### DESCRIPTION

A silt fence consists of geotextile fabric supported by wire mesh netting or other backing stretched between either wooden or metal posts with the lower edge of the fabric securely embedded six-inches in the soil. The fence is typically located downstream of disturbed areas to intercept runoff in the form of sheet flow. A silt fence provides both filtration and time for sediment settling by reducing the velocity of the runoff.

### PRIMARY USE

Silt fence is normally used as perimeter control located downstream of disturbed areas. It is only feasible for non-concentrated, sheet flow conditions. If it becomes necessary to place a silt fence where concentrated flows may be experienced (e.g. where two silt fences join at an angle, or across minor channels or gullies), it will be necessary to reinforce the silt fence at that area by a rock berm or sand bag berm, or other structural measures that will support the silt fence.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Silt fence is an economical means to treat overland, non-concentrated flows for all types of projects. Silt fences are used as perimeter control devices for both site developers and linear (roadway) type projects. They are most effective with coarse to silty soil types. Due to the potential of clogging and limited effectiveness, silt fences should be used with caution in areas that have predominantly clay soil types. In this latter instance a soils engineer or soil scientist should confirm the suitability of silt fence for that application

### **DESIGN CRITERIA**

- Fences are to be constructed along a line of constant elevation (along a contour line) where possible.
- ☐ Maximum drainage area shall be 0.25 acre per 100 linear feet of silt fence. Maximum flow to any 20 foot section of silt fence shall be 1 CFS.
- Maximum distance of flow to silt fence shall be 200 feet or less. If the slope exceeds 10 percent the flow distance shall be less than 50 feet.
- Maximum slope adjacent to the fence shall be 2:1.
- If 50% or less soil, by weight, passes the U.S. Standard sieve No. 200; select the apparent opening size (A.O.S.) to retain 85% of the soil.
- If 85% or more of soil by weight, passes the U.S. Standard sieve No. 200, silt fences shall not be used unless the soil mass is evaluated and deemed suitable by a soil scientist or geotechnical engineer concerning the erodiblity of the soil mass, dispersive characteristics, and the potential grain-size characteristics of the material that is likely to be eroded.

**Applications** 

Perimeter Control Slope Protection Sediment Trapping

Channel Protection Temporary Stabilization

Permanent Stabilization Waste Management

## **Targeted Constituents**

Housekeeping Practices

- Sediment
- Nutrients Toxic Materials
- O Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials Other Construction

Wastes

### Implementation Requirements

- Capital Costs
- Maintenance
- Suitability for Slopes >
- Legend
- Significant Impact
- Medium Impact Low Impact
- Unknown or
- Questionable Impact

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Organic Filter Berm ORGANIC FILTER BERM DESCRIPTION Organic filter berms are linear berms constructed of a mix of compost and

mulch and placed on a contour to control runoff and filter sediment. The organic filter berm provides both filtration and time for sediment settling by reducing the velocity of the runoff. Organic filter berms are very well suited to sites with small disturbed drainage areas that are not subjected to concentrated flows and that will ultimately be

seeded, sodded, or landscaped. APPLICATIONS Properly designed, the organic filter berm is economical due to the ease of emplacement and because it can be tilled into the soil at the end of project,

limiting the cost of removal and adding to the organic content of the soil. The berms are used as perimeter control devices for both development sites and | • Maintenance linear (roadway) type projects. They are most effective with coarse to silty soil

**DESIGN CRITERIA** ☐ Filter berms are to be constructed along a line of constant elevation (along a contour line) where possible

☐ Maximum drainage area shall be 0.25 acre per 100 linear feet of filter berm. Maximum flow to any 20 foot section of filter berm shall be 1 CFS. Maximum distance of flow to berm shall be 200 feet or less. If the slope exceeds 10 percent the flow distance shall be less than 50 feet. Maximum slope adjacent to the filter berm shall be 2:1. Trapezoidal shaped berms should be 1-1/2 to 3 feet high with a top width of

☐ Windrow (triangular) shaped berms should be 1 to 2 feet high and 2 to 4 Organic filter berms shall be constructed of a mixture of 50% compost and 50% wood mulch. The compost shall meet the Physical Requirements specified in Table 1 of TxDOT Special Specification 1058, Compost, which can be found in Appendix F. Mulch shall be untreated wood chips less than or equal to 5 inches in length with 95% passing a 2-inch screen and less than 30% passing a 1-inch screen.

2 to 3 feet and a base of 3 to 5 feet wide.

Organic filter berms may be seeded with a seed loading of 1 lb. per 10 linear feet for small berms (1ft. by 2 ft.) or 2.25 lbs per 10 linear ft. for larger berms (1.5 ft. by 3 ft.)

Other Construction Implementation Capital Costs Training Suitability for Slopes Significant Impact Medium Impact Low Impact Questionable Impact Fe=0.75

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## Silt Fence

- ☐ Stone overflow structures or other outlet control devices shall be installed at all low points along the fence or spaced at approximately 600 feet if there is no apparent low point.
- ☐ Filter stone for overflow structure shall be 1-1/2" washed stone containing no fines. Angular shaped
- stone is preferable to rounded shapes. ☐ Silt fence fabric must meet the following minimum criteria:
- O Tensile Strength, ASTM D4632 Test Method for Grab Breaking Load and Elongation of Geotextiles,
- O Puncture Rating, ASTM D4833 Test Method for Index Puncture Resistance of Geotextiles,
- Geomembranes, and Related Products, 60-lbs. O Mullen Burst Rating, ASTM D3786 Standard Test Method for Hydraulic Bursting Strength of Textile
- Fabrics-Diaphragm Bursting Strength Tester Method, 280-psi. Apparent Opening Size, ASTM D4751 Test Method for Determining Apparent Opening Size of a
- Geotextile, U.S. Sieve No. 70 (max) to No. 100 (min)
- Fence posts shall be galvanized steel and may be T-section or L-section, 1.3 pounds per linear foot minimum, and 4 feet in length minimum. Wood Posts may be used depending on anticipated length of service and provided they are 4 feet in length minimum and have a nominal cross section of 2 inches by
- 4 inches for pine or 2 inches by 2 inches for hardwoods. ☐ Silt fence shall be supported by galvanized steel wire fence fabric as follows:
- O 4" x 4" mesh size, W1.4 /1.4, minimum 14-gauge wire fence fabric;

O Ultraviolet Resistance, ASTM D4355, Minimum 70 percent.

- O Hog wire, 12 gauge wire, small openings installed at bottom of silt fence; O Standard 2" x 2" chain link fence fabric; or
- O Other welded or woven steel fabrics consisting of equal or smaller spacing as that listed herein and
- appropriate gauge wire to provide support. A 6-inch wide trench is to be cut 6 inches deep at the toe of the fence to allow the fabric to be laid below the surface and backfilled with compacted earth or gravel to prevent bypass of runoff under the fence. Fabric shall overlap at abutting ends a minimum of 3 feet and shall be joined such that no leakage or
- Sufficient room for the operation of sediment removal equipment shall be provided between the silt fence and other obstructions in order to properly maintain the fence.
- The ends of the fence shall be turned upstream to prevent bypass of storm water.

Minor ponding will likely occur at the upstream side of the silt fence, which could result in minor localized flooding. Silt fences are not intended for use as check dams in swales or low areas subject to concentrated flow. Silt fences shall not be used where soil conditions prevent a minimum toe-in depth of 6 inches or installation of support posts to a depth of 12 inches.

Silt fence can interfere with construction operations; therefore planning of access routes onto the site is critical. Silt fence can fail structurally under heavy storm flows, creating maintenance problems and reducing the effectiveness of the system.

### MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Silt fence should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit, Appendix A) for buildup of excess sediment, undercutting, sags, and other failures. Sediment should be removed when it reaches approximately one-half the height of the fence. In addition, determine the source of excess sediment and implement appropriate BMPs to control the erosion. If the fabric becomes damaged or clogged, it should be repaired or replaced as necessary.

### SPECIFICATION

Specifications for construction of this item may be found in the Standard Specifications for Public Works

Construction - North Central Texas Council of Governments, Section 201.5 Silt Fence.

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# Organic Filter Berm

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Minor ponding will likely occur at the upstream side of the organic filter berm that could result in minor

localized flooding

Berms should not be constructed in swales or low areas since they will be subject to concentrated flow and may be overtopped resulting in failure of the filter berm.

Berms can interfere with construction operations; therefore planning of access routes onto the site is critical. Typically excess material is stockpiled on site for repairs to berms disturbed by construction activity.

## MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Filter berms should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit, Appendix A) for buildup of excess sediment, undercutting, and other failures. Silt must be removed when it reaches ½ the height of the berm. Silt may be raked from the disturbed side of the device to clean side the berm for the first few times that it becomes clogged to prevent ponding. Repeated clogging of the berm at one location will require replacement of the organic filter material or may require installation or another BMP to prevent failure of the berm.

Dimensions of the berm must be maintained by replacing organic filter material when necessary.

There shall be no signs of erosion, breeching or runoff around or under the berm.

SPECIFICATION

No specification for construction of this item is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction - North Central Texas Council of Governments.

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