

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

NV-21. EXCAVATION

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of the excavation of all materials necessary for the construction of the work.

2. USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

To the extent that they are needed, all suitable materials removed from the specified excavations shall be used in the construction of the required earthfill. The suitability of materials for specific purposes will be determined by the Technician. The Contractor shall not waste or otherwise dispose of suitable excavated materials.

3. 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 approved by the Technician. Waste materials shall not be placed in wetlands.

Material placed in designated waste disposal areas shall be left in a neat and slightly condition and sloped to provide positive drainage. Compaction of the waste materials will not be required unless specified by the construction plans.

Waste material excavated from channels may be deposited in leveled spoilbanks or areas adjacent to the channel work (if permissible). The shape and slopes of the spoilbanks shall be indicated on the drawings or as approved by the Technician. Spoil piles shall be located a minimum of 12 feet from the top of the channel side slope.

Spoil piles or disposal areas shall be protected to minimize site erosion and the production of sediment. Protective measures may include but are not limited to diversions, seeding, mulching, sediment basins, and silt fences.

4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STRUCTURE AND TRENCH EXCAVATION

The required dimensions and side slopes of all structure and trench excavations shall be as shown on the drawings.

Excavation for the installation of pipes shall follow the practices contained in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Subpart P, Excavation, of 29 CFR 1926.650, .651 and .652.

Side slopes shall be excavated or braced to safeguard the work and workers. When bracing or supporting is required, the width of the excavation shall be adjusted to allow for the space occupied by the sheeting, bracing, or other supporting installations. The Contractor shall furnish, place, and subsequently remove such supporting installations.

5. REMOVAL OF WATER

The Contractor shall construct and maintain all necessary cofferdams, channels, flumes, pumping equipment, and/or other temporary diversion and protective work for dewatering the various parts of the work. Foundations, cutoff trenches, and other parts of the work shall be maintained free from water as required for constructing each part of the work. After having served their purpose, all cofferdams and other temporary protective works shall be removed, or leveled to give a sightly appearance and so as not to interfere in any way with the operation, usefulness, or stability of the permanent structure.

6. BORROW EXCAVATION

When the quantities of suitable materials obtained from specified excavations are insufficient to construct the specified fill portions of the permanent works, additional materials shall be obtained from the designated borrow areas.

When shown on the drawings, sediment basins, terraces, diversions, or other measures shall be constructed to protect the borrow areas from erosion and retain sediment within the borrow area.

The upper six (6) inches shall be stripped from all borrow areas. This stripping shall be performed immediately prior to use of the borrow material to reduce the time the area is exposed to erosion. For large borrow areas, only a portion of the area should be stripped at a time. This material shall be redistributed over the area from which it came after borrow excavation is completed.

The extent of excavation and the selection of materials from the borrow area shall be as directed by the Technician. On completion of excavation, all borrow pits shall be left in a neat and sightly condition. All borrow areas shall be graded and dressed so that water will readily drain.

7. OVEREXCAVATION OF STRUCTURE SUBGRADE

Excavation beyond the limits of the specified lines and grades shall be corrected by filling the resulting voids with approved compacted materials.