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Regarding Utility Relocation Notes to Be Added to the Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) Plans

Effective immediately, for **all projects which require utility relocations as part of the contract** the following ten notes shall be added to the Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (EPSC) Plans.

(1) Rain water which collects in the utility trench shall be pumped into a temporary dewatering structure or sediment filter bag and maintained.

(2) Silt fence shall be installed on the downstream side of stockpiled soil. Trenching across wet weather conveyances shall be done during no flow conditions and stabilized by the end of the work day.

(3) Utility crossings for perennial streams shall be constructed in accordance with TDOT standards and no work shall be conducted in flowing waters. Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) regulations apply to utilities in this project in regard to erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC). The state contractor shall comply with all requirements of the storm water pollution prevention plans (SWPPP).

(4) It is the responsibility of the state utility contractor installer to protect from erosion exposed earth resulting from their operations and to provide for containment of sediment that may result from their work. Prior to beginning work, adequate measures must be in place to trap any sediment that may travel off-site in the event of rain. During the progression of their work, exposed earth areas shall be stabilized as soon as possible to prevent erosion. At no time shall exposed earth resulting from their operations have unprotected access to flowing off-site and entering waters of the State/U.S.

(5) For the installation of buried utilities (pipes and cables), **trenches shall be backfilled daily** as construction proceeds. Backfilled trenches shall be seeded and mulched or sodded daily if possible, but no later than seven days after being backfilled. Any temporary spoil of excavated earth shall be located within TDOT erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC) measures or receive separate EPSC measures. If trenches are not backfilled overnight, appropriate EPSC measures will be installed by the state utility contractor until such time as the trench is backfilled.

(6) In regard to erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC), Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) regulations apply to the state utility contractors in this project, therefore, the state contractor shall comply with all requirements of the storm water pollutions prevention plans (SWPPP). The state contractor is responsible for EPSC measures related to utility construction included in the state contract work.

(7) Trenches formed for the installation of buried utilities may cause storm water runoff to concentrate at the trench line. Additional erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC) measures may be required to be installed as approved by the TDOT Project Engineer.

(8) For the installation of underground utilities outside of the TDOT right-of-way, temporary erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC) shall be installed prior to clearing (trenching and associated blasting) in those areas necessary to prevent sediment from leaving the construction area. These EPSC measures shall remain until the backfilled trench is stabilized with final vegetative cover.

(9) The utility contractor shall restore all affected wet weather conveyances to the existing topographic conditions (as approved by the TDOT project engineer).

(10) The utility contractor will provide appropriate erosion prevention and sediment control (EPSC) measures removed to facilitate the installation of utilities. Replacement of EPSC measures will be coordinated with the TDOT Project Engineer before commencing work.

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