

Discussion

Explore how to use sediment basins often since they allow contractor to perform construction phasing freely. Remove sediment tubes from ditch applications.

Which EPSC products are the easiest to maintain?

Silt fence with backing and check dams

Rock Check Dams

Silt Fence Backing Silt Fence

Silt fence

N/A

Silt fence / geotextile

Rock Check Dams

Silt fence

Check dams and silt fence

Unknown

Silt fence with backing

N/A

N/A

Unknown

No suggestions

Silt fence

Discussion

Silt fence with wire backing and rock check dams.

Which EPSC products are the most difficult to maintain?

Regular silt fence, geo-hay

Silt Fence

Sediment Traps Basins

Rock check dams

N/A

ERCD's

Silt fences

Geo-hay, silt savers, and sediment filter bag

Unknown

Rock check dams

N/A

N/A

Unknown

Ponds

Check dams

EPSC products that are installed without sufficient access to maintain them are difficult.

Discussion

Interesting respond when compared to previous question's results.

Are there products that seem to cost too much but perform superior to others?

Hydro mulch

Filtrex Socks

Rock Checks, Enhanced Rock Checks, Silt Fence Backing

Yes

N/A

N/A

Unsure

Rock checks vs geo-hay, rock checks are better

Unknown

I am not sure about the costs.

N/A

N/A

Unknown

No suggestions

Discussion

Rock check dams.

From your perspective, is it possible to reduce the frequency of inspection?

No, because most contractor only care about moving dirt not maintenance of EPSC

Yes

Yes the quicker stabilization (FINAL) with the use of sod on disturbed areas the quicker the EPSC inspections can be reduced or eliminated, leaving only roadway surface work, signage, marking etc.

Yes

I guess it is possible, but not advisable. I have seen EPSC measures that have gone a while without being maintained.

No

It depends on the frequency of rain in the area of the project

Yes, depending on the weather on the project and type of work

Depends on the project and exposed area

No

Depends on the project and site

No I think knowing the measures will be inspected regularly makes the contractor do a better job keeping them installed and working properly.

N/A

N/A

Probably not

No, I believe an EPSC inspector should be on site at all times on linear projects and projects disturbing greater than 5 acres.

Yes

No. A minimum of twice weekly inspections are necessary to make sure EPSC devices are maintained and adjusted to changing drainage patterns as construction progresses.

Discussion

Inspections are needed not only to monitor the performance of the device (stable and cleanout) but mostly to address dynamic changes within the construction area.

What do you consider as the most difficult maintenance technique?

Cleaning out sediment traps or basins

Keeping silt fence maintained due to typical large amounts of the measure on site

Consistency in performing maintenance, especially when BMP is not effective and requires routine maintenance.

Temporary stream crossing

N/A

Sediment removal

Unsure

Cleaning rock checks depending on the amount of cleaning

Unknown

Cleaning out sediment behind check dams

N/A

N/A

Unknown
No suggestions
Dewatering of devices is difficult.

Discussion

Sediment removal.

Would there be a benefit to having a separate line item for maintenance of EPSC devices?

Please explain.

Yes, would improve contractor effort more if he knew he was getting paid for it
Yes. More accurate accounting. It would also provide insight to how much time is actually spent on maintenance.
No it would become wordy making the attention to detail become time consuming. Short too point be specific. If part of the contract then lump sum it.

No

N/A

Yes, being able to establish between required installation and maintenance

Unsure

If they lowered the cost of the items then yes, but if not then there wouldn't be any benefit
It would be on a large project hard to keep up with an item for EPSC maintenance now the contractor is responsible for maintaining an item. the inspector can tell him to fix it and he will if you have an item i can foresee some contractors changing items out on a regular basis without the inspectors knowledge.

Unknown

Yes, then the sub-contractors or prime would be much more likely to do it.

It may give the contractor a reason to keep measures in good shape if they think they will be paid for doing this.

N/A

N/A

Yes, it's always better to pay someone for work done.

I don't believe so. I think that would just add confusion to the bidding process. The contractors need to be educated on the maintenance and installation practices

No suggestions

No as long as pay items are provided to pay for items to be replaced.

Yes when maintenance of devices is included in the cost of the EPSC device there is not incentive for the contractor to perform the maintenance.

Discussion

Consider to pay maintenance separately.

Is the EPSC device installer typically responsible of maintaining the devices? Whether yes or no, please describe the pros and cons.

About half the time, if contractor maintains the devise it will get done a lot faster than EPSC subcontractor

Yes. The pros of this is that the contractor is intimately familiar with the measure and its placement but the downside to this is when you get a bad contractor, they may not be very responsive to maintenance requests.

Usually, yet varies so yes and no. Pros one contact and can do all. Con cannot keep up with multiple demands of large projects than Prime contractor who is on project 24/7. Quicker response if Prime is the maintainer of the BMPs and can implement some measures on an as needed basis. So Prime overall needs to be responsible for all and held responsible for all. Sub agreement between Prime and that contractor. TDOT deals with Prime and ultimately should be holding prime responsible.

Yes

N/A

Yes

Yes

Typically yes, but in some instances where the installer is further away and doesn't have local forces then another contractor usually does the work

Yes, pros is the inspector can keep up with the repairs normally the EPSC installer only fixes them when they are directed to. Cons is the inspector normally has to tell them to fix or maintain an item.

No, it is everyone responsibility if see any failure.

yes, but the subs usually have to bid it so low that seems like the contractors have a hard time getting them back on site to do maintenance - they only make money on install of new items

No, generally the contractor does the maintenance. It seems the contractor could do the maintenance better since they are out there each day.

N/A

N/A

Yes

No suggestions

Yes

EPSC device installer is typically responsible for maintenance. However, some contractors will maintain certain devices. Pros – installer know how to properly repair/replace. Cons – difficult to meet required timeframe to complete repair when installer maintains devices.

Discussion

Prime contractor is responsible for the maintenance.

Do you have any recommendations to improve or eliminate maintenance activities?

Not really since it will always have to be done to allow device to work properly

No

Sod get it green as soon as possible. Make it profitable for the Contractor to get project to final stabilization as possible.

Repair and clean as needed

N/A

N/A

No

No

Make it cost effective

Just to encourage contractors to be prompt to do maintenance recommended by the inspector.

N/A

N/A

No

No suggestions.

EPSC devices should be maintained as currently required.

Discussion

Maintenance needs improvement. Separate pay item for maintenance to give incentive. Have prime liable for maintenance.

Are there any devices in which the tabulated quantities do not match the plans?

Rock amounts

No

Rock Rip Rap Quantities Rock checks and Enhanced Rock Checks

YES

n/a

NO

Possibly

Depending on the project sometimes there are conditions that were not caught in the design that we have to add items for.

No

57 stone for construction entrances actually most stone is underestimated

Unknown

Everyone makes mistakes, but I know we try to check this when we do quantities

N/A

I am not aware of any.

No

Not with any consistency

No suggestions

Discussion

Rock quantities.

Do you have any other recommendations to modify the current practices?

Just need more oversight of subs/contractors installing measures

No

None at this time

NO

N/A

NO

No

The design phase field visits should help rectify some of these situations

Yes. Set a conformity for when EPSC items are used. For instance, sediment tubes are to be used for ditches or cut slopes.

No

No

N/A

Not at this time

No

Better supervision of installation of measures.

Comments from the reviewers need to be more consistent with recommendations

No suggestions

Discussion

Additional Site Review should address some design issues.

Are there times when devices are not accurately depicted on the plans?

Yes, a lot of the measures are not shown on the plans correctly but sometimes the plans vs field don't match

Not typically

Sediment filter bags locations to waters of State

Yes

N/A

Yes

Possibly

It's a case by case situation in which something might have been missed or the weather changes the topography

Yes

Unknown

It is hard sometimes because of the scale of the drawings to show devices accurately.

N/A

N/A

Yes, some engineers do not take time to assure quality designs

Yes

Yes. Several EPSC features are incorrectly sized or unclear when using the TDOT CADD standards

Yes.

YES

Discussion

Explore the possibility of correctly locating scaling devices on the plans. Improve QA/QC review for Erosion Plans.

Are there any EPSC devices, which TDOT has a standard drawing for, you never use? If so, please describe.

Catch Basin Filter Assembly (Type 1) because contractors hate making them

Unknown

None at this time rather have the option to use than not to have.

NO

Sediment tube, enhanced silt fence in ditches, rock sediment dam, sediment basin, floating turbidity curtain

NO

Unsure

Not sure

Yes. Sediment Basin

Unknown

Yes, in 28 years of doing this type of work I have never seen enhanced silt fence checks or some of the catch basin options used.

N/A

Perm. Slope Drains, Filter Berms, Enhanced Silt Fence Checks, Sediment Traps, Gabion Check Dams, Level Spreaders, Floating Turbidity Curtain

Yes, but perhaps the need hasn't arisen

I never use the wood and wire fabric "chicken coops" for storm water structure protection. They are just too much trouble and are not feasible under traffic.

No suggestions

Discussion

Recommend removing Enhanced silt fence checks, Gabion Check Dams, Level Spreaders, and catch basin filter assembly (type 1).

Are there times when useful EPSC devices/measures are not included as items on the plans? If so, please describe.

Yes, most general items should always be included in plans quantities even in small amount to allow use

Yes. Sometimes field conditions dictate additional measures not seen during the plan production Sediment tubes are useful for quick fixes when needed. Usually not included in most plans smaller projects bridge repair projects etc. Very versatile measure need item number and some quantity to implement.

Yes

N/A

No

Unsure

It's a case by case situation in which something might have been missed or the weather changes the topography

No

Slope drains on smaller projects

Unknown

All EPSC items should be available without the hassle of change order, need some type of standardized pricing

Probably because as a designer you try to account for all the contractors needs but sometimes situations come up that require other measures.

N/A

N/A

(Same)

Sediment tubes are sometimes left out. You can't build a job without sediment tubes. Also temporary seeding with mulch and mulch without seeding.

Yes. Construction often request items be added to the plans at field reviews.

Yes, sometimes there is not temporary seed and mulch in the plan quantities

Discussion

Evaluate and recommend listing all devices and item numbers on all roadway plans so a contractor can use an alternative EPSC method without a construction revision or change order.

Do designers properly utilize EPSC devices according to conditions shown on site plans?

50/50, some yes while other plans no not at all

Yes

In most cases. If so can address in Design reviews and Construction Reviews

Most of the time

n/a

Yes

Not necessarily

Typically yes

Yes

Most projects

Unknown

Most of the time

I will speak for our company that we try.

N/A

N/A

Sometimes, no

Most of the time.

Usually.

Usually

No. Silt fence and check dams are not always shown correctly on the plans. Silt fence is shown crossing contours instead of running parallel to the contours and check dams are not spaced properly on the plans, nor is the height of the check dam specified.

Discussion

Usually yes but recommend design specific train need instead of permit compliance such as level I and II.

Are stream diversions being shown on the plans and are they the appropriate type for the field conditions/terrain?

Yes

Not Applicable

Not always unless requested. If addressed on plans eliminates majority of questions from Contractors.

Yes

I have put stream diversions on the plans.

Yes

Unsure

Typically yes

Yes

Unknown

Yes

Mostly, but sometimes what you see on plans as a designer look different in the field and require changes.

N/A

N/A

No experience

In some cases they are impractical to construct in sequence of project construction.

Usually.

Varies, sometimes field conditions differ

Yes.

Discussion

Yes, they are.

Are sediment traps being shown on plans where needed? How often do you add sediment traps as a revision to your SWPPP in the field?

Yes, and we do add them from time to time on big linear jobs

Not Applicable

Rarely, beginning to see change in plans. Add constantly and as many as possible.

Yes, several times

N/A

Yes/never

Unsure

Not much experience with these

Yes they are being provided where needed. No. We don't use them very often.

Yes, have not

Unknown

They are used but we have made recommendations to add sediment traps where the contractor is constantly cleaning out behind enhanced rock check dams.

N/A

N/A

Not experienced

No comment

No suggestions

Depends on the drainage area,

Additional storage behind check dams is added rather than sediment traps per the standard drawing.

Discussion

Yes, seldom added to SWPPP as needed.

How often do you use sediment basins as shown on TDOT standard drawings?

75% of the time, contractors don't like them due to maintenance requirements

Not Applicable

10-15% Dependent on project size drainage area size and receiving waters.

Very often

N/A

Most of the time

I do not have much experience with sediment basins.

Never if possible.

Unknown

Rarely

Fairly often

N/A

No

Every time one is needed

When absolutely necessary.

No suggestions

Have not used one
Rarely.

Discussion

They are used rarely, but if shown on plans usually it can be installed in accordance to the details.

How much accuracy should be expected of the EPSC plans and quantities without knowledge of a contractor's construction phasing?

Should be 80% accurate, however all contractors are different on when they work and finish an area

This should be reasonably accurate

Limited accuracy, SWPPP is living document for a reason. Contractor varies on how project to be constructed, guesses on how contractor will phase. If environmentally sensitive then TDOT plans and SWPPP should dictate the phasing when needed.

100 accuracy

n/a

85%

The designer is responsible for doing his best, but he does not always have all the information he needs.

Not much

Accurate to the SWPPP consultant's designation

most of the time the items are there to use the change in phasing my change the EPSC plans some but most of the time you can work with it as long as you have the items.

Unknown

Plans are just a depiction to give contractor an option that should work and items needed, can't always guess the sequence of construction

The plans should only be a guide for the contractor. In not knowing his phasing you have to go by a generic phasing plan that you have seen on other projects.

N/A

I would think that it would be reasonably close. Although the contractor may stage things differently, the items would still need to be used at some point in the project.

Accurately enough to make reasonable estimates and allow for unforeseen field conditions

None

The EPSC plans are useless without knowledge of the construction phasing

Accuracy suffers if phasing is not anticipated during design.

It should be an idea of how epsc should be done but needs to have enough quantity in plans to cover the contractors phasing

Designers should be familiar with roadway construction methods in order to prepare a set of plans are accurate and will work if constructed as shown in the plans. It is difficult to determine the method a specific contractor will use to construct the project.

Discussion

Erosion plans should be discussed during the constructability field review in order to improve plans accuracy.

Do you find that construction phasing and grading substantially affects the actual area draining to a device in contrast to the drainage areas on the plans that the EPSC measures were designed for? If so, how do you adjust for that?

Yes, however contractors typically change and argue that the phasing limits his progress and does not typically follow suggested phasing

No

Yes, varies constantly

Yes, we increase erosion measures in that area

N/A

NO

Unsure

Yes, just have to play with it and adjust as you proceed

Grading from the staging is added in by correspondence to the TDOT Drainage Manual

In some cases yes, but if you have items available you can adjust by using combination of required items

Unknown

Depends on the site, it can. Increase the length of the treatment train or try to break up the drainage area and divert flows

It could and if so you have to beef up the measures.

N/A

N/A

Yes, but that is a reasonable scenario. Make sure devices have "safety factors" built in to account for this.

Experience

Yes. Adjustments should be made in the field as grading progresses and the site changes.

Yes, it has to be at the inspector level to recognize that and make field modifications

No.

Discussion

Yes. Often adjustments made to improve erosion control practices in the field.

Do you have any recommendations about how to improve plans accuracy?

Hard for designer to understand site if they never see it vs designing off of topo sheets

No

None at this time. Unless Design wants to become more specific in dictating the Contractor's phasing

Look plans over good at field reviews

N/A

N/A

No

Start doing the field reviews in the field instead of in a Regional Office.

Conform EPSC measures to set quantities and conform all EPSC devices to be used only for certain measurements unless otherwise advised by a SWPPP consultant

Go to the field and visit the site.

Not at this time

Input during field review would help the designer. The TDOT construction office is familiar with what measure works best in their area and could pass along recommendations.

N/A

N/A

No

No comment

No suggestions.

Quantity calculations should be reviewed to reduce and/or limit quantity and cost overruns. It may be necessary to access selected projects to compare the estimated quantities to the actual quantities used during construction.

Discussion

Site review is needed. The new mandatory new site visit step should also identify erosion related issues.

Is there any specific training that you would like have?

No

Certification of installers of BMP EPSC on TDOT projects to include TDOT personnel.

No

Since training is a part of my job now, I guess a class on how to train wouldn't hurt even though Randy and I have had good feedback in our training classes.

Not at this time.

No

Training for EPSC Design and Water Quality Requirements for Environmental Permitting Process

Unknown

It might be helping to have like a question and answer meeting with TDOT and contractors. this way everyone can find out problems the other are having and work toward a solution. I think communication is a big help doing anything.

N/A

N/A

My training level is sufficient

No

TDOT should maintain Level 1 and 2 certifications for all design employees.

Discussion

Mixed feedback. There are already few trainings. Certifying installers should be considered. A new design training is also recommended.

Are there devices that you have used on non-TDOT projects or that you have come up with on your own that you think would be beneficial for TDOT to review?

Would like to see more harvested trees used for mulch, mulch berms are a great EPSC device

No

Variations of slope application of sediment tubes or filter sock that prevents undercutting and riling on steep slopes. Allow a break point in each section on contour that allows water to find way out slowly to next contour. Maintains slope integrity and prevents riling.

No

N/A

N/A

No

No.

Unknown

I cannot think of any. Most of our work is for TDOT.

I am brand new to EPSC and typically deal with the design portion. Therefore most of this survey did not pertain to myself.

N/A

Pre-fabricated inlet devices

In critical situations, I have used treatment ditches which are created flow way filled with appropriate material to filter out pam treated flow.

No.

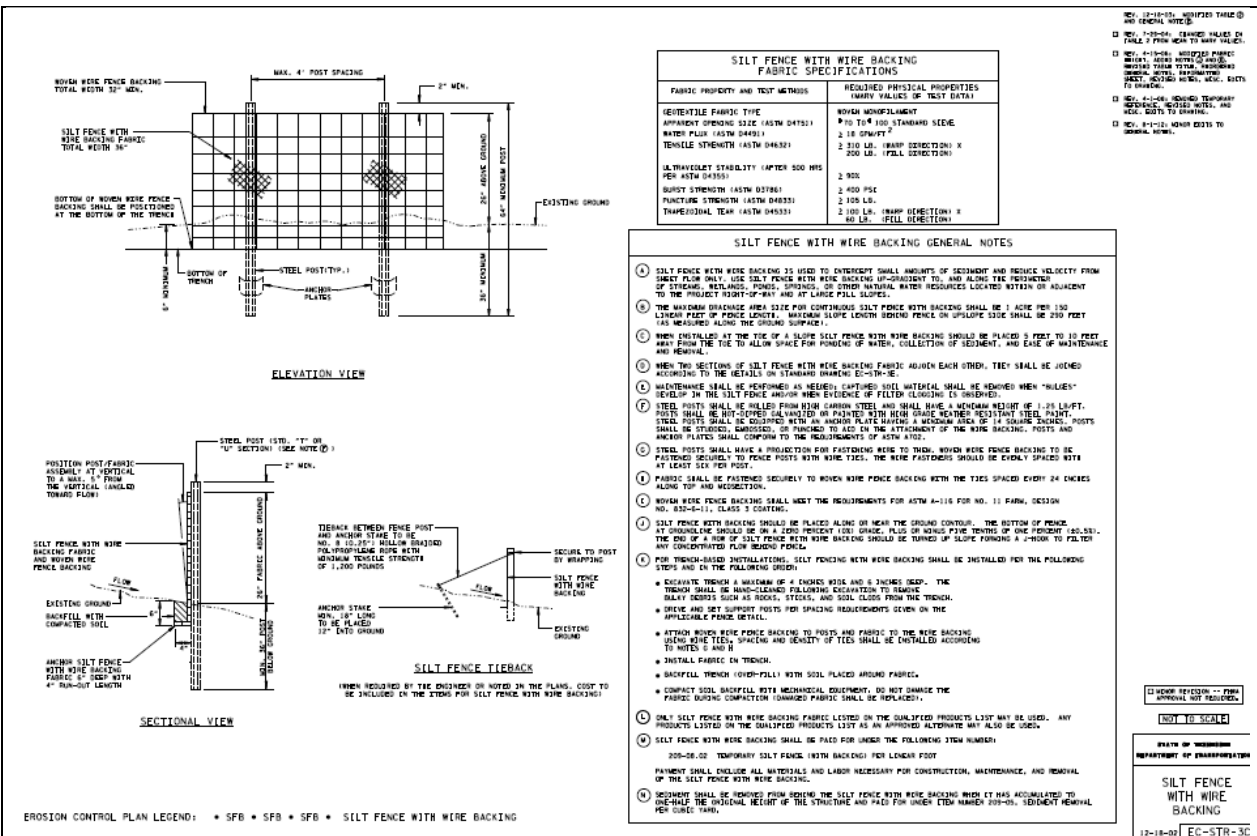
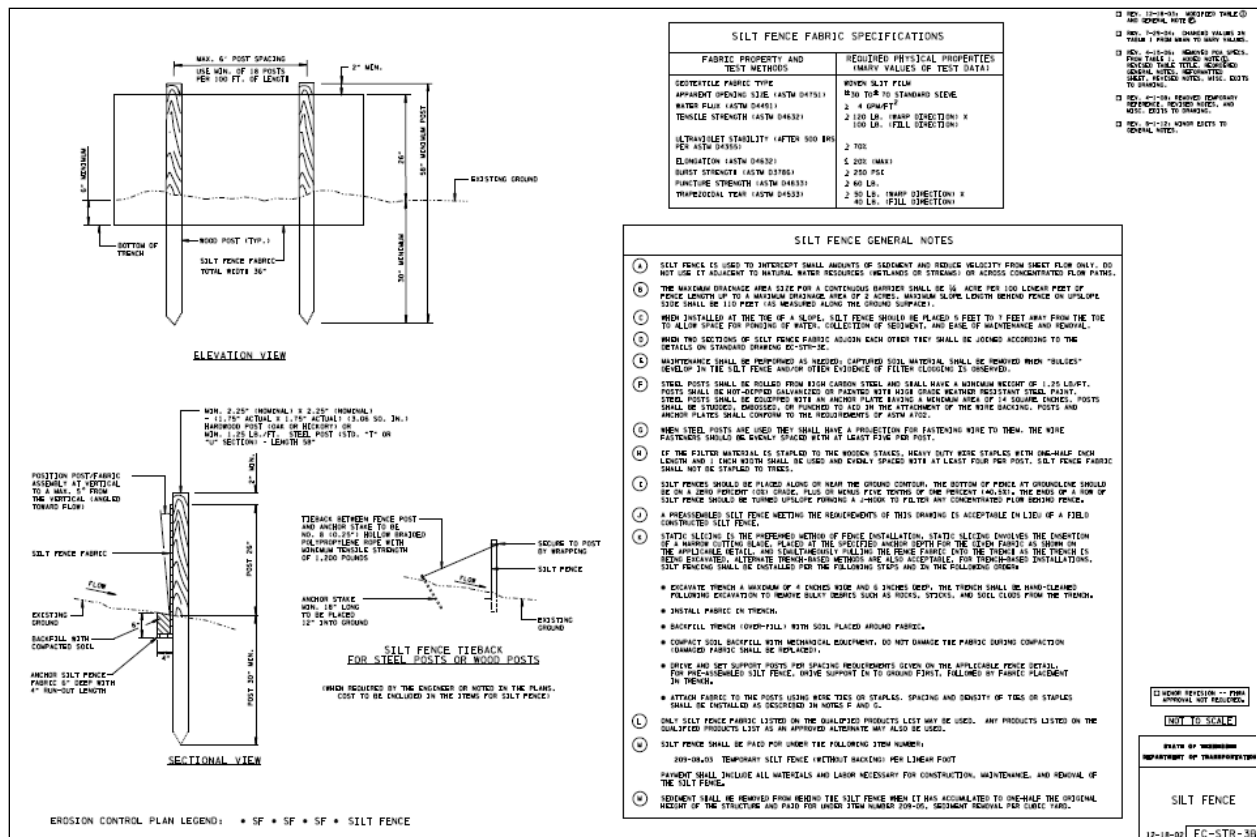
PAM or other flocculants shall be looked at a little closer to determine which ones really work. EPSC measures utilized on SR-840 project should be made into standards. An Equivalent Buffers standard should be developed based on equivalent sediment capture. A portable dewatering device – active treatment standard should be developed. The current EPSC standard drawings should be evaluated to see if they are equal to or better the devices in TDEC current manual and for changes in the upcoming construction general permit.

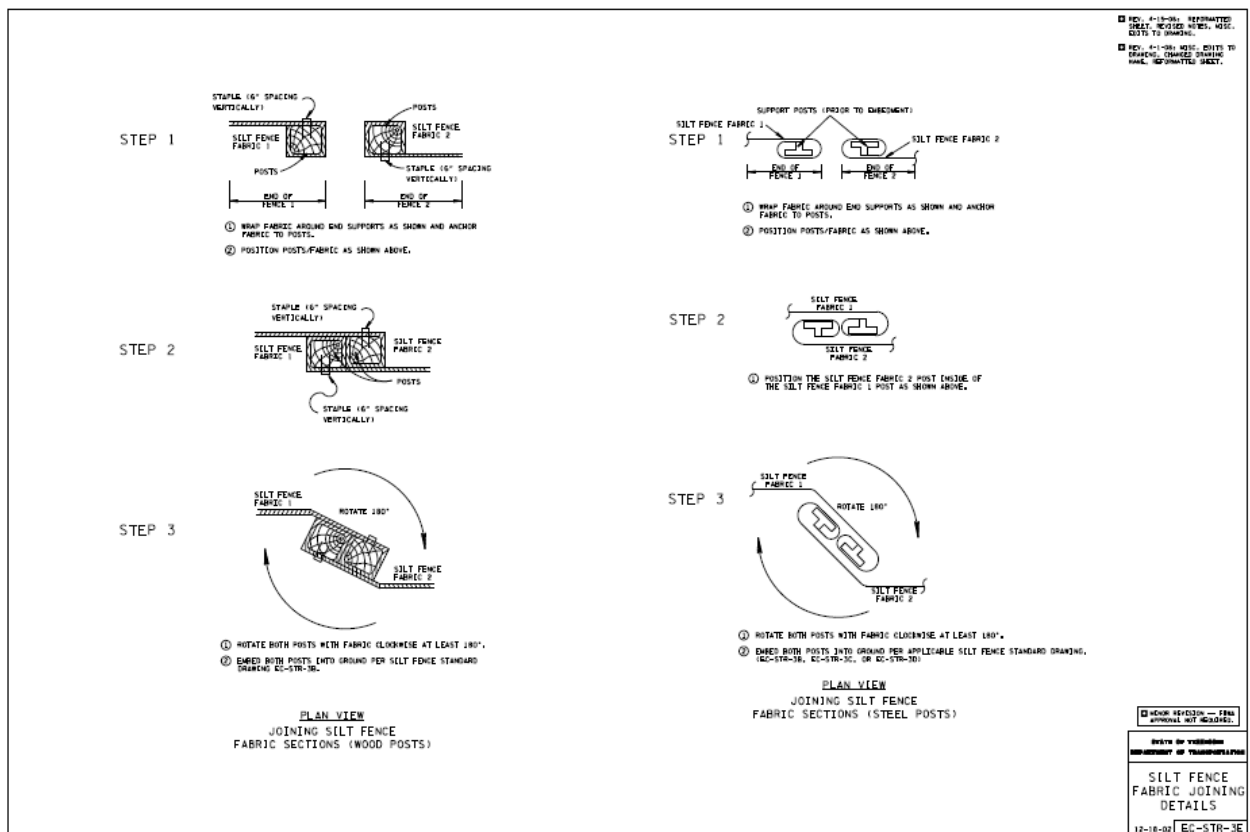
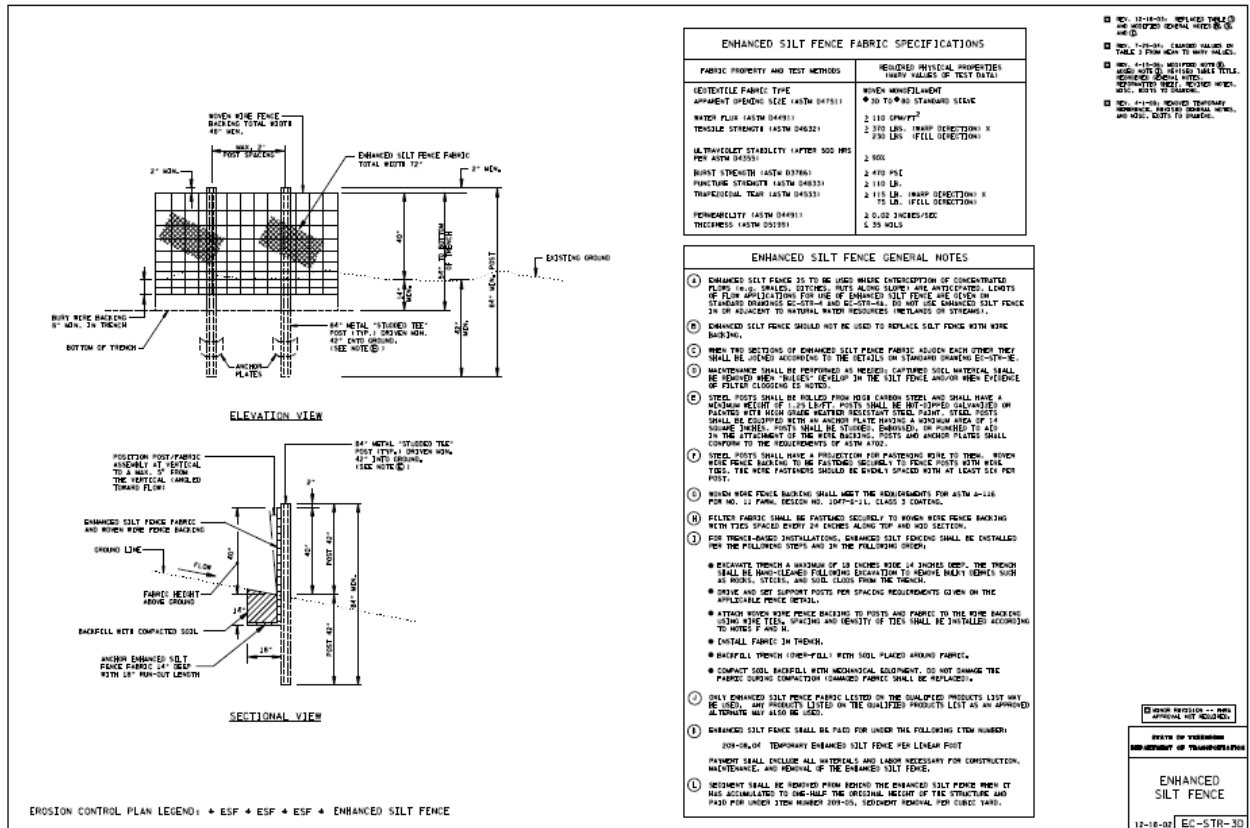
Discussion

Review and adopt 840 devices, consider active treatment systems, limit distance for slope applications. Promote the use of mulch berms often if applicable.

APPENDIX D

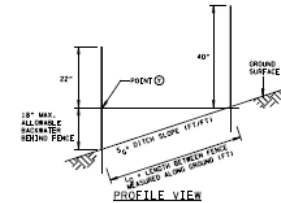
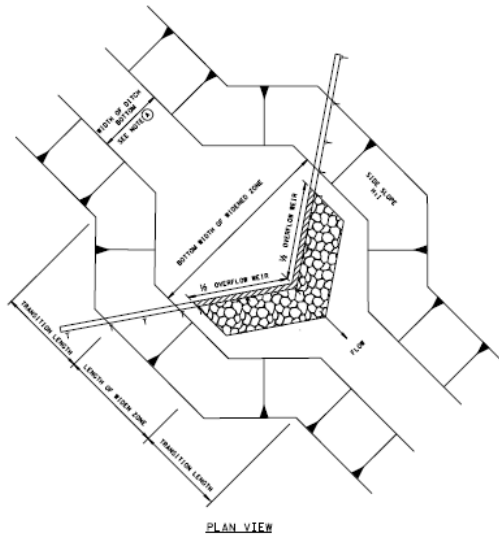
CURRENT TDOT EPSC ROADWAY STANDARD DRAWINGS





(1) REFER TO STD. DWG. EC-STR-4 OR EC-STR-4A

SPACING FOR ENHANCED
SILT FENCE CHECKS



④ ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECKS ARE USED TO REMOVE SUSPENDED SEDIMENTS FROM STORM WATER FLOW WHILE SETTLING AND FILTRATION. THEY ARE ALSO USED FOR VELOCITY REDUCTION. ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECKS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR FLOW CONTROL.

⑤ IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO FLATTEN THE ODDEN SIDE SLOPES AND/OR LOWER THE ODDEN BOTTOM WITHIN THE IN THE VICINITY OF THE CHECK IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE SLOPES AND/OR ANGLE OF FABRIC REQUIRED FOR THE CHECK. REFER TO THE CHECK MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

⑥ FOR ADDITIONAL INSTALLATION INFORMATION, REFER TO E-ST-6-1 FOR ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECKS USED IN TRAPEZOIDAL DITCHES AND E-ST-6-4 FOR ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECKS USED IN V-DITCHES.

⑦ FOR INSTALLATION DETAILS FOR ENHANCED SALT PENCE SEE STANDARD DRAWING E-ST-6-30 AND E-ST-6-31.

⑧ THE OPENING OF ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECKS, ALONG A CHECK SECTION, SHOULD BE BASED ON A COMBINATION OF IMPROVED FLOW CAPACITY AND FLOW CONTROL. THE CHECKS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO ALLOW THE FLOW TO PASS THROUGH THE CHECKS.

⑨ UPON REMOVAL OF THE ENHANCED SALT PENCE CHECK THE REMOVED CHECK SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REINVESTED TO WATER RESOURCES. THE CHECKS SHOULD BE STORED WITH PREVIOUS AND PROTECT FROM CRACKS, PLAYS OR THIS REINFORCEMENT WATERS IT SHOULD BE SECURED.

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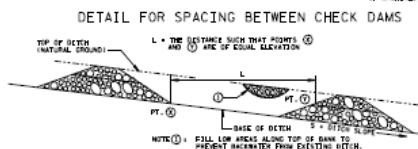
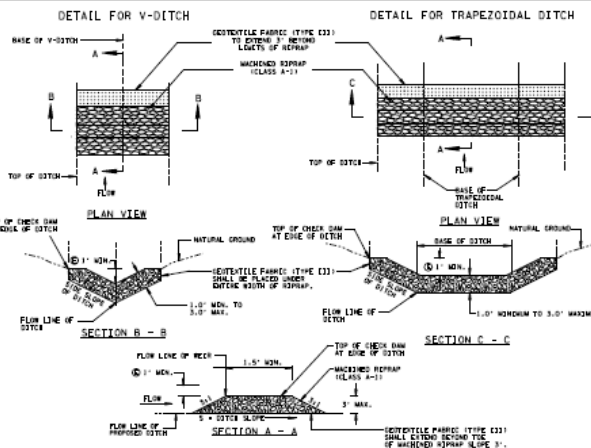
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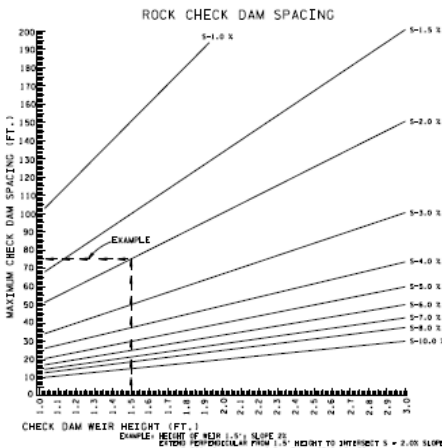
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EROSION CONTROL PLAN LEGEND : ROCK CHECK DAM (V-DITCH)
EROSION CONTROL PLAN LEGEND : ROCK CHECK DAM (TRAPEZOIDAL DITCH)



- ✓ **REV. 12-18-82:** CHANGED DRAWING NO. FROM 800-500-06 TO 80-50-06.
- ✓ **REV. 7-9-84:** MADE NOTES CONNECTION TO GENERAL NOTES.
- ✓ **REV. 7-9-84:** CHANGED PLACEMENT FOR 30' DIA. CURB.
- ✓ **REV. 3-24-85:** CHANGED DESCRIPTION FOR RECTANGULAR PAVING (TYPE D). CLASS TO RECTANGULAR PAVING (TYPE 22).
- ✓ **REV. 12-18-82:** CHANGED GENERAL NOTE #3.
- ✓ **REV. 1-29-83:** REVERTED NOTE 5 BACK TO 0-1.
- ✓ **REV. 4-10-83:** CORRECTED SECT. REVERSED NOTES. NOW, EXITS TO DRAWINGS.
- ✓ **REV. 6-1-83:** CHANGED TYPING FROM 10' TO 12' FOR 10' DIA. CURB. EXITS TO DRAWINGS. MODIFIED SPACING COUNT.
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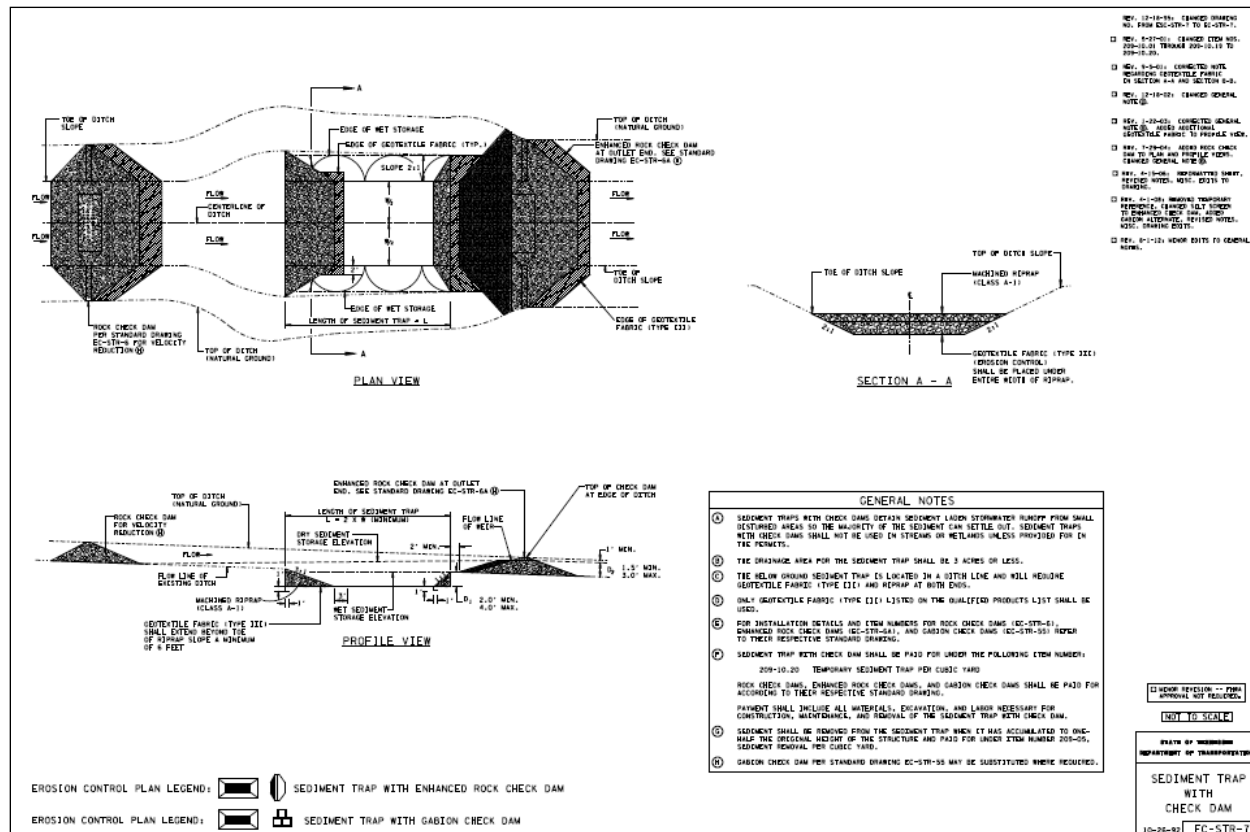
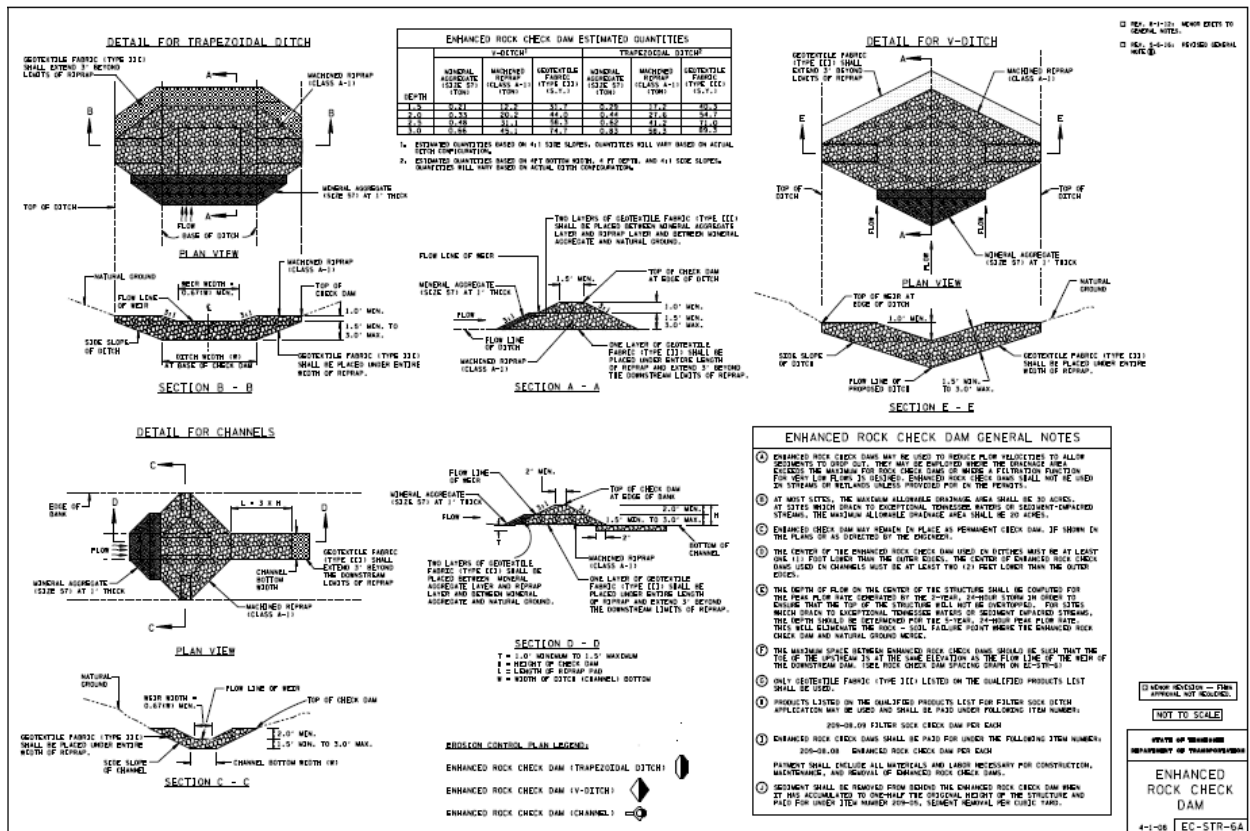
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 (2) THE DOWNSTREAM AREA OF THE ROCK CHECK DAM SHALL BE AT LEAST 45 FEET OF LESS.
 (3) THE CHECK DAM MAY BE REMOVED IN PLACE AS PERMANENT CHECK DAMS, IF STORMS IN THE PLANS OR AS DESIRED BY THE ENGINEER.
 (4) THE CENTER OF THE ROCK CHECK DAM MUST BE AT LEAST ONE (1) FOOT LOWER THAN THE OUTER EDGES.
 (5) THE GROUND SLOPE ON THE CENTER OF THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE COMPUTED FOR THE PEAK FLOW RATE AND SHALL BE EXCEEDED BY THE STRUCTURE. THE CENTER OF THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF THE STRUCTURE. FOR STREAMS WITH SHALLOW TO EXCEPTIONAL TENSILE WATER OR SEDIMENT-ENRICHED STREAMS, THE WIDTH SHALL BE ESTIMATED TO BE 10-15 FEET WIDER THAN THE PEAK FLOW RATE. THIS WILL MAINTAIN THE ROCK-CHECK DAMS FROM BEING WASHED AWAY BY THE PEAK FLOW AND NATURAL GROUND WATERS.
 (6) FOR SITE-IDEAL STREAMS TO EXCEPTIONAL TENSILE WATER OR SEDIMENT-ENRICHED STREAMS, THE MINIMUM HEIGHT OF THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE 10 FEET OR MORE THAN THE TOP OF THE STRUCTURE. FOR STREAMS WITH SHALLOW TO EXCEPTIONAL TENSILE WATER OR SEDIMENT-ENRICHED STREAMS, THE MINIMUM HEIGHT SHALL BE 10 FEET OR MORE THAN THE TOP OF THE STRUCTURE.
 (7) THE MAXIMUM SPACING BETWEEN ROCK CHECK DAMS SHALL BE SUCH THAT THE TIDE OF THE UPRIVER DAM IS 35 FEET OR MORE ELEVATED AS THE FLOW LINE OF THE NEXT OF THE DOWNSTREAM DAM. (SEE ROCK CHECK DAM SPACING SHEET).
 (8) ONLY REVEAILED PAVEMENT TYPE (1) LISTED ON THE QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST SHALL BE USED.
 (9) PRODUCTS LISTED ON THE QUALIFIED PRODUCTS LIST FOR FILTERED ROCK BOTTOM APPLICATION MAY BE USED AND SHALL BE PAID UNDER FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBER:
 209-06.05 FILTERED ROCK CHECK DAM PER EACH
 209-06.07 FILTERED ROCK CHECK DAM PER EACH
 (10) ROCK CHECK DAMS SHALL BE PAID FOR UNDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBER:
 209-06.07 ROCK CHECK DAM PER EACH
 PAYMENT SHALL INCLUDE ALL MATERIALS AND LABOR NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REMOVAL OF ROCK CHECK DAMS.
 (11) SEDIMENT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM BEHIND THE ROCK CHECK DAMS AT THE END OF THE PROJECT AND SHALL BE ASSOCIATED TO ONE-HALF THE ORIGINAL RECENT OF THE DAM AND SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE DAM. THE REMOVED SEDIMENT SHALL BE PAID UNDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBER:
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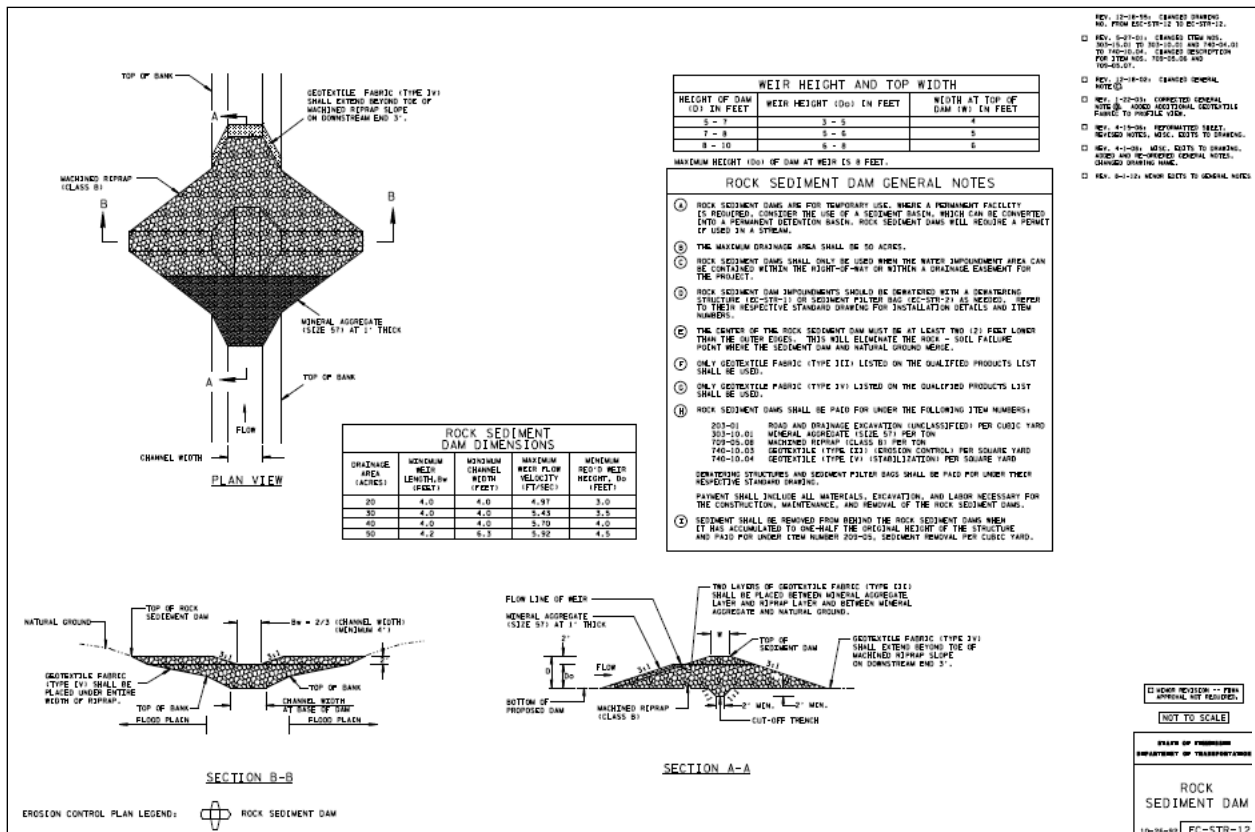
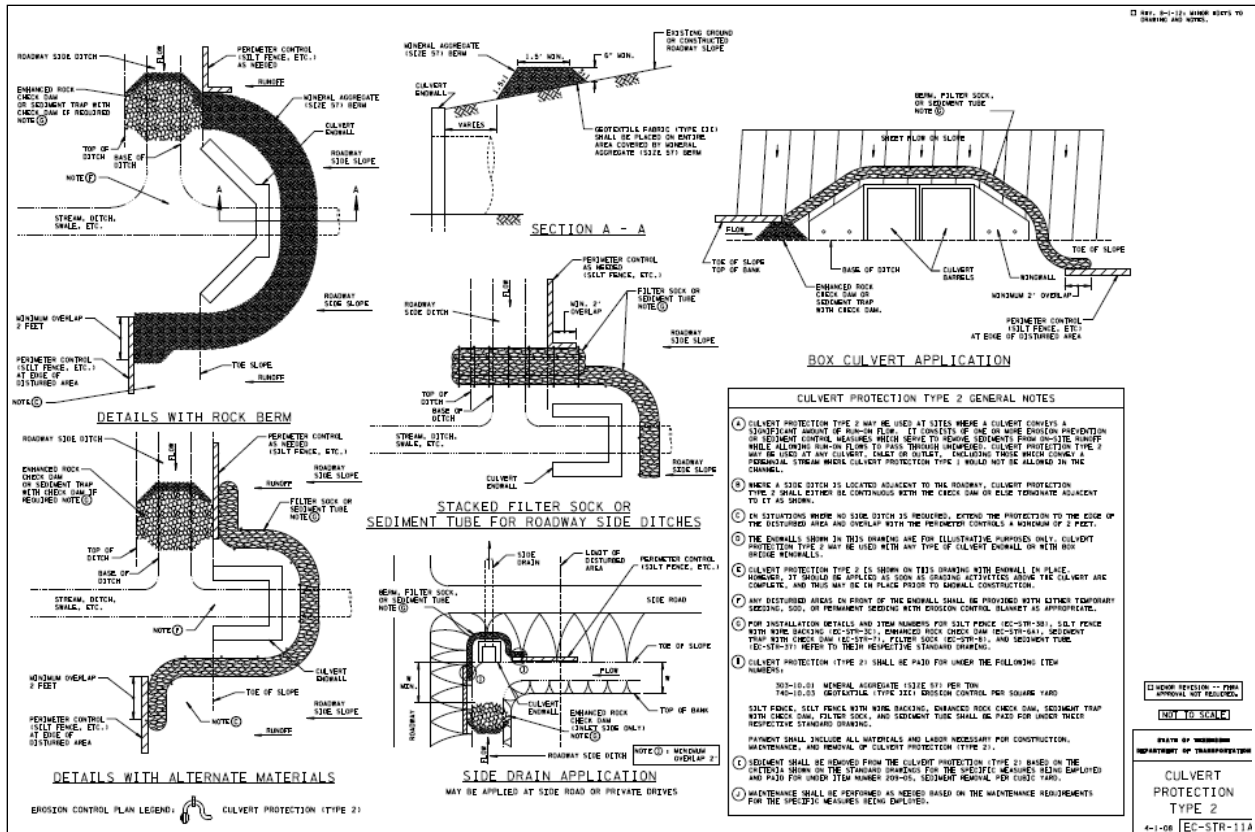
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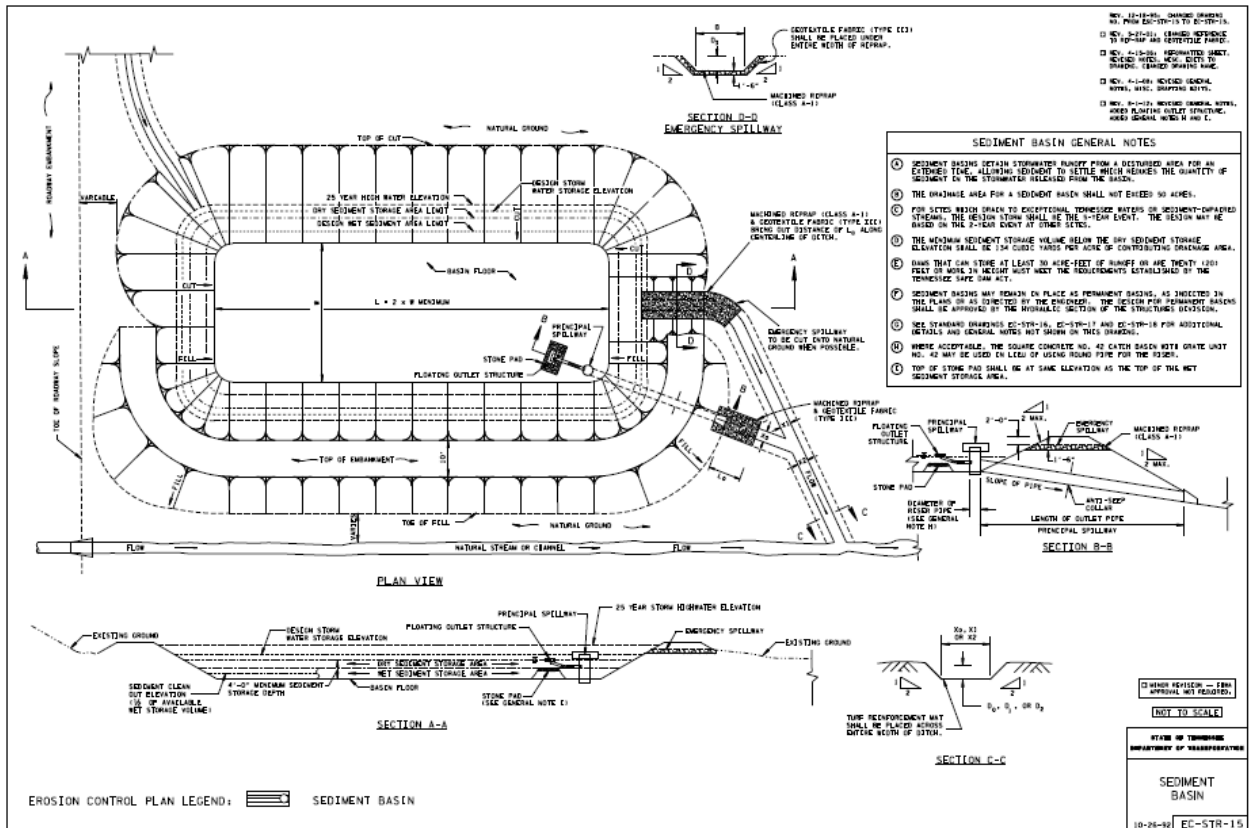
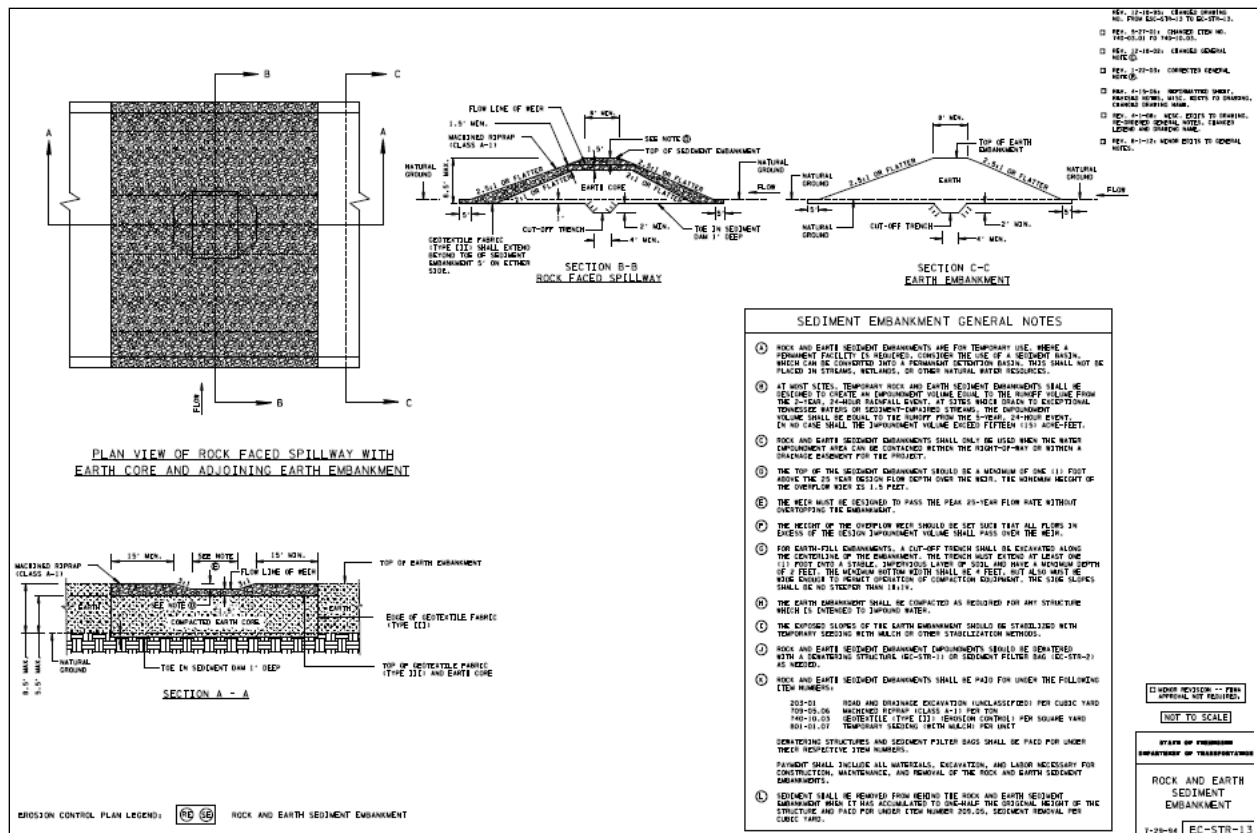
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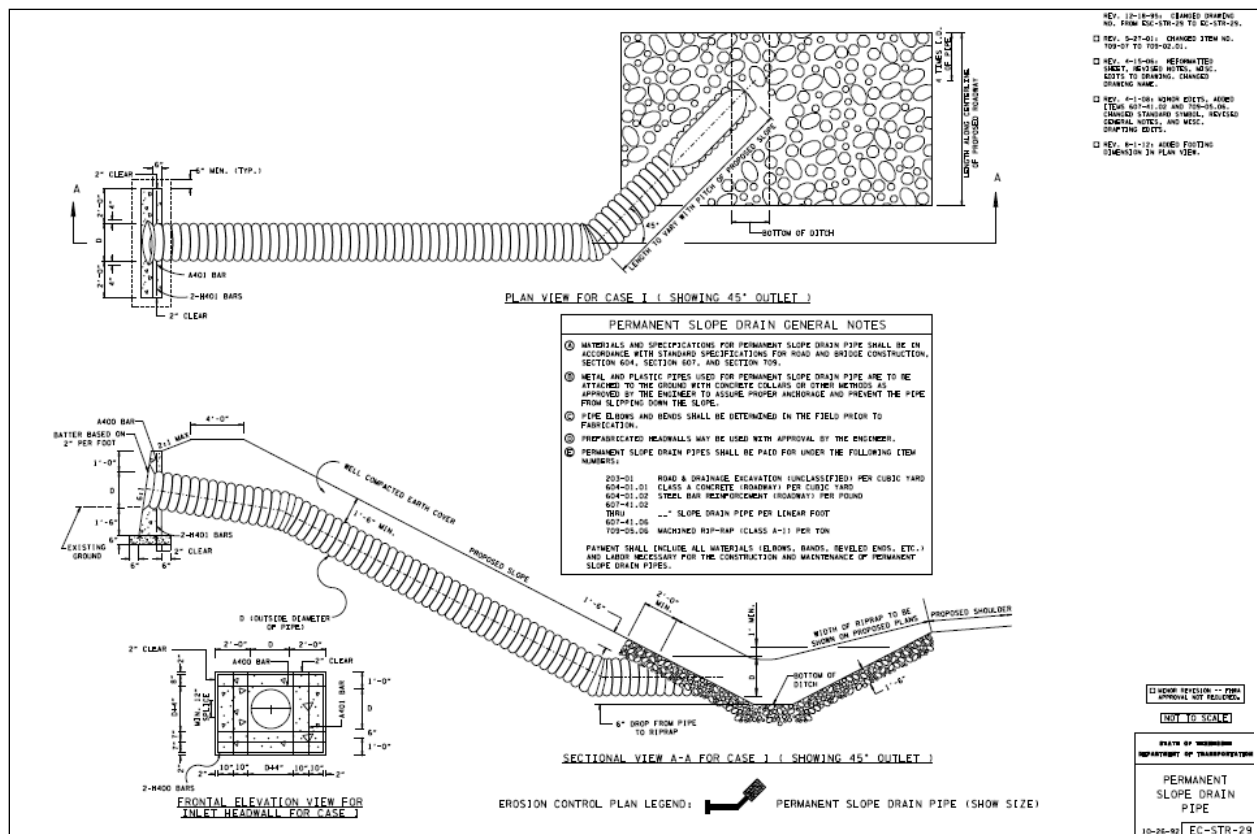
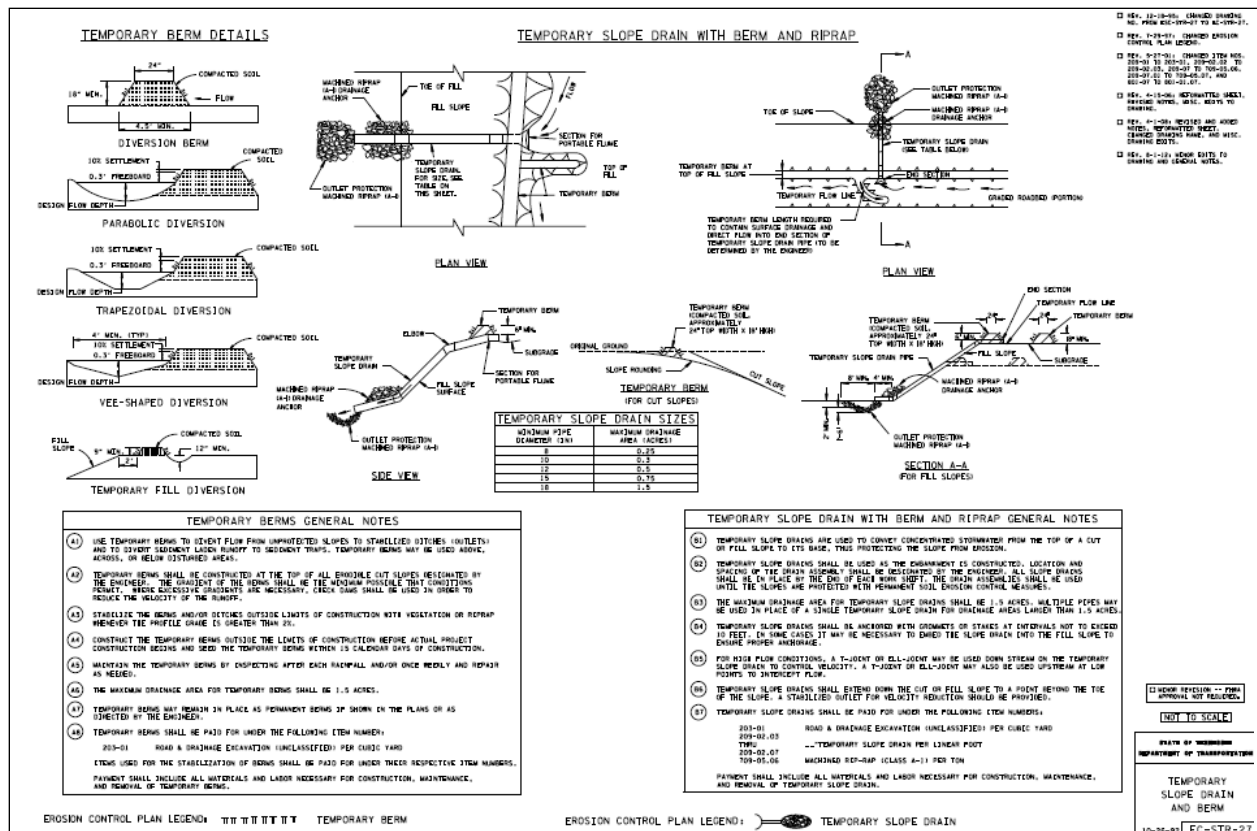
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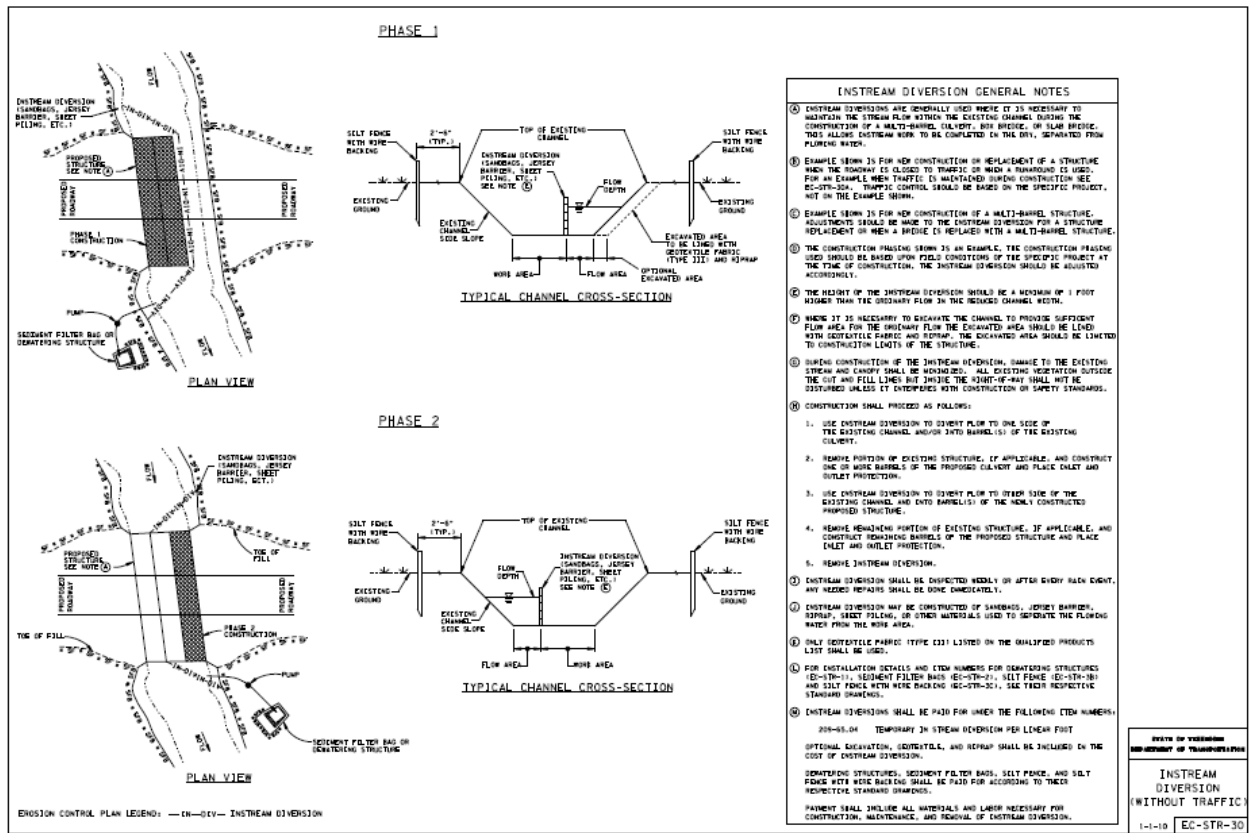


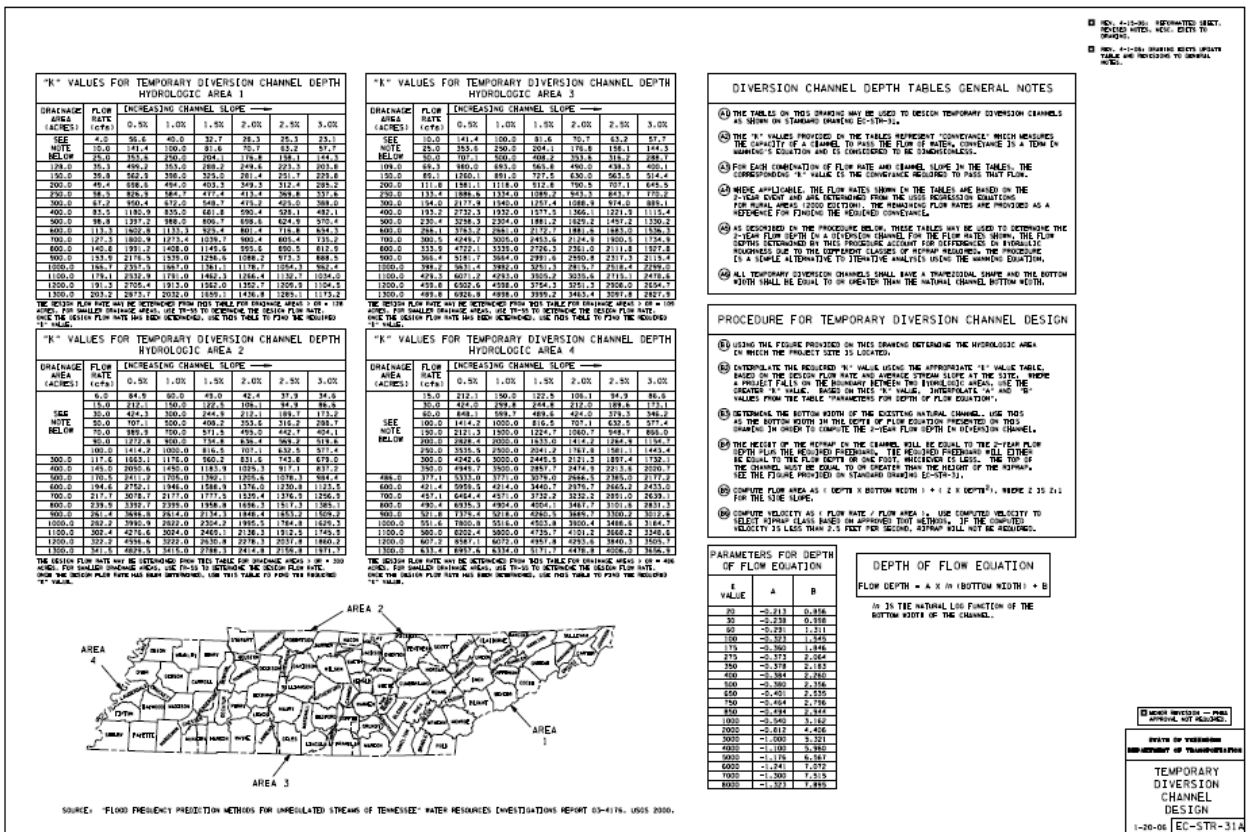
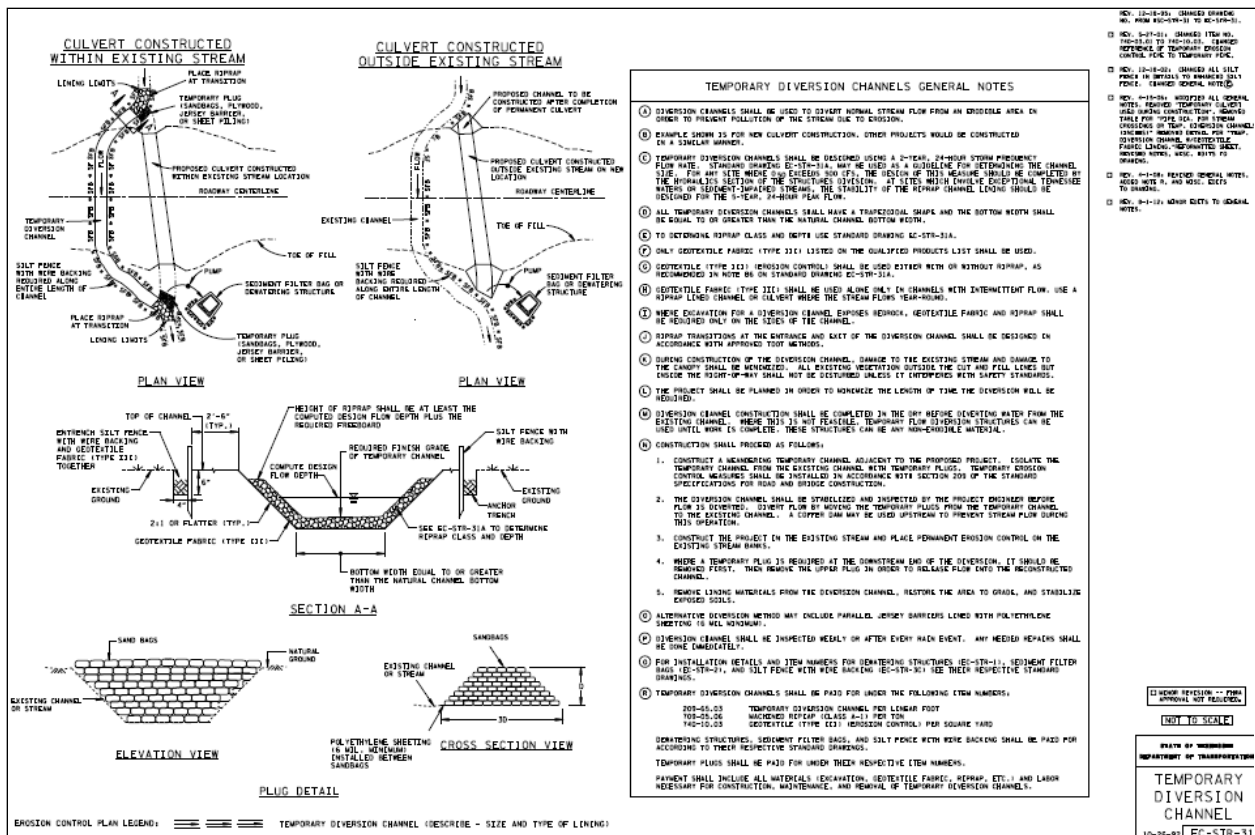


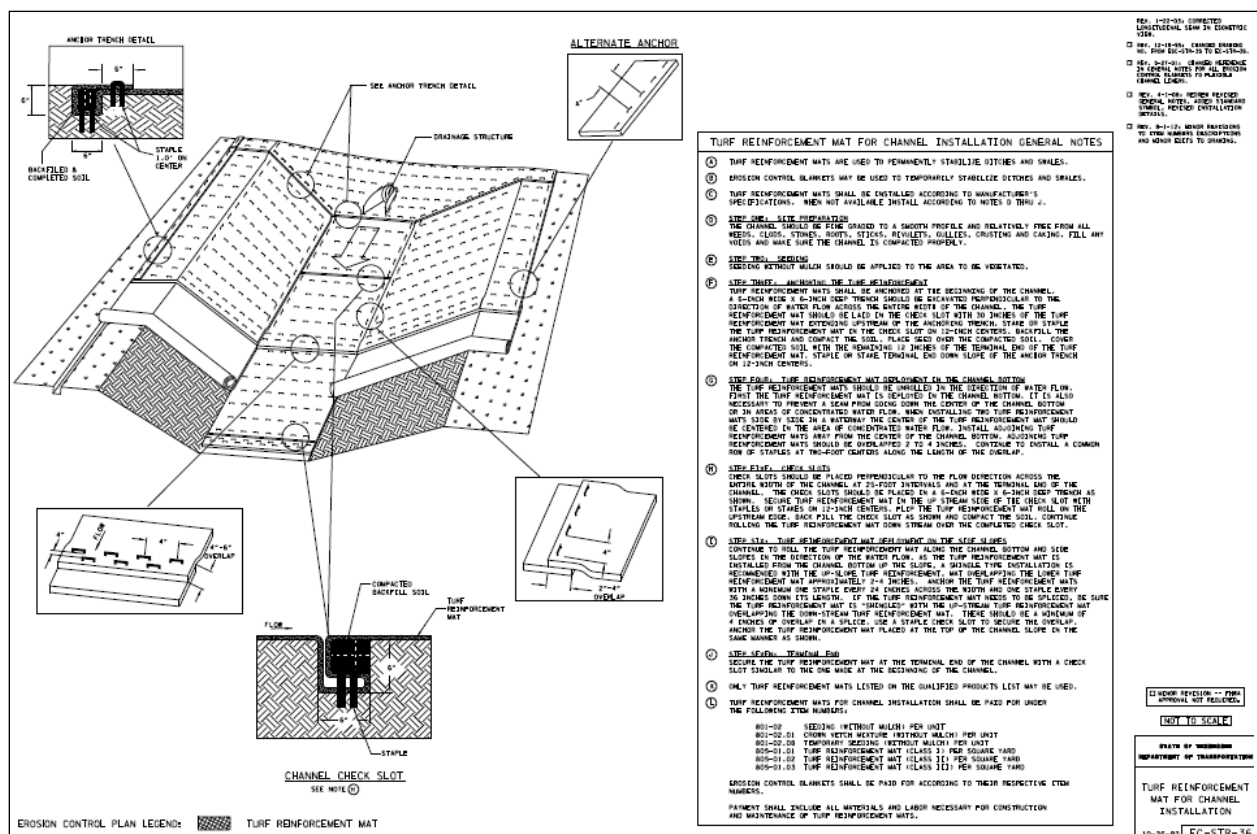












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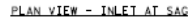


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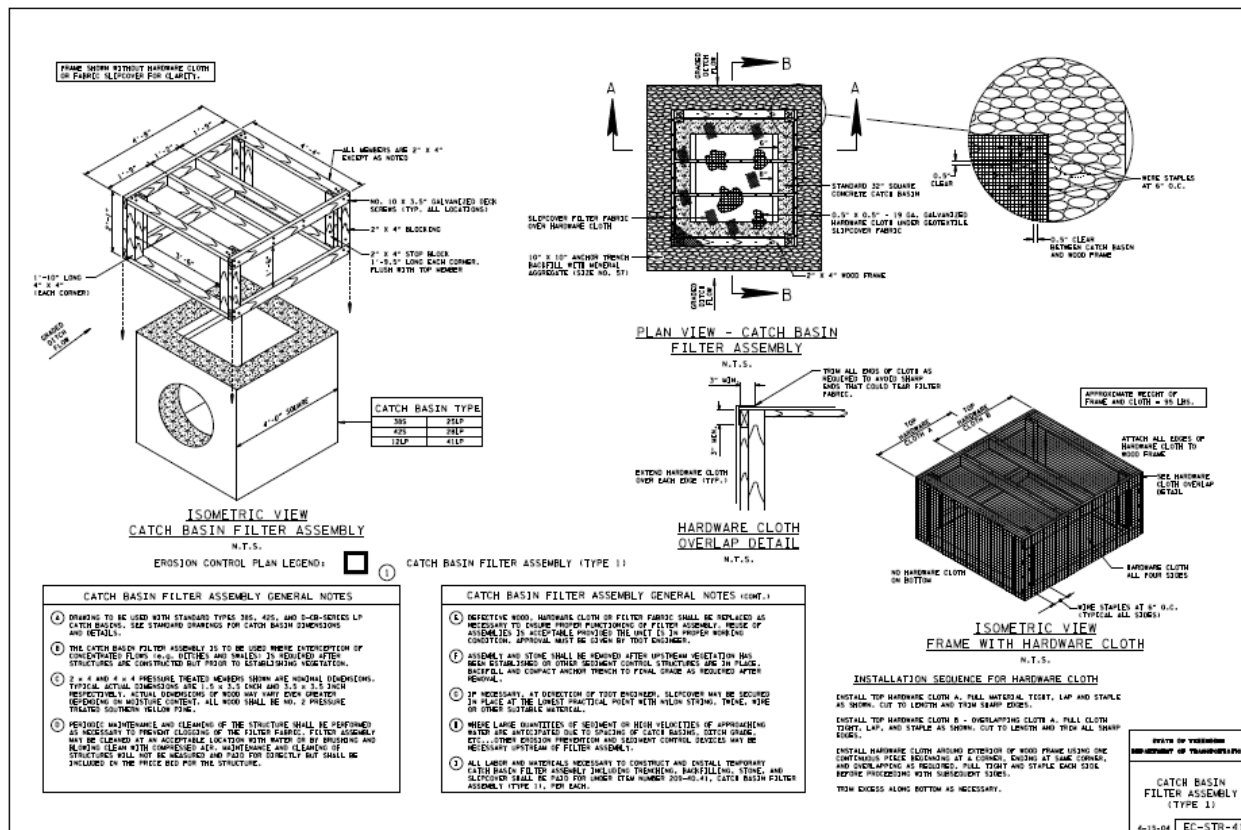
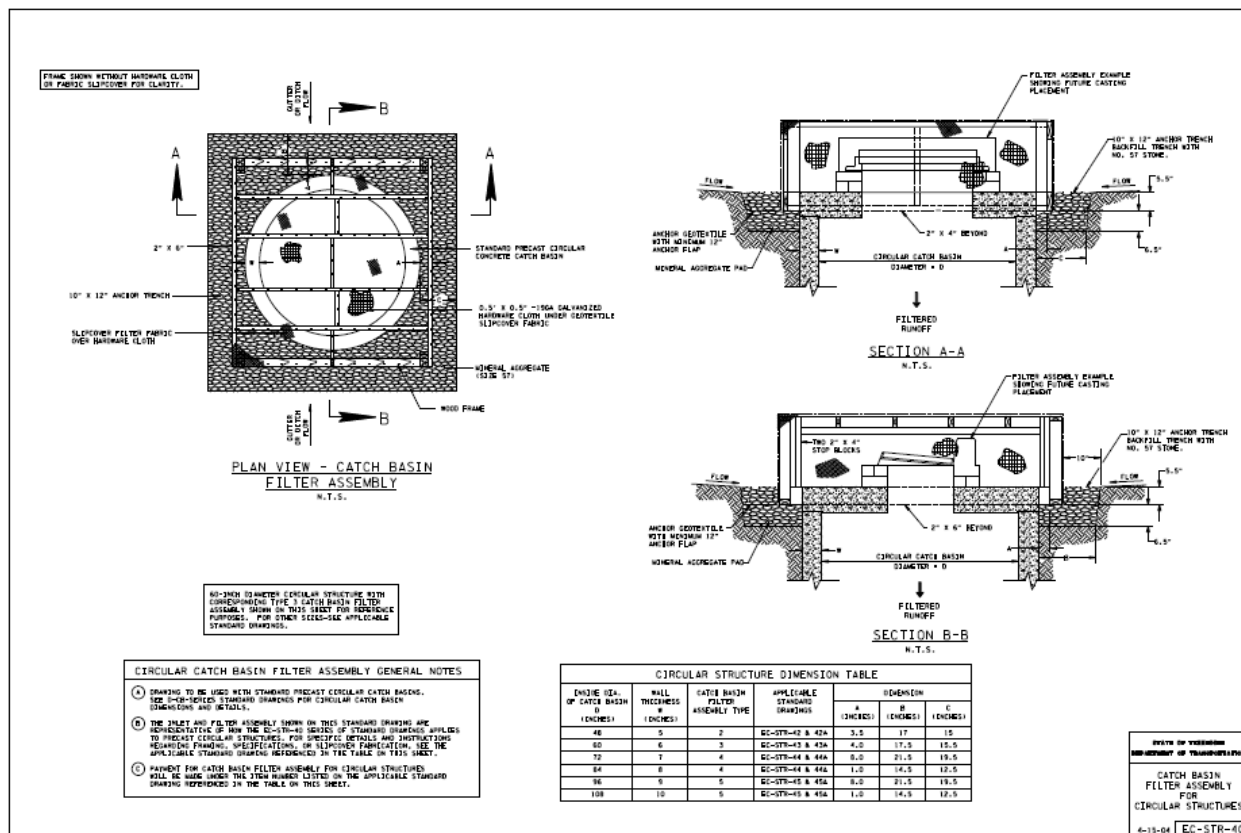
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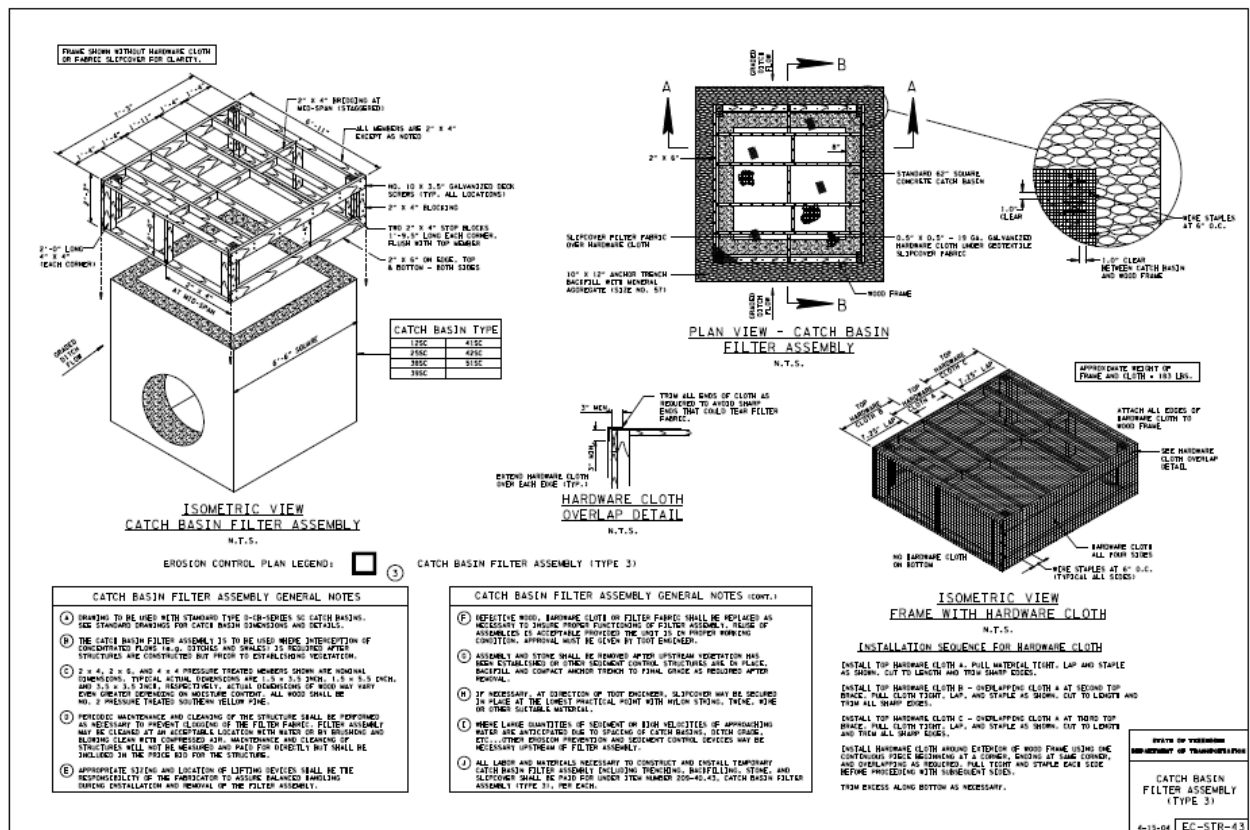
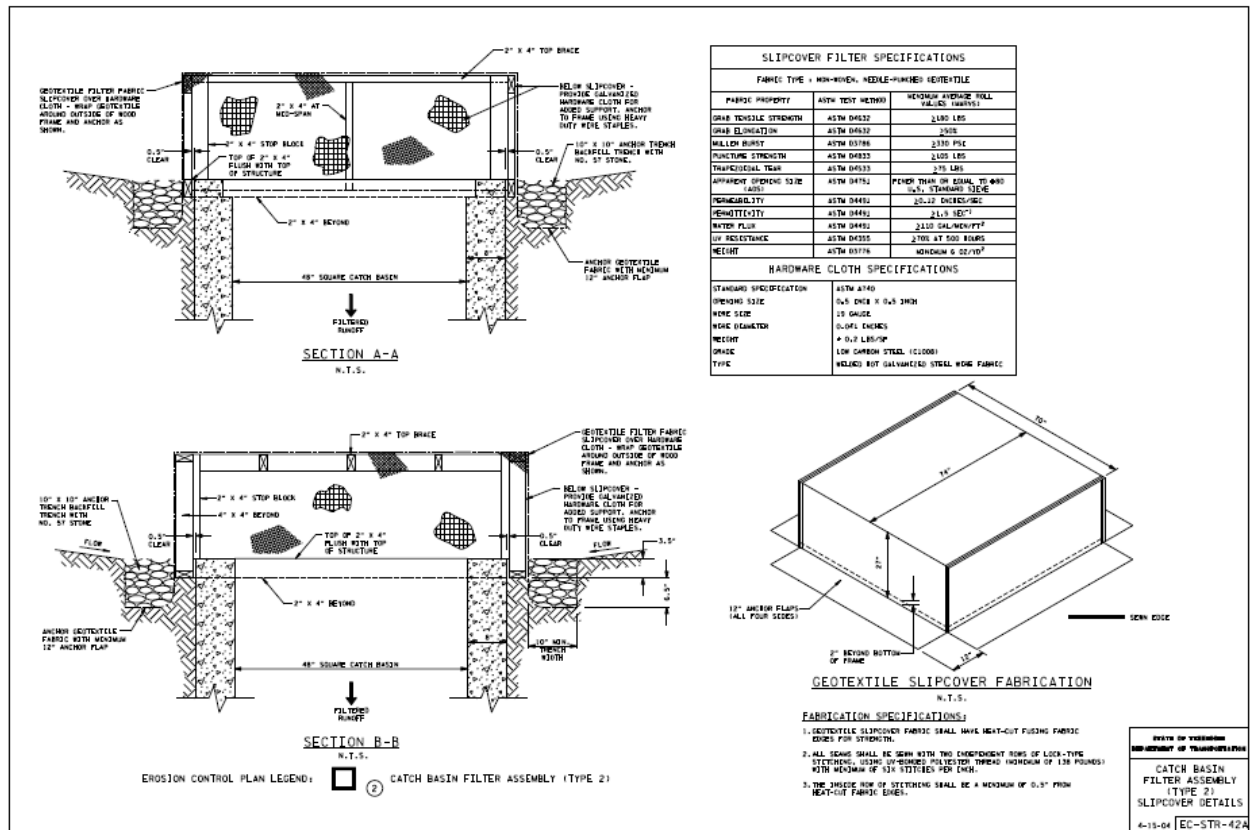
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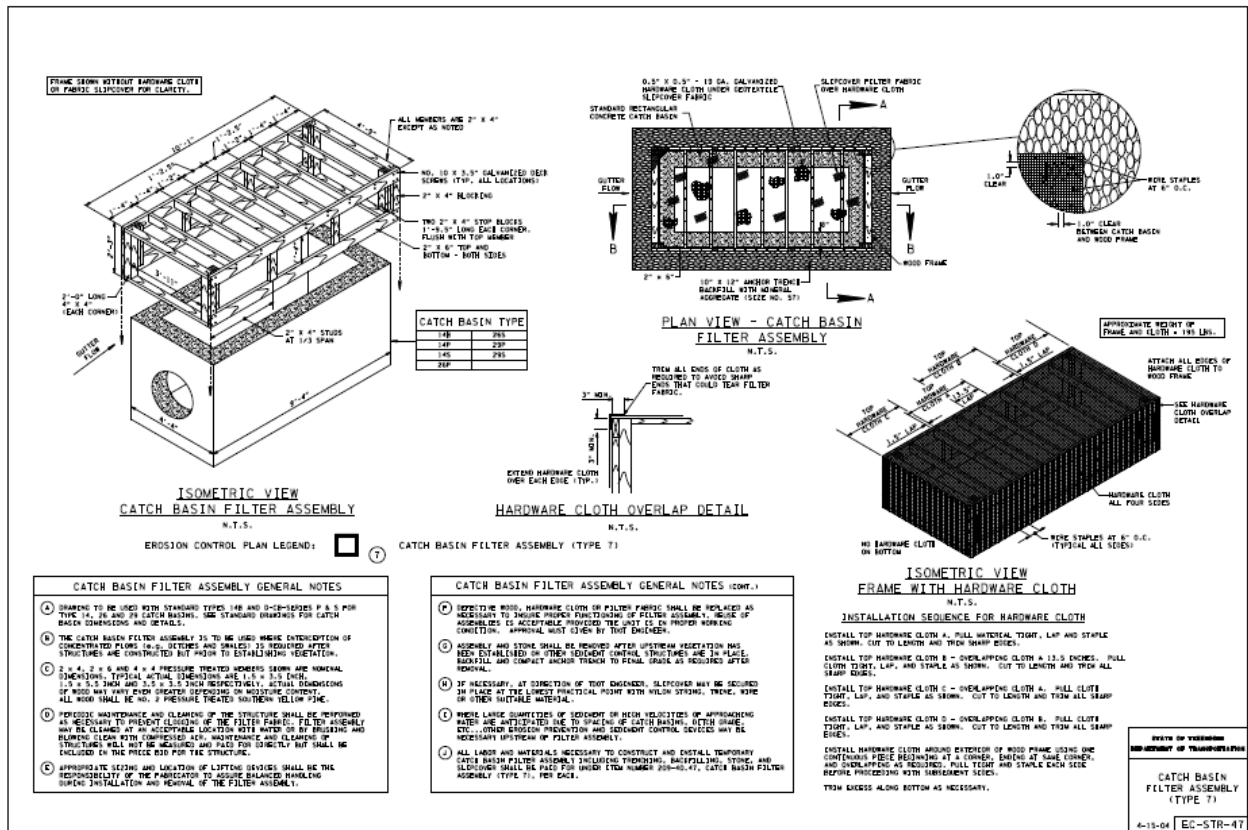
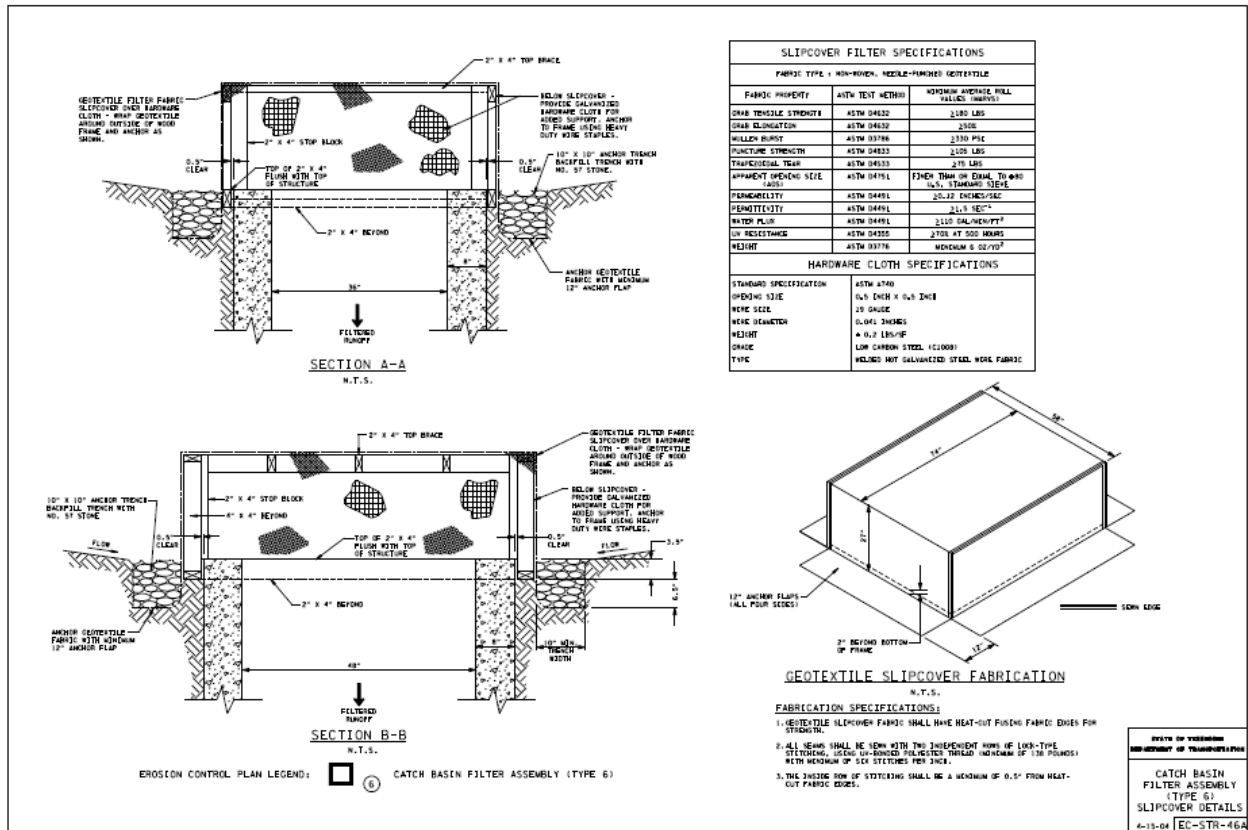
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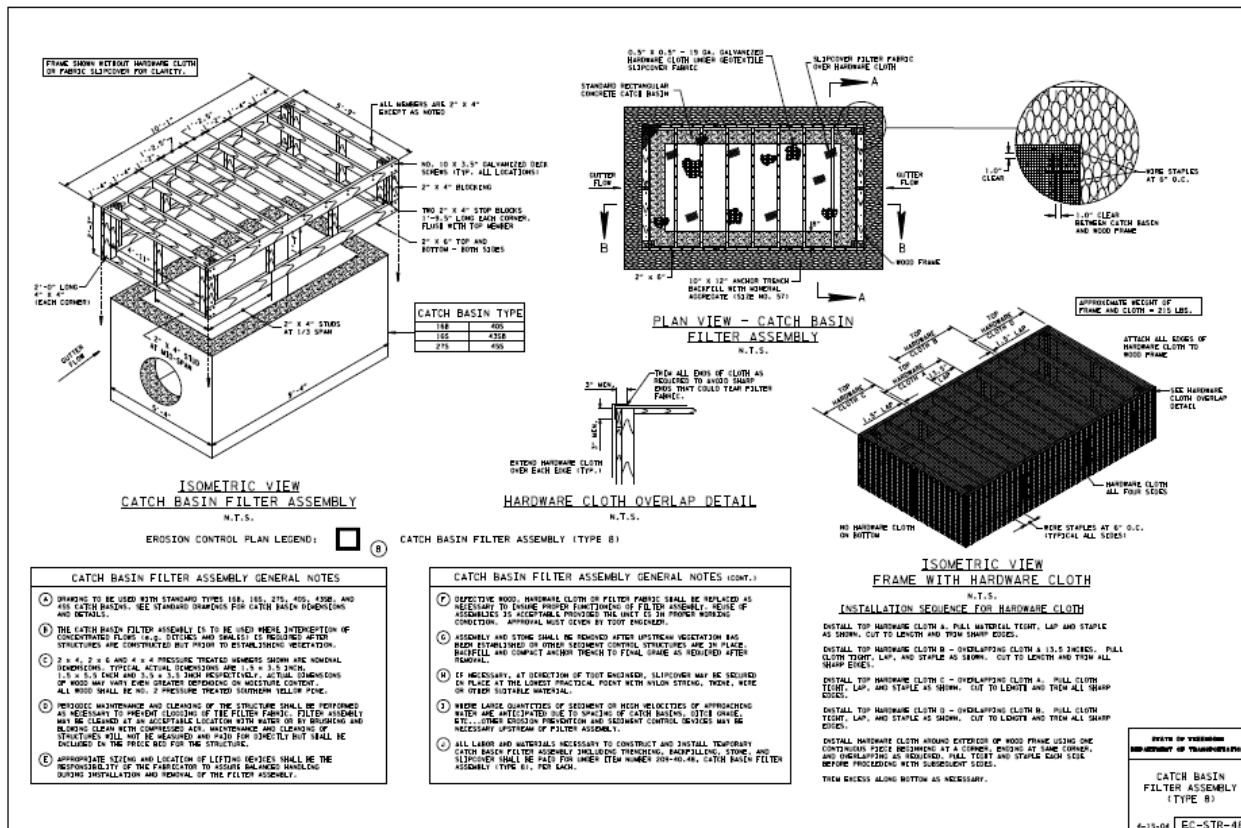
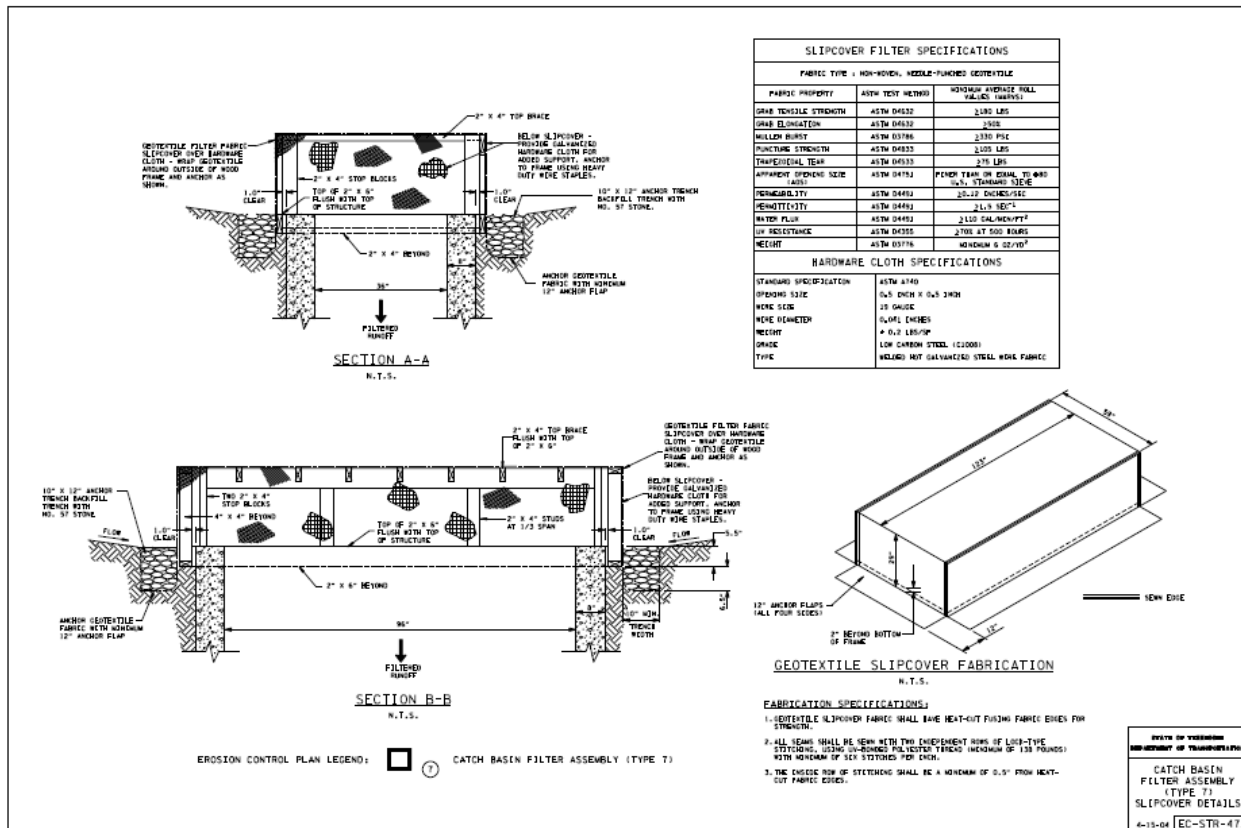


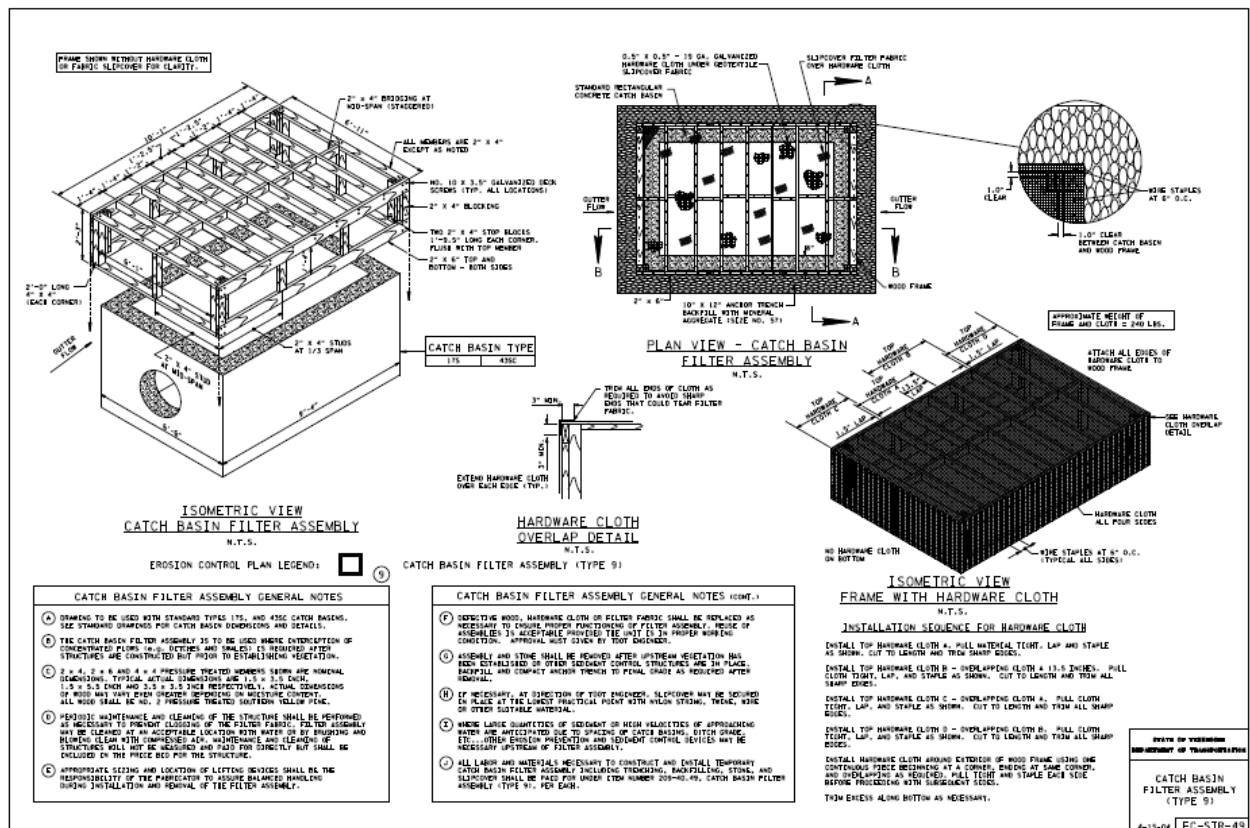
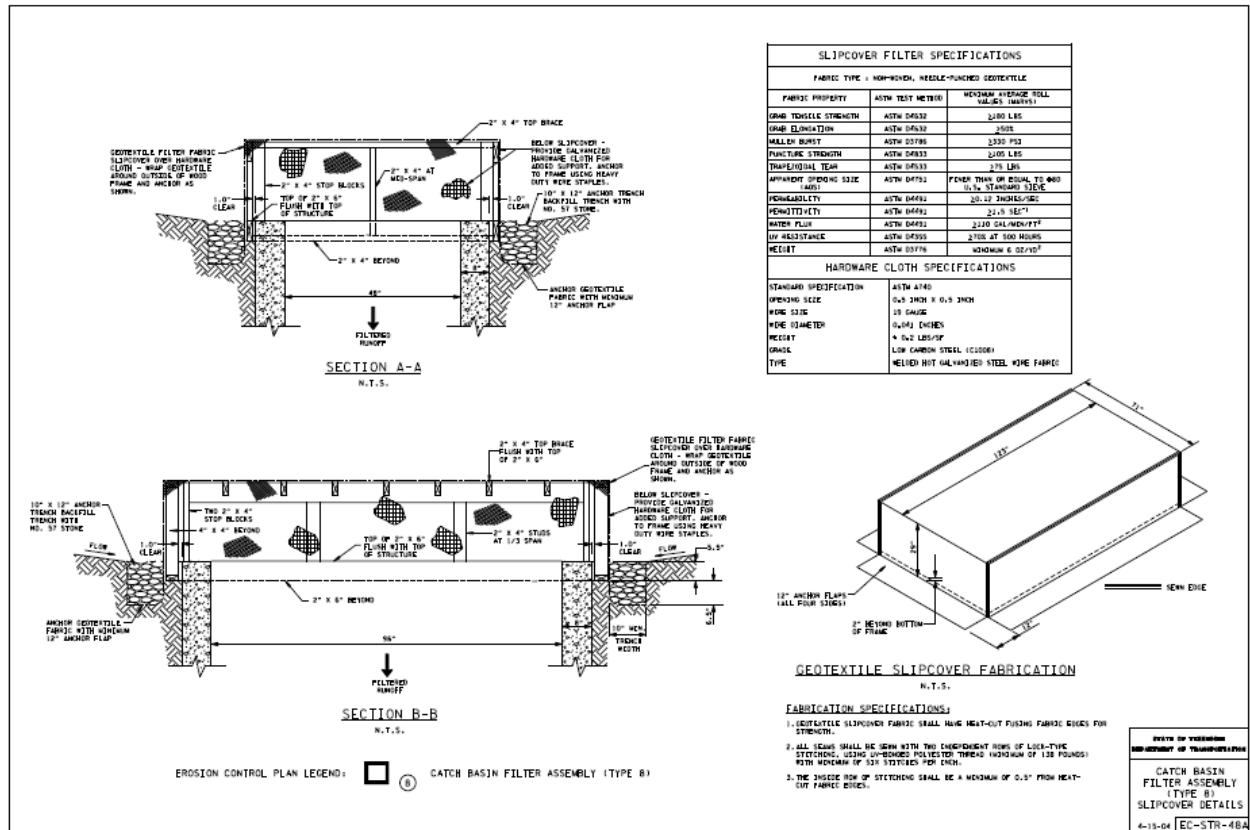


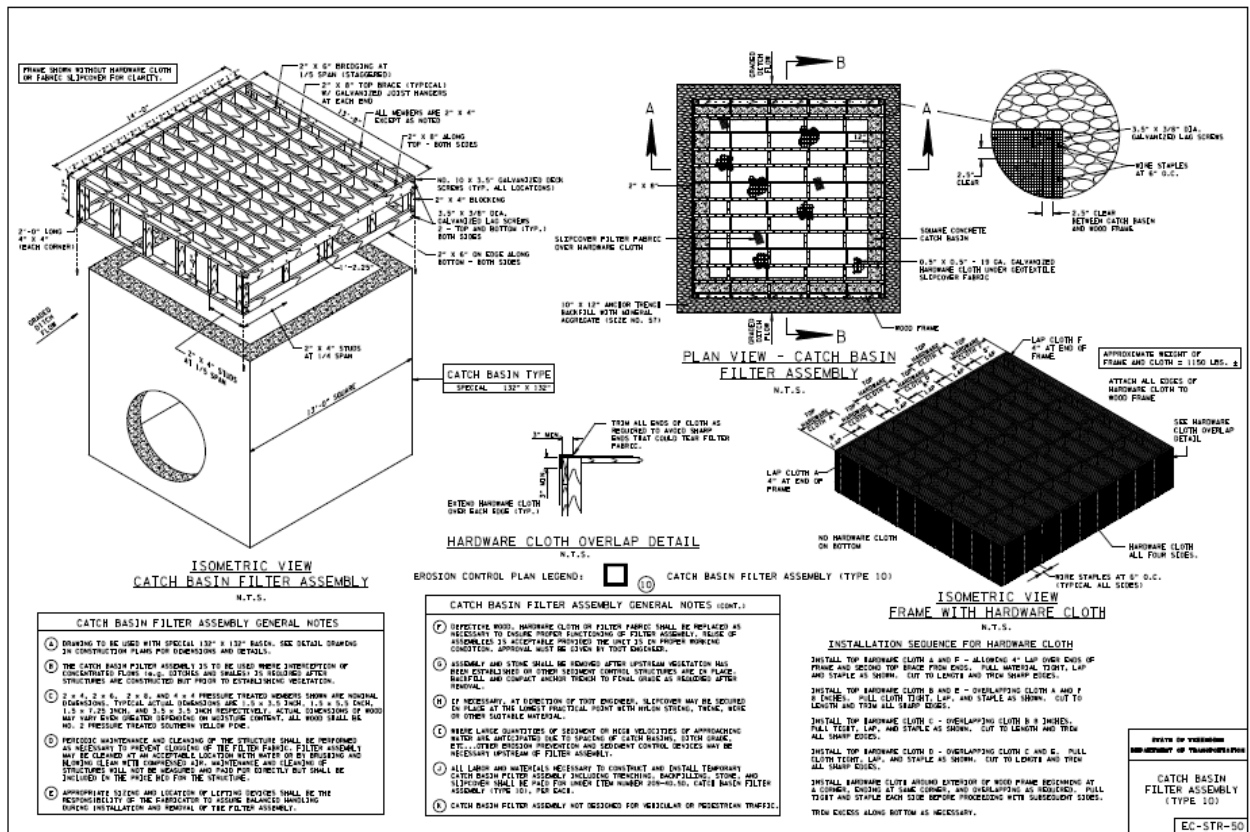


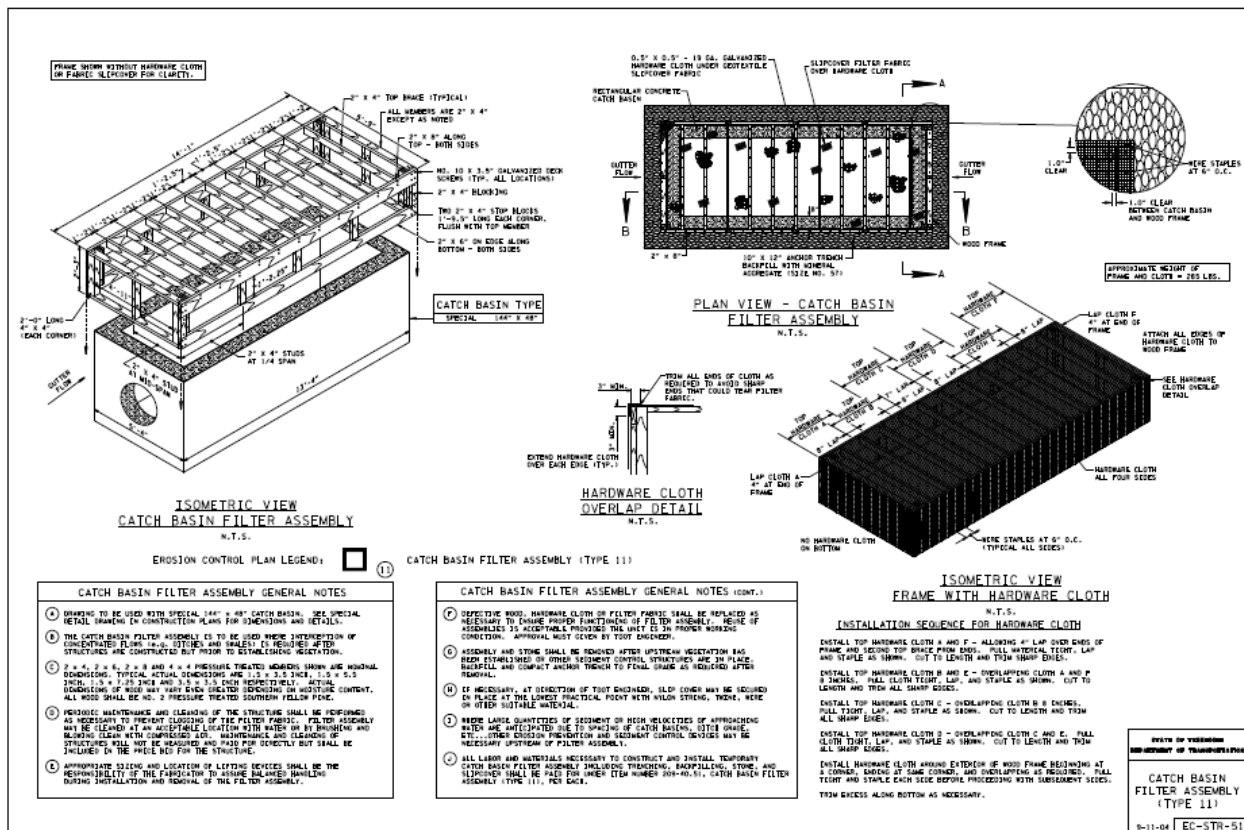
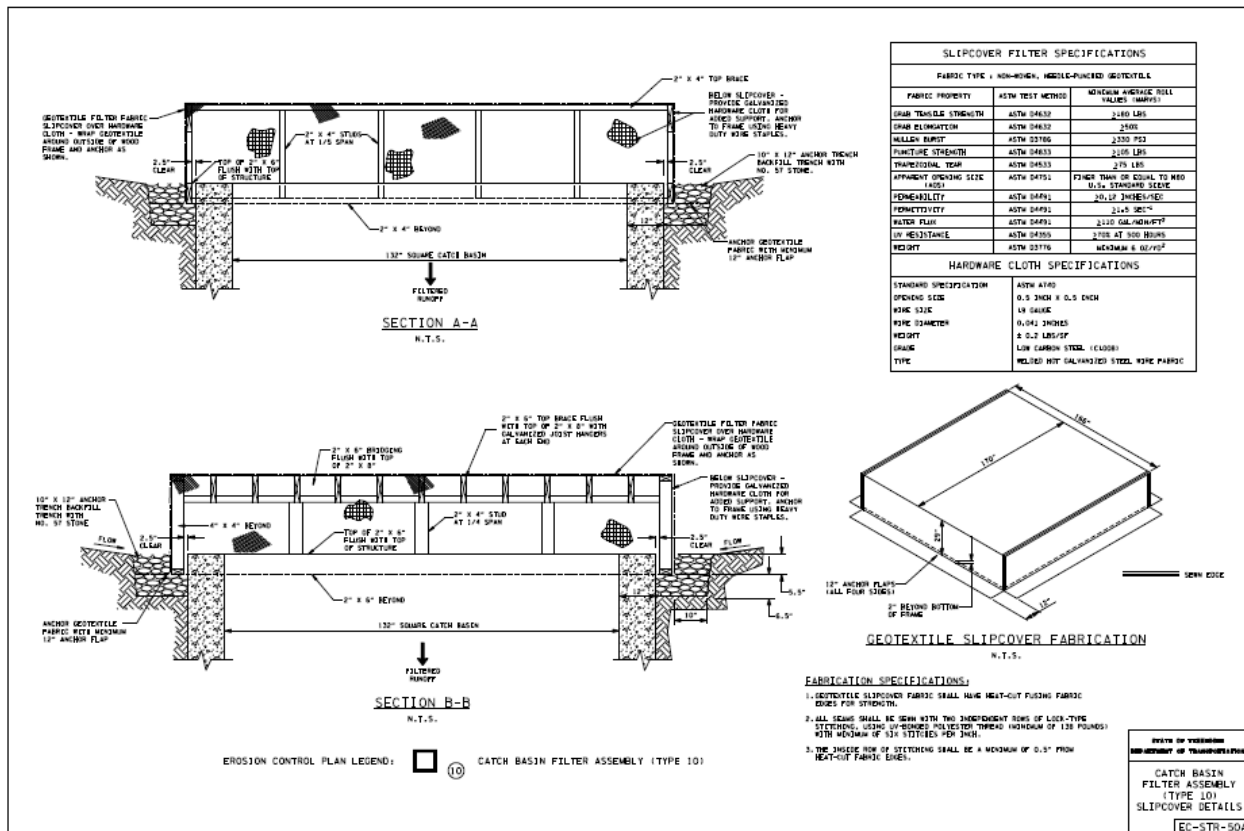
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 2. THE CATCH BASIN FILTER ASSEMBLY IS TO BE USED WHERE CONCENTRATION OF CONCENTRATED PLUMS (E.G., UTILITY AND SANITARY) IS REQUIRED AFTER STRUCTURES ARE CONSTRUCTED BUT PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING VEGETATION.
 3. A 2' x 4', 2' x 6', AND A 4' x 4' PRESSURE TREATED WOODEN FRAME AND MANHOLE DIMENSIONS. TYPICAL ACTUAL DIMENSIONS ARE 1.5' x 3.5' (ENH), 1.5' x 3.5' (ENH) AND 3.5' x 3.5' (ENH) RESPECTIVELY. ACTUAL DIMENSIONS OF WOOD MAY VARY FROM GREATER DEPENDS ON MOISTURE CONTENT. ALL WOOD SHALL BE NO. 2 PRESSURE TREATED SOUTHERN YELLOW PINE.
 4. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OF THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE PERFORMED AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT CLOGGING OF THE FILTER FABRIC. FILTER ASSEMBLY MAY BE CLEANED AT AN ACCEPTABLE LOCATION WITH WATER OR BY BRUSHING AND PLACING CLEAN WITH COMPRESSED AIR. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING OF STRUCTURES SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED AND SHALL BE SOBERLY BUT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE BID FOR THE STRUCTURE.
 5. APPROXIMATE LOCATION AND LOCATION OF LIFTING DEVICES SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FABRICATOR TO ASSURE BALANCED HANDLING DURING INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL OF THE FILTER ASSEMBLY.

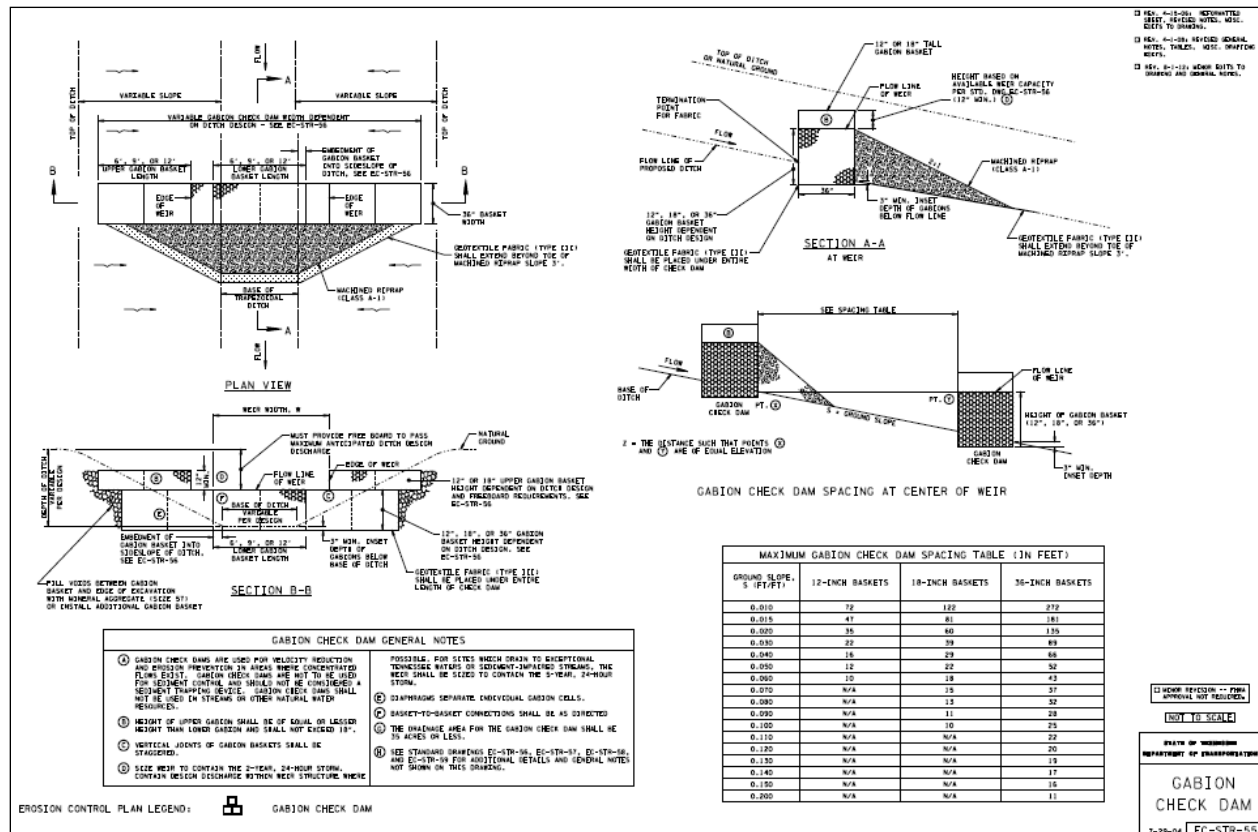
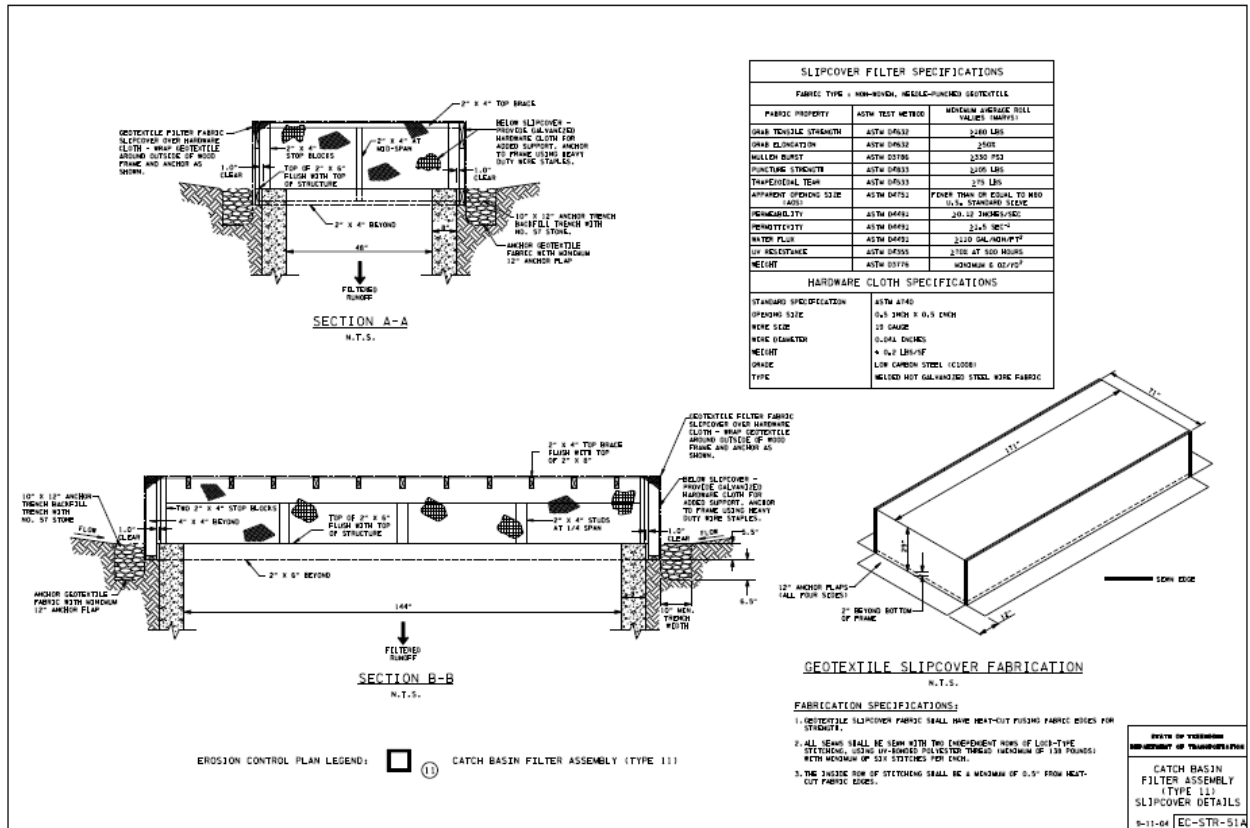
- CATCH BASIN FILTER ASSEMBLY GENERAL NOTES (CONT.)**
6. IF NECESSARY, WOOD HARDWARE CLOTH OR FILTER FABRIC SHALL BE INCORPORATED AS NECESSARY TO INSURE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF FILTER ASSEMBLY. REUSE OF HARDWARE CLOTH IS ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED THE JOINT IS IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION. APPROVAL MUST BE GIVEN BY THE ENGINEER.
 7. ASSEMBLY AND STONE SHALL BE REMOVED AFTER UPSTREAM VEGETATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED OR OTHER EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES ARE IN PLACE. BACKFILL AND COMPACT ANCHOR TRENCH TO FINAL GRADE AS REQUIRED AFTER REMOVAL.
 8. IF NECESSARY, AT CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ENGINEER, SLIPCOVER MAY BE REQUIRED IN PLACE AT THE LOWEST PRACTICAL POINT WITH WELDED STEEL, TRENCH, WIRE OR OTHER SUITABLE MATERIAL.
 9. WHERE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SEDIMENT OR HIGH VELOCITIES OF APPROACHING WATER ARE ANTICIPATED (E.G., SPILLING OF CATCH BASINS), UTILITY GRADE, ETC., OTHER EROSION PREVENTION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL DEVICES MAY BE NECESSARY UPSTREAM OF FILTER ASSEMBLY.
 10. ALL LABOR AND MATERIALS NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL TEMPORARY CATCH BASIN FILTER ASSEMBLY INCLUDING TRANSDUCER, BACKFILL, JOINT TRENCH, AND SLIPCOVER SHALL BE PAID FOR UNDER ITEM NUMBER 200-40.47, CATCH BASIN FILTER ASSEMBLY (TYPE 7), PER EACH.











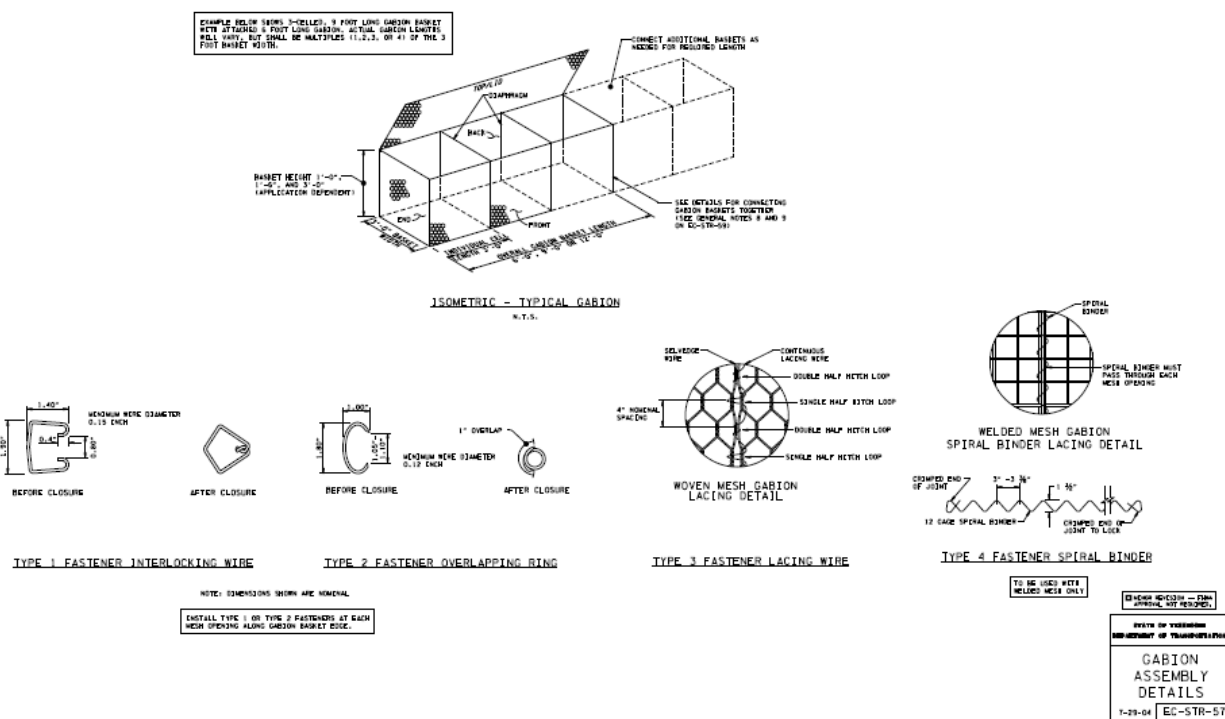
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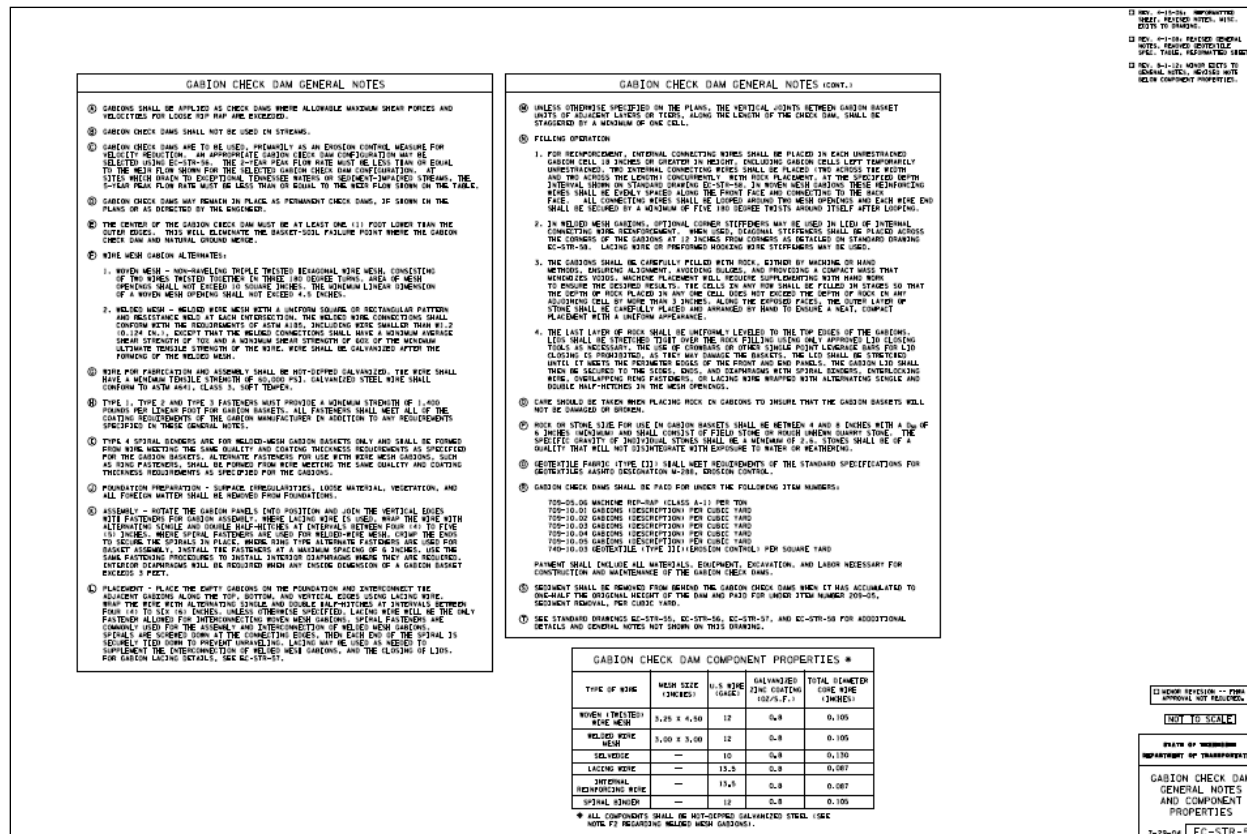
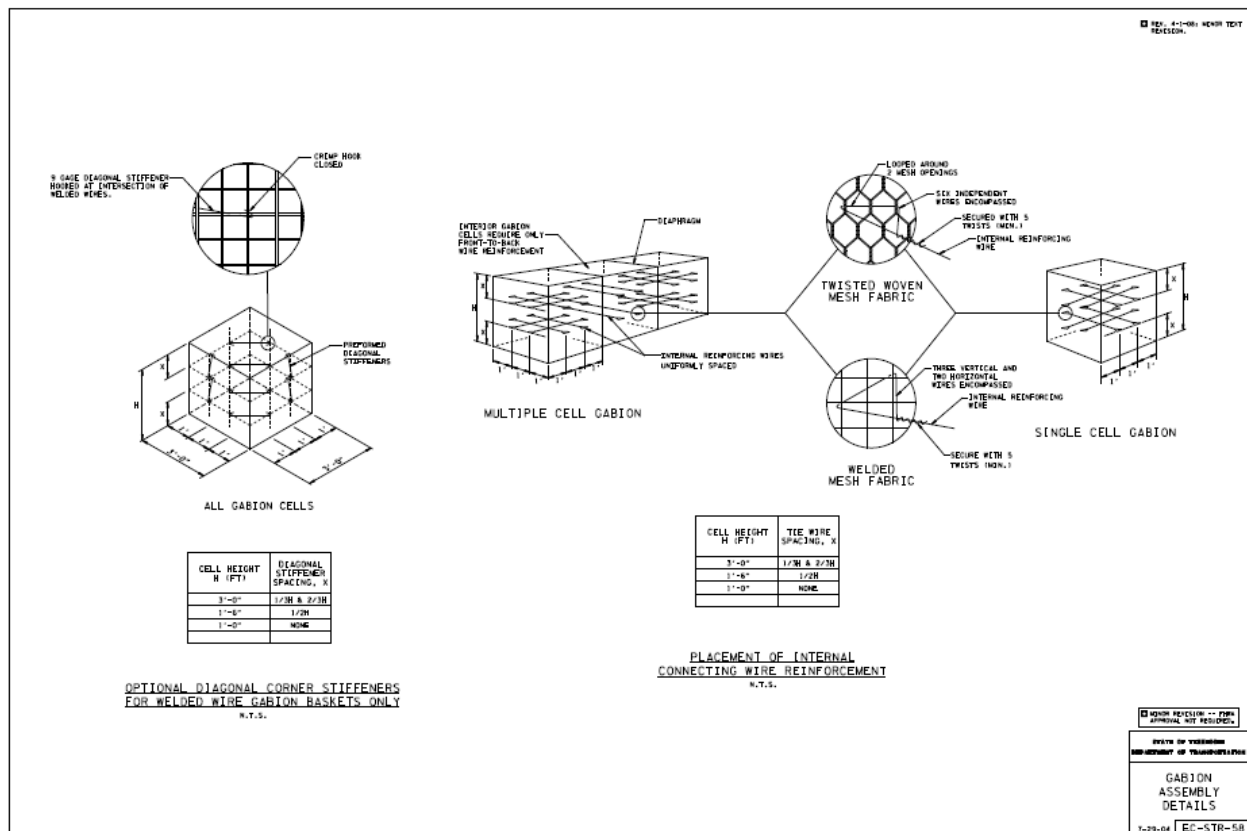
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