

DELAWARE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

24. ACCESS ROAD CS 24

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of constructing access roads including road ditches as required by the drawings and specifications.

2. MATERIALS

All fill materials shall be obtained from required excavations and designated borrow areas. The selection, blending, routing and disposition of materials in the various fills shall be subject to approval by the NRCS technician.

Fill materials shall contain no sod, brush, roots or other perishable materials. Rock particles larger than the maximum size specified for each type of fill shall be removed prior to compaction of the fill.

The types of materials used in the various fills shall be as listed and described on drawings.

3. FOUNDATION PREPARATION

Foundations for earthfill shall be stripped to remove vegetation and other unsuitable materials or shall be excavated as specified.

Except as otherwise specified, earth foundation surfaces shall be graded to remove surface irregularities and shall be scarified parallel to the axis of the fill or otherwise acceptably scored and loosened to a minimum depth of 2 inches. The moisture content of the loosened material shall be controlled as specified for the earthfill, and the surface materials of the foundation shall be compacted and bonded with the first layer of earthfill as specified for subsequent layers of earthfill.

4. PLACEMENT

Fill shall not be placed until the required excavation and foundation preparation have been completed and the foundation has been inspected and approved by the NRCS Technician. Fill shall not be placed upon a frozen surface, nor shall snow, ice, or frozen material be incorporated in the fill.

Fill shall be placed in approximately horizontal layers. The thickness of each layer before compaction shall not exceed the maximum thickness specified. Materials placed by dumping in piles or windrows shall be spread uniformly to not more than the specified thickness before being compacted. Hand compacted fill, including fill compacted by manually directed power tampers, shall be placed in layers whose thickness before compaction does not exceed the maximum thickness specified for layers of fill compacted by manually directed power tampers.

Adjacent to structures, fill shall be placed in a manner which will prevent damage to the structures and will allow the structures to assume the loads from the fill gradually and uniformly. The height of the fill adjacent to a structure shall be increased at approximately the same rate on all sides of the structure.

5. **CONTROL OF MOISTURE CONTENT**

During placement and compaction of fill, the moisture content of the materials being placed shall be maintained within the limits required to: (a) prevent bulking or dilatance of the material under the action of the hauling or compaction equipment; (b) prevent the adherence of the fill material to the treads and tracks of the equipment; and (c) insure the crushing and blending of the soil clods and aggregations into a reasonably homogeneous mass.

The application of water to the fill materials shall be accomplished at the borrow areas insofar as practicable. Water may be applied by sprinkling the materials after placement on the fill, if necessary. Uniform moisture distribution shall be obtained by discing, blading or other approved methods prior to compaction of the layer.

Material that is too wet when deposited on the fill shall either be removed or be dried to the specified moisture content prior to compaction.

If the top surface of the preceding layer of compacted fill or a foundation or abutment surface in the zone of contact with the fill becomes too dry to permit suitable bond it shall be scarified and moistened by sprinkling to an acceptable moisture content prior to placement of the next layer of fill.

6. **COMPACTION**

Each layer of fill shall be compacted by the specified number of passes of the type and weight of roller or other equipment specified, or by an approved equivalent method. Each pass shall consist of at least one passage of the roller wheel or drum over the entire surface of the layer.

Fill adjacent to structures shall be compacted to a density equivalent of that of the surrounding fill by means of hand tamping if permitted by the NRCS technician, or manually directed power tampers or plate vibrators. Heavy equipment shall not be operated within 2 feet of any structure. Vibrating rollers shall not be operated within 5 feet of any structure. Compaction by means of drop weights operating from a crane hoist will not be permitted.

7. **REMOVAL AND PLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE FILL**

Fill placed at moisture contents outside the specified acceptable range of moisture content or otherwise not conforming to the requirements of the specifications shall be reworked to meet the requirements or removed and replaced by acceptable fill. The replacement fill and the foundation, abutment and fill surfaces upon which it is placed shall conform to all requirements of this specification for foundation preparation, approval, placement, moisture control and compaction.

8. **TESTING**

During the course of the work, the NRCS Technician will perform such tests as are required to identify materials, to determine compaction characteristics, to determine moisture content, and to determine density of fill in place. These tests performed by the NRCS Technician will be used to verify that the fills conform to the requirements of the specifications. Such tests are not intended to provide the Contractor with the information required by him for the proper execution of the work and their performance shall not relieve the Contractor of the necessity to perform tests for that purpose.