

DELAWARE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

EXCAVATION CS 12

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of the excavation required by the drawings and specifications and disposal of the excavated materials.

2. CLASSIFICATION

Excavation will be classified as common excavation or rock excavation in accordance with the following definitions or will be designated as unclassified.

Common excavation shall be defined as the excavation of all materials that can be excavated, transported, and unloaded by the use of heavy ripping equipment and wheel tractor – scrapers with pusher tractors or that can be excavated and dumped into place or loaded onto hauling equipment by means of excavators having a rated capacity of one cubic yard and equipped with attachments (such as shovel, bucket, backhoe, dragline or clam shell) appropriate to the character of the materials and the site conditions.

Rock excavation shall be defined as the excavation of all hard, compacted or cemented materials the accomplishment of which requires blasting or the use of excavators larger than defined for common excavation. The excavation and removal of isolated boulders or rock fragments larger than one cubic yard in volume encountered in materials otherwise conforming to the definition of common excavation shall be classified as rock excavation.

Excavation will be classified according to the above definitions by the technician, based on his judgement of the character of the materials and the site conditions.

The presence of isolated boulders or rock fragments larger than one cubic yard in size will not in itself be sufficient cause to change the classification of the surrounding material.

For the purpose of this classification, the following definitions shall apply:

Heavy ripping equipment shall be defined as a rear-mounted heavy duty, single-tooth, ripping attachment on a tractor having a power rating of 200-300 net horsepower (at the flywheel).

Wheel tractor-scraper shall be defined as a self-loading (not elevating) and unloading scraper having a struck bowl capacity of 12-20 yards.

Pusher tractor shall be defined as a track type tractor having a power rating of 200-300 net horsepower (at the flywheel) equipped with appropriate attachments.

3. UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION

Items designated as "Unclassified Excavation" shall include all materials encountered regardless of their nature or the manner in which they are removed. When excavation is unclassified, none of the definitions or classifications stated in Section 2 of this specification shall apply.

4. BLASTING

The transportation, handling, storage, and use of dynamite and other explosives shall be directed and supervised by a person of proven experience and ability in blasting operations.

Blasting shall be done in such a way as to prevent damage to the work or unnecessary fracturing of the foundation.

5. USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

To the extent they are needed, all suitable materials from the specified excavations shall be used in the construction of required permanent earthfill or rockfill. The suitability of materials for specific purposes will be determined by the technician.

6. DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS

All surplus or unsuitable excavated materials will be designated as waste and shall be disposed of at the locations shown on the drawings or as directed by the technician.

7. BRACING AND SHORING

Excavated surfaces too steep to be safe and stable if unsupported shall be supported as necessary to safeguard the work and workmen, to prevent

sliding or settling of the adjacent ground, and to avoid damaging existing improvements. Trenches over 5 feet deep in which workmen will enter shall be shored, laid back to a stable slope or otherwise stabilized to prevent moving ground or cave in.

The width of the excavation shall be increased if necessary to provide space for sheeting, bracing, shoring, and other supporting installations. The contractor shall furnish, place and subsequently remove such supporting installations.

8. STRUCTURE AND TRENCH EXCAVATION

Structure or trench excavation shall be completed to the specified elevations and to sufficient length and width to include allowance for forms, bracing and supports, as necessary, before any concrete or earthfill is placed or any piles are driven within the limits of the excavation.

9. BORROW EXCAVATION

When the quantities of suitable materials obtained from specified excavations are insufficient to construct the specified fills, additional materials shall be obtained from the designated borrow areas. The extent and depth of borrow pits within the limits of the designated borrow areas shall be as directed by the technician.

Borrow pits shall be excavated and finally dressed in a manner to eliminate steep or unstable side slopes or other hazardous or unsightly conditions.

10. OVEREXCAVATION

Excavation in rock beyond the specified lines and grades shall be corrected by filling the resulting voids with portland cement concrete made of materials and mix proportions approved by the technician. Concrete that will be exposed to the atmosphere when construction is completed shall contain not less than 6 sacks of cement per cubic yard of concrete. Concrete that will be permanently covered shall contain not less than 4-1/2 sacks of cement per cubic yard. The concrete shall be placed and cured as specified by the technician.

Excavation in earth beyond the specified lines and grades shall be corrected by filling the resulting voids with approved compacted earthfill, except that, if the earth is to become the subgrade for riprap, rockfill, sand, or gravel bedding, or drainfill, the voids may be filled with material conforming to the specifications for the riprap, rockfill, bedding or drainfill.

