

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

MI-164. LOOSE ROCK RIPRAP

1. **SCOPE**

The work shall consist of the construction of loose rock riprap revetments and blankets, including filter layers or bedding where specified.

2. **MATERIALS**

Rock for loose rock riprap, filter layers or bedding shall come from sources approved by the NRCS inspector. The rock shall be excavated, selected and handled as necessary to meet the quality and grading requirements of this specification and the construction drawings.

Individual rock fragments shall be dense, sound and free from cracks, seams and other defects conducive to accelerated weathering. The rock fragments shall be angular to subrounded in shape. The least dimension of an individual rock fragment shall be not less than 1/3 the greatest dimension of the fragment unless otherwise specified on the construction drawings.

3. **SUBGRADE PREPARATION**

The subgrade surfaces on which the riprap or bedding course is to be placed shall be cut or filled and graded to the lines and grades shown on the drawings. When fill to subgrade lines is required, it shall consist of approved materials and shall be compacted to a density equal to the adjacent existing soil material.

Rock materials shall not be placed until the foundation preparation is completed and the subgrade surfaces have been inspected and approved by the NRCS inspector.

4. **EQUIPMENT-PLACED ROCK RIPRAP**

The rock shall be placed by equipment on the surfaces and to the depths specified. The riprap shall be constructed to the full course thickness in one operation and in such a manner as to avoid serious displacement of the underlying materials. The rock shall be delivered and placed in a manner that will insure that the riprap in place shall be reasonably homogeneous with the larger rocks uniformly distributed and firmly in contact, one to another with the smaller rocks and spalls filling the voids between the larger rocks.

Riprap shall be placed in a manner to prevent damage to structures. Hand placing will be required to the extent necessary to prevent damage to the permanent works.

5. **HAND-PLACED RIPRAP**

The rock shall be placed by hand on the surfaces and to the depths specified. It shall be securely bedded with the larger rocks firmly in contact, one to another. Spaces between the larger rocks shall be filled with smaller rocks and spalls. Smaller rocks shall not be grouped as a substitute for larger rock. Flat slab rock shall be laid on edge unless otherwise specified.

6. **FILTER LAYERS OR BEDDING**

When the drawings specify filter layers or bedding beneath riprap, the filter or bedding material shall be spread uniformly on the prepared subgrade surfaces to the depth specified. Compaction of filter layers or bedding will not be required, but the surface of such layers shall be finished reasonably free of mounds, dips or windrows.