4.0 Material and Waste Controls

4.1 Chemical Management

Material and Waste Control

Description: Chemical management addresses the potential for stormwater to be polluted with chemical materials and wastes that are used or stored on a construction site. The objective of chemical management is to minimize the potential of stormwater contamination by construction chemicals through appropriate recognition, handling, storage, and disposal practices.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Designate a person responsible for chemical management
- Minimize the amount of chemicals and waste stored onsite
- Provide secondary containment that's 110 percent of the largest container in the containment
- Label all containers
- Prohibit the discharge of washout water
- Train workers in proper procedures
- Provide timely removal of waste materials

LIMITATIONS:

- Not intended to address site-assessment and pre-existing contamination
- Does not address demolition activities and potential pre-existing materials, such as lead and asbestos
- Does not address contaminated soils
- Does not address spill and leak response procedures
- Does not address chemicals associated with vehicle and equipment management

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Check for proper storage and evidence of leaks and spills
- Make sure all containers are labeled
- Check waste containers and dispose of the waste when 90 percent full
- Verify procedures are being followed
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ● Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control

Slope Protection

Sediment Barrier

Channel Protection

Temporary Stabilization

Final Stabilization

Waste Management

Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *TCEQ regulations for hazardous waste*

4.1.1 Primary Use

These management practices, along with applicable OSHA, EPA, and TCEQ requirements, are implemented at construction sites to prevent chemicals, hazardous materials, and their wastes from becoming stormwater pollutants.

4.1.2 Applications

Chemical management is applicable on all construction sites where chemicals and hazardous materials are stored or used and could result in pollutants being discharged with stormwater. Many chemicals, such as paints, grease, concrete curing compounds, and pesticide are present at most construction sites. Chemical management is most effective when used in conjunction with controls in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.

Management of vehicle and equipment maintenance chemicals is applicable to all construction activities. These chemicals are the most common ones on construction sites; plus, there are specific stormwater permit requirements for vehicle and equipment maintenance. For these reasons, the management of chemicals associated with vehicles and equipment are found in *Section 4.10 Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance*.

Chemical management techniques are based on proper recognition, handling, and disposal practices by construction workers and supervisors. Key elements are education and modification of workers' behavior and provisions for safe storage and disposal. Cooperation and vigilance is required on the part of supervisors and workers to ensure that the procedures are followed.

The following list (not all inclusive) gives examples of targeted chemicals:

- Paints
- Solvents
- Stains
- Wood preservatives
- Cutting oils
- Greases
- Roofing tar
- Pesticides, herbicides, & fertilizers
- Concrete curing compound

It is not the intent of chemical management to supersede or replace normal site assessment and remediation procedures. Significant spills and/or contamination warrant immediate response by trained professionals. Chemical management shall be applied in combination with criteria in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.

4.1.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall require controls for all chemicals, hazardous materials, and their wastes that are potentially exposed to precipitation or stormwater runoff.
- Show the location of chemical and hazardous waste storage and secondary containment on the drawings, or require the contractor to add this information.
- The contractor should be required to designate a site superintendent, foreman, safety officer, or other senior person who is onsite daily to be responsible for implementing chemical management.
- Specify use of the least hazardous chemical to perform a task when alternatives are available. To the extent possible, do not use chemicals that are classified as hazardous materials or that will generate

a hazardous waste. A hazardous material is any compound, mixture, solution, or substance containing a chemical listed on the EPA's *Consolidated List of Chemicals Subject to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act* (EPA 550-B-01-003, October 2001), available at:

http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/pubs/title3.pdf

Chemical and Hazardous Material Storage

- As much as possible, minimize the exposure of building materials, building products, landscape materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, and other materials to precipitation and stormwater runoff.
- Chemicals and hazardous materials shall be stored in their original, manufacturers' containers, inside a shelter that prevents contact with rainfall and runoff.
- The amount of chemicals and hazardous materials stored onsite shall be minimized and limited to the materials necessary for the current phase of construction.
- Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDSs) shall be available for all chemicals used or stored onsite.
- Chemical and hazardous materials shall be stored a minimum of 50 feet away from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels, and other waters, if the site configuration provides sufficient space to do so. In no case shall material and waste sources be closer than 20 feet from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels, and other waters.
- Use secondary containment controls for all hazardous materials. Containment shall be a minimum size of 110 percent of the largest chemical container stored within the containment.
- If an earthen pit or berm is used for secondary containment, it shall be lined with plastic or other material that is compatible with the chemical being stored.
- Chemical and hazardous material storage shall be in accordance with Federal and State of Texas regulations and with the municipality's fire codes.
- Storage locations shall have appropriate placards for emergency responders.
- Containers shall be kept closed except when materials are added or removed.
- Chemicals shall be dispensed using drip pans or within a lined, bermed area or using other spill/overflow protection measures.

Washout Procedures

- Many chemicals (e.g. stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds) used during construction may require washing of applicators or containers after use. The discharge of this wash water is prohibited.
- Wash water shall be collected in containers, labeled, and classified for correct waste disposal.
- A licensed waste hauler shall be used for wash water.

Chemical and Hazardous Waste Handling

- Ensure that adequate waste storage volume is available.
- Ensure that waste collection containers are conveniently located and compatible with the waste chemicals.
- Waste containers shall have lids and be emptied or hauled for disposal when they are 90 percent full or more frequently.
- Segregate potentially hazardous waste from non-hazardous construction waste and debris.

- Do not mix different chemical wastes. First, dangerous reactions may result. Second, all of the waste will be classified as the most hazardous waste in the container and will increase disposal costs.
- Clearly label all chemical and hazardous waste containers to identify which wastes are to be placed in each container.
- Based on information in the Material Safety Data Sheet, ensure that proper spill containment material is available onsite and maintained near the storage area.
- Do not allow potentially hazardous waste to be stored on the site for more than 90 days.
- Enforce hazardous waste handling and disposal procedures.

Disposal Procedures

- Regularly schedule waste removal to minimize onsite storage.
- Use only licensed waste haulers.
- For special and hazardous wastes, use licensed hazardous waste transporter that can classify, manifest and transport the special or hazardous wastes for disposal.
- Where possible, send wastes such as used oil to a recycler instead of a disposal facility.
- No chemical waste shall be buried, burned or otherwise disposed of onsite.

Education

- Instruct workers on safe chemical storage and disposal procedures.
- Instruct workers in identification of chemical pollutants and proper methods to contain them during storage and use.
- Educate workers of potential dangers to humans and the environment from chemical pollutants.
- Educate all workers on chemical storage and disposal procedures.
- Have regular meetings to discuss and reinforce identification, handling and disposal procedures (incorporate in regular safety seminars).
- Establish a program to train new employees.

Quality Control

- Designated personnel shall monitor onsite chemical storage, use, and disposal procedures.
- Educate and if necessary, discipline workers who violate procedures.
- Retain trip reports and manifests that document the recycling or disposal location for all chemical, special, and hazardous wastes that all hauled from the site.

4.1.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

National guidance for response procedures are established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Specific sections addressing spills are governed by:

- 40 CFR Part 261 Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste.
- 40 CFR Part 262 Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste.
- 40 CFR Part 263 Standards Applicable to Transporters of Hazardous Waste.
- 49 CFR Parts 171-178 of the Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations.

Guidance for storing, labeling, and managing hazardous waste in the State of Texas are established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in the Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 335, Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste.

No specification for chemical management measures is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.1.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Chemical management measures should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit) for proper storage and evidence of leaks or spills. Check that all chemicals, hazardous materials, and wastes are properly stored and labeled. If not stored properly, take corrective action, and reinforce procedures through re-education of employees.

If leaks or spills have occurred, check that proper clean up and reporting procedures have been followed. If procedures have not been followed, take corrective action. Check that all employees have been trained in spill and leak procedures as detailed in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedure*.

4.2 Concrete Sawcutting Waste Management

Waste Control

Description: Sawcutting of concrete pavement is a routine practice used to control shrinkage cracking immediately following placement of plastic concrete. It is also used to remove curb sections and pavement sections for pavement repairs, utility trenches, and driveways. Sawcutting for joints involves sawing a narrow, shallow grove in the concrete, while sawcutting for removals is usually done full depth through the slab. Water is used to control saw blade temperature and to flush the detritus from the sawed groove. The objective of concrete sawcutting waste management is to prevent the resulting slurry of process water and fine particles with its high pH from becoming a water pollutant.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Prohibit discharge of untreated slurry
- Educate employees on proper procedures
- Continuously vacuum slurry and cuttings during sawcutting operation
- Block inlets to prevent discharges
- Establish an onsite containment area (minimum 1 ft freeboard) if immediate disposal of the vacuumed slurry is not feasible
- Water evaporation and concrete recycling are the recommended disposal methods when slurry is not vacuumed

LIMITATIONS:

- Only one part of concrete waste management
- Does not address concrete demolition waste

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Check for uncollected slurry after all sawcutting operations
- Inspect collection areas and repair containment as needed
- Dispose of sediment and cuttings when collection area volume is reduced by 50 percent
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ○ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *Coordinate with concrete waste management*

4.2.1 Primary Use

Pavement sawcutting is performed on almost all construction projects that include removal or installation of pavement. Properly managing the slurry and cuttings from sawcutting prevents them from affecting surface and ground water resources.

4.2.2 Applications

Concrete sawcutting waste management is applicable on construction activities where sawcutting is part of the work, regardless of the size of the total area disturbed. It is also applicable on repair and maintenance projects that may not be required to implement erosion and sediment controls.

Concrete sawcutting waste management is based on the proper collection and disposal of the slurry and cuttings. Employee education is critical to ensuring correct procedures are followed.

4.2.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall include proper concrete sawcutting waste management procedures.
- The contractor should be required to designate the site superintendent, foreman, or other person who is responsible for concrete sawcutting to also be responsible for concrete sawcutting waste management.

Slurry Collection

- During sawcutting operations, the slurry and cuttings shall be continuously vacuumed or otherwise recovered and not be allowed to discharge from the site.
- If the pavement to be cut is near a storm drain inlet, the inlet shall be blocked by sandbags or equivalent temporary measures to prevent the slurry from entering the inlet. Remove the sandbags immediately after completing sawcutting operations, so they do not cause drainage problems during storm events.
- The slurry and cuttings shall not be allowed to remain on the pavement to dry out.

Slurry Disposal

- Develop pre-determined, safe slurry disposal areas.
- Collected slurry and cuttings should be immediately hauled from the site for disposal at a waste facility. If this is not possible, the slurry and cuttings shall be discharged into onsite containment.
- The onsite containment may be an excavated or bermed pit lined with plastic that is a minimum of 10 millimeters thick. Refer to *Section 4.3 Concrete Waste Management* for additional design criteria and an example schematic. If the project includes placement of new concrete, slurry from sawcutting may be disposed of in facilities designated for the washout of concrete trucks instead constructing a separate containment.
- The containment shall be located a minimum of 50 feet away from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels, and other waters, if the site configuration provides sufficient space to do so. In no case shall the collection area be closer than 20 feet from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels and other waters.
- Several, portable, pre-fabricated, concrete washout, collection basins are commercially available and are an acceptable alternative to an onsite containment pit.
- Remove waste concrete when the containment is half full. Always maintain a minimum of one foot freeboard.

- Onsite evaporation of slurry water and recycling of the concrete waste is the preferred disposal method. When this is not feasible, discharge from the collection area shall only be allowed if a passive treatment system is used to remove the fines. Criteria are in *Section 3.7 Passive Treatment System*. Mechanical mixing is required in the collection area. The pH must be tested, and discharge is allowed only if the pH does not exceed 8.0. The pH may be lowered by adding sulfuric acid to the slurry water. Dewatering of the collection area after treatment shall follow the criteria in *Section 3.3 Dewatering Controls*.
- Care shall be exercised when treating the slurry water for discharge. Monitoring must be implemented to verify that discharges from the collection area do not violate groundwater or surface water quality standards.
- Geotextile fabrics such as those used for silt fence should not be used to control sawcutting waste, since the grain size is significantly smaller than the apparent opening size of the fabric.
- Use waste and recycling haulers and facilities approved by the local municipality.

Education

- Supervisors must be made aware of the potential environmental consequences of improperly handling sawcutting slurry and waste.
- Train all workers performing sawcutting operations on the proper slurry and cuttings collection and disposal procedures.

4.2.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for concrete sawcutting waste management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.2.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Concrete sawcutting waste management measures should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). Project personnel should inspect the operations to assure that operators are diligent in controlling the water produced by the sawcutting activities. Pavement should be inspected each day after operations to ensure that waste removal has been adequately performed. Residual waste should be cleaned. Reinforce proper procedures with workers.

Inspect the collection area for signs of unauthorized discharges. Repair containment area as needed. Remove sediment and fines when the collection area volume is reduced by 50 percent.

4.3 Concrete Waste Management

Waste Control

Description: Concrete waste at construction sites comes in two forms: 1) excess fresh concrete mix, including residual mix washed from trucks and equipment, and 2) concrete dust and concrete debris resulting from demolition. Both forms have the potential to impact water quality through stormwater runoff contact with the waste. The objective of concrete waste management is to dispose of these wastes in a manner that protects surface and ground water.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Prohibit the discharge of untreated concrete washout water
- Prohibit dumping waste concrete anywhere except at pre-determined, regulated, recycling or disposal sites
- Provide a washout containment with a minimum of 6 cubic feet of containment volume for every 10 cubic yards of concrete placed
- Minimum 1 foot freeboard on containment
- Minimum 10 mil plastic lining of containment
- Washout water evaporation and concrete recycling are the recommended disposal methods
- Educate drivers and operators on proper disposal and equipment cleaning procedures

LIMITATIONS:

- Does not address concrete sawcutting waste

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Check for and repair any damage to washout containment areas
- Clean up any overflow of washout pits
- Regularly remove and properly dispose of concrete waste

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *None*

4.3.1 Primary Use

Concrete waste management is used to prevent the discharge of concrete wash water and waste into stormwater runoff. A number of water quality parameters can be affected by the introduction of concrete, especially fresh concrete. Concrete affects the pH of runoff, causing significant chemical changes in water bodies and harming aquatic life. Suspended solids in the form of both cement and aggregated dust are also generated from both fresh and demolished concrete waste.

4.3.2 Applications

Concrete waste management is applicable to all construction sites where existing concrete is being demolished or new concrete is being placed, regardless of the size of the total area disturbed. It is also applicable on repair and maintenance projects that may not be required to implement erosion and sediment controls.

4.3.3 Design Criteria

- The discharge of washout water to an inlet, swale, or any portion of the storm drainage system or a natural drainage system (e.g. channel) shall be prohibited.
- Construction plan notes shall state that the discharge of concrete washout to anything except a designated containment area is prohibited.
- Show the location of the concrete washout containment on the drawings, or require the contractor to provide this information.
- The contractor should be required to designate the site superintendent, foreman, or other person who is responsible for concrete placement to also be responsible for concrete waste management.

Unacceptable Waste Concrete Disposal Practices

- Dumping in vacant areas on the job-site.
- Illicit dumping onto off-site lots or any other placed not permitted to receive construction demoliotion debris.
- Dumping into ditches, drainage facilities, or natural water ways.
- Using concrete waste as fill material or bank stabilization.

Recommended Disposal Procedures

- Identify pre-determined, regulated, facilities for disposal of solid concrete waste. Whenever possible, haul the concrete waste to a recycling facility. Disposal facilities must have a Class IV (or more stringent) municipal solid waste permit from the TCEQ.
- A concrete washout pit or other containment shall be installed a minimum of 50 feet away from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels, and other waters, if the site configuration provides sufficient space to do so. In no case shall concrete washout occur closer than 20 feet from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels and other waters.
- Provide a washout area with a minimum of 6 cubic feet of containment volume for every 10 cubic yards of concrete poured. Alternatively, the designer may provide calculations sizing the containment based on the number of concrete trucks and pumps to be washed out.
- The containment shall be lined with plastic (minimum 10 millimeters thick) or an equivalent measure to prevent seepage to groundwater.
- Mosquitoes do not typically breed in the high pH of concrete washout water. However, the concrete washout containment should be managed in a manner that prevents the collection of other water that could be a potential breeding habitat.

  - Do not excavate the washout area until the day before the start of concrete placement to minimize the potential for collecting stormwater.
  - Do not discharge any water or wastewater into the containment except for concrete washout to prevent dilution of the high pH environment that is hostile to mosquitoes.
  - Remove the waste concrete and grade the containment closed within a week of completing concrete placement. Do not leave it open to collect stormwater.
  - If water must be pumped from the containment, it shall be collected in a tank, neutralized to lower the pH, and then hauled to a treatment facility for disposal. Alternatively, it may be hauled to a batch plant that has an onsite collection facility for concrete washout water.
  - Do **not** pump water directly from the containment to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System or a natural drainage way without treating for removal of fine particles and neutralization of the pH.

- Multiple concrete washout areas may be needed for larger projects to allow for drying time and proper disposal of the washout water and waste concrete.
- Portable, pre-fabricated, concrete washout containers are commercially available and are an acceptable alternative to excavating a washout area.
- Evaporation of the washout water and recycling of the concrete waste is the preferred disposal method. After the water has evaporated from the washout containment, the remaining cuttings and fine sediment shall be hauled from the site to a concrete recycling facility or a solid waste disposal facility.
- Remove waste concrete when the washout containment is half full. Always maintain a minimum of one foot freeboard.
- Use waste and recycling haulers and facilities approved by the local municipality.
- When evaporation of the washout water is not feasible, discharge from the collection area shall only be allowed if a passive treatment system is used to remove the fines. Criteria are in *Section 3.7 Passive Treatment System*. Mechanical mixing is required within the containment for passive treatment to be effective. The pH must be tested, and discharge is allowed only if the pH does not exceed 8.0. The pH may be lowered by adding sulfuric acid to the water. Dewatering of the collection area after treatment shall follow the criteria in *Section 3.3 Dewatering Controls*.
- Care shall be exercised when treating the concrete washout water for discharge. Monitoring must be implemented to verify that discharges do not violate groundwater or surface water quality standards.
- On large projects that are using a nearby batch plant, a washout facility associated with the plant and under the plant's TPDES Multi-Sector General Permit may be used instead of installing an onsite containment area for truck washout.

Education

- Drivers and equipment operators should be instructed on proper disposal and equipment washing practices (see above).
- Supervisors must be made aware of the potential environmental consequences of improperly handled concrete waste.

Enforcement

- The construction site manager or foreman must ensure that employees and pre-mix companies follow proper procedures for concrete disposal and equipment washing.
- Employees violating disposal or equipment cleaning directives must be re-educated or disciplined if necessary.

Demolition Practices

- Monitor weather and wind direction to ensure concrete dust is not entering drainage structures and surface waters.
- Spray water on structures being demolished to wet them before start of demolition operations. Reapply water whenever dust is observed.
- Construct sediment traps or other types of sediment detention devices downstream of demolition activities to capture and treat runoff from demolition wetting operations.

4.3.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for concrete waste management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works – North Central Texas Council of Governemtns.

4.3.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

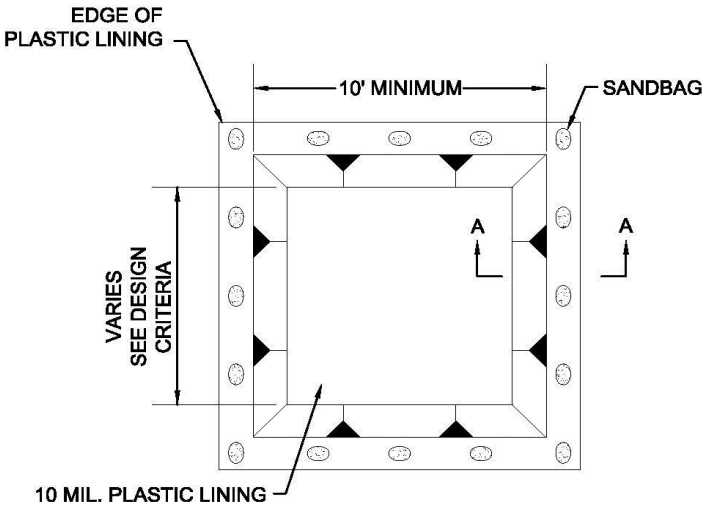
Concrete waste management controls should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit) for proper handling of concrete waste. Check concrete washout pits and make repairs as needed. Washout pits should not be allowed to overflow. Maintain a schedule to regularly remove concrete waste and prevent over-filling.

If illicit dumping of concrete is found, remove the waste and reinforce proper disposal methods through education of employees.

4.3.6 Example Schematics

The following schematics are example applications of the construction control. They are intended to assist in understanding the control's design and function.

The schematics are **not for construction**. They may serve as a starting point for creating a construction detail, but they must be site adapted by the designer. In addition, dimensions and notes appropriate for the application must be added by the designer.



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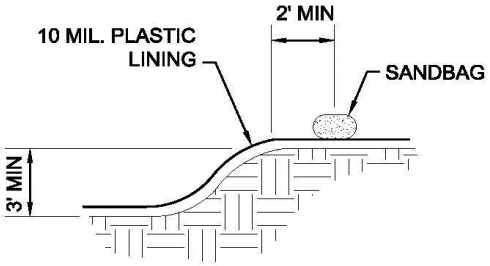

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NOTE: SANDBAGS MAY BE REPLACED BY A SOIL BERM TO ANCHOR THE PLASTIC LINING.

Figure 4.1 Schematics of Concrete Washout Containment

4.4 Debris and Trash Management

Waste Control

Description: Large volumes of debris and trash are often generated at construction sites, including packaging, pallets, wood waste, personal trash, scrap material, and a variety of other wastes. The objective of debris and trash management is to minimize the potential of stormwater contamination from solid waste through appropriate storage and disposal practices. Recycling of construction debris is encouraged to reduce the volume of material to be disposed of and associated costs of disposal.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Implement a job-site waste handling and disposal education and awareness program
- Provide sufficient and appropriate waste storage containers
- Provide timely removal of stored solid waste materials
- Train workers and monitor compliance

LIMITATIONS:

- Only addresses non-hazardous solid waste
- One part of a comprehensive construction site waste management program

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Empty waste containers regularly
- Clean up loose trash and debris daily
- Verify procedures are being followed
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ● Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control

Slope Protection

Sediment Barrier

Channel Protection

Temporary Stabilization

Final Stabilization

Waste Management

Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *None*

4.4.1 Primary Use

Debris and trash management is used to minimize floatables and other wastes in stormwater. By controlling the trash and debris onsite, stormwater quality is improved and the need for extensive clean up upon completion of the project is reduced.

4.4.2 Applications

Debris and trash management is applicable on all construction sites where workers are present. Even if the only construction activity is earthwork, workers will still have drink bottles, lunch bags, and other wastes that must be managed.

Solid waste management for construction sites is based on proper storage and disposal practices by construction workers and supervisors. Key elements of the program are education and modification of improper disposal habits. Cooperation and vigilance is required on the part of supervisors and workers to ensure that the procedures are followed.

The following are lists describing the type of targeted materials.

- Construction (and Demolition) Debris:
  - Dimensional lumber
  - Miscellaneous wood (pallets, plywood, etc)
  - Copper (pipe and electrical wiring)
  - Miscellaneous metal (studs, pipe, conduit, sheathing, nails, etc)
  - Insulation
  - Brick and mortar
  - Shingles
  - Roofing materials
  - Gypsum board
- Trash:
  - Paper and cardboard (packaging, containers, wrappers)
  - Plastic (packaging, bottles, containers)
  - Styrofoam (cups, packing, and forms)
  - Food and beverage containers
  - Food waste

4.4.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall include proper debris and trash management procedures.
- Show the location of waste storage containers on the drawings, or require the contractor to add this information.
- The contractor should be required to designate a site superintendent, foreman, safety officer, or other senior person who is onsite daily to be responsible for implementing debris and trash management.

Storage Procedures

- All waste sources and storage areas shall be located a minimum of 50 feet away from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels and other waters, if the site configuration provides sufficient space to do so.

In no case shall material and waste sources be closer than 20 feet from inlets, swales, drainage ways, channels, and other waters.

- Construction waste and trash shall be stored in a manner that minimizes its exposure to precipitation and stormwater runoff.
- Whenever possible, minimize production of debris and trash.
- Instruct construction workers in proper debris and trash storage and handling procedures.
- Segregate potentially hazardous waste from non-hazardous construction site debris. Hazardous waste shall be managed according to the criteria in *Section 4.1 Chemical Management*.
- Segregate recyclable or re-usable construction debris from other waste materials. A goal of re-using or recycling 50 percent of the construction debris and waste is recommended.
- Keep debris and trash under cover in either a closed dumpster or other enclosed trash container that limits contact with rain and runoff and prevents light materials from blowing out.
- Check the municipality's storage requirements. Some municipalities have specific requirements for the size and type of waste containers for construction sites.
- Do not allow trash containers to overflow. Do not allow waste materials to accumulate on the ground.
- Prohibit littering by workers and visitors.
- Police site daily for litter and debris.
- Enforce solid waste handling and storage procedures.

Disposal Procedures

- If feasible, recycle construction and demolition debris such as wood, metal, and concrete.
- Trash and debris shall be removed from the site at regular intervals that are scheduled to empty containers when they are 90 percent full or more frequently.
- General construction debris may be hauled to a licensed construction debris landfill (typically less expensive than a sanitary landfill).
- Use waste and recycling haulers/facilities approved by the local municipality.
- No waste, trash, or debris shall be buried, burned or otherwise disposed of onsite.
- Cleared trees and brush may be burned if authorized by the municipality and proper permits are obtained from the county and/or TCEQ. Chipping of trees and brush for use as mulch is the preferred alternative to burning or offsite disposal.

Education

- Educate all workers on solid waste storage and disposal procedures.
- Instruct workers in identification of solid waste and hazardous waste.
- Have regular meetings to discuss and reinforce disposal procedures (incorporate in regular safety seminars).
- Clearly mark on all debris and trash containers which materials are acceptable.

Quality Control

- Foreman and/or construction supervisor shall monitor onsite solid waste storage and disposal procedures.
- Check the site, particularly areas frequented by workers during lunch and breaks, for loose trash and debris and the end of each work day.

- Discipline workers who repeatedly violate procedures.

4.4.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for debris and trash management measures is found currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.4.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Debris and trash management measures should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). If waste containers are overflowing, call the waste hauler immediately for a pick-up. If loose trash and debris are found around the site, reinforce proper waste management procedures through education of workers.

Construction sites must maintain separate waste containers clearly marked for non-hazardous, hazardous and recyclable waste. Check solid waste containers for chemical, special, or hazardous wastes that are improperly placed in them. These wastes shall be removed and handled according to criteria in *Section 4.1 Chemical Management*.

The site should be checked for loose litter and debris at the end of each working day.

4.5 Hyper-Chlorinated Water Management

Waste Control

Description: Hyper-chlorinated water is routinely used to disinfect new waterlines and appurtenances. Chlorine protects humans from pathogens in water, but it is toxic to aquatic ecosystems. The objective of hyper-chlorinated water management is to discharge the water in a manner that protects surface water and related aquatic ecosystems.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Educate employees on proper procedures
- Discharge to sanitary sewer if the system operator approves
- Discharge water onsite for natural chlorine attenuation
- Use appropriate dosage for chemical de-chlorination based on chemical used and chlorine concentration
- Chlorine concentration must be less than 4 ppm before leaving the site
- Use velocity dissipation devices for discharges
- Always monitor receiving waters for negative effects

LIMITATIONS:

- Discharge to sanitary sewer limited by sewer capacity
- Discharges limited to areas without vegetation that is to be preserved
- Wet, cool, and overcast days limits chlorine attenuation and removal

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Monitor continuously during discharge
- Check for and repair any erosion caused by discharge
- Sample and test receiving water hourly for chlorine

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ○ Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ○ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *None*

4.5.1 Primary Use

Hyper-chlorinated water is used to disinfect new water lines.

4.5.2 Applications

Construction sites that install new water lines or repair or replace existing water lines should use hyper-chlorinated water management measures.

4.5.3 Design Criteria

- Drawing notes shall include procedures for the proper discharge of hyper-chlorinated water from waterline disinfection.
- The contractor should be required to designate the site superintendent, foreman, or other person who is responsible for water line disinfection to also be responsible for hyper-chlorinated water management.
- Educate employees about the environmental hazards of high chlorine concentrations and the proper procedures for handling hyper-chlorinated water.
- Hyper-chlorinated water shall not be discharged to the environment unless the chlorine concentration is reduced to 4 ppm or less by chemically treating to dechlorinate or by onsite retention until natural attenuation occurs.
- Water with a measurable chlorine concentration of less than 4 ppm is considered potable and an authorized discharge; however, large volumes of water with chlorine at this concentration can still be toxic to aquatic ecosystems. Do not discharge water that has been de-chlorinated to 4 ppm directly to surface water. It shall be discharged onto vegetation or through a conveyance system for further attenuation of the chlorine before it reaches surface water.
- Discharges of high flow rate and velocities shall be directed to velocity dissipation devices.

Discharge to Sanitary Sewers

- The preferred method of disposal for hyper-chlorinated water is discharge into a sanitary sewer system.
- Permission from the sanitary sewer operator **must** be obtained to discharge to the sanitary sewer.
- Limitations on discharges to the sanitary sewer are the capacity of the sanitary sewer and the availability of a sewer manhole near the construction site.
- The designer shall verify that the sanitary sewer is capable of receiving the flow rate that will result from dewatering the disinfected line within the required time.
- Consideration should be given to timing the discharge with the daily low flow period for the sanitary sewer system.

Onsite Discharge

- Hyper-chlorinated water may be applied to the construction site if it can be done without causing a discharge. The feasibility of this option is dependent on the volume of water, the size of the construction site, and the conditions of the site. Site application should not be done when the soil moisture content is high due to recent storm events.
- Chlorine can burn vegetation, so it should not be used to water vegetation that is being used for stabilization, vegetated filters or buffers, or other vegetation to be preserved.
- Hyper-chlorinated water may be discharged to an onsite retention area until natural attenuation occurs. The area may be a dry stormwater retention basin, or a portion of the site may be graded to form a temporary pit or bermed area.

- Natural attenuation of the chlorine may be aided by aeration. Air can be added to the water by directing the discharge over a rough surface (e.g. riprap) before it enters the temporary retention area or an aeration device (e.g. circulation pump) can be placed in the retention area.
- Onsite discharge may require several hours to a few days before the water is safe to discharge. The rate at which chlorine will attenuate is affected by soil conditions and weather conditions. Attenuation will occur quickest during warm, sunny, dry periods.
- If the hyper-chlorinated water is retained in a pit or basin, and then pumped to discharge, pumping shall follow the criteria in *Section 3.3 Dewatering Controls*.

Chemical Dechlorination

- If non-chemical means of dechlorination are not feasible, chemical methods may be used to neutralize the chlorine before discharging the hyper-chlorinated water.
- Vitamin C in the form of ascorbic acid or sodium ascorbate is the preferred dechlorination agent.
- Consider the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) rating when selecting a dechlorination chemical. The NFPA rating is given by a series of three numbers ranging from 0 to 4, with 0 being no risk and 4 the highest risk. The sequence of numbers rank the health hazard, flammability risk and reactivity risk of the chemical. A NFPA rating of 0,0,0 indicates no risk for all three categories.
- Ensure appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is specified for workers depending on the chemical being used to neutralize the chlorine.
- The chemicals listed in Table 4.1 may be used to neutralize chlorine.

Table 4.1 Chemical Dechlorination Agents and Approximate Dosages

Dechlorinating Agent	*Dosing Rate (parts Agent : parts Chlorine)*	*Advantages*	*Disadvantages*
Ascorbic Acid (form of Vitamin C)	2.5:1	• Not toxic to aquatic species • Quick reaction time • NFPA rating of 0,0,0	• May lower pH in receiving water
Sodium Ascorbate (form of Vitamin C)	2.8:1	• Does not affect pH • Not toxic to aquatic species • Quick reaction time • NFPA rating of 0,0,0	• Greater amount needed than Ascorbic Acid • More expensive
Sodium Thiosulfate	2:1 to 7:1 depending on pH	• Less expensive • Readily available • Long history of use (familiarity)	• Must calculate dosage based on pH • Skin, eye, nose and throat irritant • Consumes oxygen in water • May encourage bacterial growth in receiving streams
Calcium Thiosulfate	1:1 to 0.5:1 depending on pH	• Less expensive • Not toxic to aquatic species • NFPA rating of 0,0,0	• Must calculate dosage based on pH • Over-dosing produces suspended solids • Over-dosing may increase turbidity in receiving water • May encourage bacterial growth in receiving streams

- The designer shall confirm dosages with the chemical supplier before using the dechlorination agent.

- Chlorine and residual agent concentrations and the pH of the discharged water shall be monitored at least hourly using field tests.
- The treated water should be discharged onto pavement or into a dry conveyance system to allow aeration and reaction time before the dechlorinated water reaches the receiving water. The receiving water should be closely monitored for any signs of negative effects from the discharge.

4.5.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for hyper-chlorinated water management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.5.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Hyper-chlorinated water management measures should be monitored continuously while the hyper-chlorinated water is being discharged. Discharges to a sanitary sewer should be monitored for back-ups or overflows that indicate the discharge is exceeding the sewer's capacity. If these occur, the rate of discharge must be decreased or another discharge method is needed.

Onsite or chemically treated discharge should be monitored for chlorine and residual chemical concentrations. Verify that discharges are not causing erosion, and modify the discharge to use velocity dissipation devices if erosion is occurring. Repair any eroded areas. If water is being pumped from a temporary retention area, verify that appropriate dewatering controls are in place.

For all discharges, frequently inspect the receiving water for any evidence of negative effects. Sample and test the receiving water hourly for chlorine. Stop the discharge immediately if chlorine is detected and modify the discharge procedures before resuming.

4.6 Sandblasting Waste Management

Waste Control

Description: The objective of sandblasting waste management is to minimize the potential of stormwater quality degradation from sandblasting activities at construction sites. The key issues in this program are prudent handling and storage of sandblast media, dust suppression, and proper collection and disposal of spent media. It is not the intent of this control to outline all of the worker safety issues pertinent to this practice. Safety issues should be addressed by construction safety programs as well as local, state, and federal regulations.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Prohibit discharge of sandblasting waste
- Provide site specific fugitive dust control and containment equipment
- Educate employees on proper procedures
- Provide proper sandblast equipment for the job
- Ensure compliance by supervisors and workers

LIMITATIONS:

- Does not address hazardous materials that may be present in the waste
- Does not address spill and leak response procedures

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Contain and dispose of sandblast grit
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ● Capital Costs
- ● Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *OSHA requirements*
- *Special procedures for sandblasting operations on structures know to contain hazardous materials*
- *Possible site assessment or remediation required if hazardous materials present*

4.6.1 Primary Use

Sandblasting is typically used to clean a surface or prepare a surface for coatings. Since the sandblasting media consists of fine abrasive granules, it can be easily transported by running water. Sandblasting activities typically create a significant dust problem that must be contained and collected to prevent off-site migration of fines. Particular attention must be paid to sandblasting work on bridges, box culverts, and head walls that span or are immediately adjacent to streams and waterways.

4.6.2 Applications

This control should be implemented when sandblasting operations will occur on a construction site.

If a discharge of sandblasting waste occurs, it shall be considered a spill and handled according to the criteria in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.

4.6.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall include proper sandblasting waste management procedures.
- The contractor should be required to designate the site superintendent, foreman, or other person who is responsible for sandblasting to also be responsible for sandblasting waste management.
- Prohibit the discharge of sandblasting waste.

Operational Procedures

- Use only inert, non-degradable sandblast media.
- Use appropriate equipment for the job; do not over-blast.
- Wherever possible, blast in a downward direction.
- Install a windsock or other wind direction instrument.
- Cease blasting activities in high winds or if wind direction could transport grit to drainage facilities.
- Install dust shielding around sandblasting areas.
- Collect and dispose of all spent sandblast grit, use dust containment fabrics and dust collection hoppers and barrels.
- Non-hazardous sandblast grit may be disposed in permitted construction debris landfills or permitted sanitary landfills.
- If sandblast media cannot be fully contained, construct sediment traps downstream from blasting area where appropriate.
- Use sand fencing where appropriate in areas where blast media cannot be fully contained.
- If necessary, install misting equipment to remove sandblast grit from the air prevent runoff from misting operations from entering drainage systems.
- Use vacuum grit collection systems where possible.
- Keep records of sandblasting materials, procedures, and weather conditions on a daily basis.
- Take all reasonable precautions to ensure that sandblasting grit is contained and kept away from drainage structures.

Educational Issues

- Educate all onsite employees of potential dangers to humans and the environment from sandblast grit.

- Instruct all onsite employees of the potential hazardous nature of sandblast grit and the possible symptoms of over-exposure to sandblast grit.
- Instruct operators of sandblasting equipment on safety procedures and personal protection equipment.
- Instruct operators on proper procedures regarding storage, handling and containment of sandblast grit.
- Instruct operators and supervisors on current local, state and federal regulations regarding fugitive dust and hazardous waste from sandblast grit.
- Have weekly meetings with operators to discuss and reinforce proper operational procedures.
- Establish a continuing education program to indoctrinate new employees.

Materials Handling Recommendations

- Sandblast media should always be stored under cover away from drainage structures.
- Ensure that stored media or grit is not subject to transport by wind.
- Ensure that all sandblasting equipment and storage containers comply with current local, state and federal regulations.
- Refer to *Section 4.1 Chemical Management* if sandblast grit is known or suspected to contain hazardous components.
- Capture and treat runoff, which comes into contact with sandblasting material or waste.

Quality Assurance

- Foreman and/or construction supervisor should monitor all sandblasting activities and safety procedures.
- Educate and if necessary, discipline workers who violate procedures.
- Take all reasonable precautions to ensure that sandblast grit is not transported off-site or into drainage facilities.

4.6.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for sandblasting waste management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.6.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Sandblasting waste management measures should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). Verify that sandblasting grit is contained and disposed of properly. Check for downstream locations and the off-site perimeter for evidence of discharges or off-site transport by wind.

Check that daily records of sandblasting activities are current. Hold weekly meetings with operators to reinforce proper procedures. Regularly re-educate employees on potential dangers and hazards, safety procedures and proper handling.

4.7 Sanitary Waste Management

Waste Control

Description: The objective of sanitary waste management is to provide for collection and disposal of sanitary waste in a manner that minimizes the exposure to precipitation and stormwater. This is most often accomplished by providing portable facilities for construction site workers.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Provide sanitary facilities at the rate of one toilet per 10 workers for a 40-50 hour work week
- Locate portable toilets a minimum of 50 feet away from storm drain inlets, conveyance channels or surface waters
- If unable to meet the 50 foot requirement, locate portable toilets at least 20 feet away and provide secondary containment
- Show location of portable toilets on the drawings
- Have a plan to clean up spills

LIMITATIONS:

- Multiple facilities and/or facilities in several locations may be needed to adequately serve a construction site
- Facilities are subject to vandalism if not within a secured construction site

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Check for proper servicing, leaks and spills
- Service toilets at the frequency recommended by the supplier

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control

Slope Protection

Sediment Barrier

Channel Protection

Temporary Stabilization

Final Stabilization

Waste Management

Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ○ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ◒ Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *None*

4.7.1 Primary Use

Sanitary facilities are used to properly store and dispose of sanitary wastes that are generated onsite.

4.7.2 Applications

Sanitary facilities should be available to workers at all construction sites. If permanent facilities are not available, portable toilets are placed at the construction site.

4.7.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall include requirements for the contractor to provide an appropriate number of portable toilets based on the number of employees using the toilets and the hours they will work. The typical standard is one portable toilet per 10 workers for a 40-50 hour work week.
- The location of portable toilets shall be shown on the drawings.
- Sanitary facilities shall be placed a minimum of 50 feet away from storm drain inlets, conveyance channels or surface waters. If unable to meet the 50 foot requirement due to site configuration, portable toilets shall be a minimum of 20 feet away from storm drain inlets, conveyance channels or surface waters and secondary containment shall be provided in case of spills.
- The location of the portable toilets shall be accessible to maintenance trucks without damaging erosion and sediment controls or causing erosion or tracking problems.
- Sanitary facilities shall be fully enclosed and designed in a manner that minimizes the exposure of sanitary waste to precipitation and stormwater runoff.
- When high winds are expected, portable toilets shall be anchored or otherwise secured to prevent them from being blown over.
- The company that supplies and maintains the portable toilets shall be notified immediately if a toilet is tipped over or damaged in a way that results in a discharge. Discharged solid matter shall be vacuumed into the septic truck by the company that maintains the toilets. A solution of 10 parts water to 1 parts bleach shall be applied to all ground surfaces contaminated by liquids from the toilet.
- The operator of the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) shall be notified if a discharge from the portable toilets enters the MS4 or a natural channel.

4.7.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for sanitary facilities is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.7.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Sanitary facilities should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit) for proper servicing, leaks and spills. Portable toilets shall be regularly serviced at the frequency recommended by the supplier for the number of people using the facility.

4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures

Waste Control

Description: Spill and leak response procedures address the management of spills and leaks that may occur at the construction site. The objective of the spill and leak response procedures is to minimize the discharge of pollutants from unplanned releases of chemicals, fuel, motor vehicle fluids, hazardous materials or wastes through appropriate recognition and response procedures.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Develop procedures based on the Material Safety and Data Sheets for substances onsite
- Maintain spill kits for petroleum products and other chemicals frequently onsite
- Post emergency contact numbers
- Designate a spill response coordinator
- Train employees
- Review reporting requirements for onsite chemicals

LIMITATIONS:

- Procedures susceptible to being forgotten because they are seldom or never used
- Larger spills and spills of extremely hazardous materials require special equipment and should be handled by professionals
- Not applicable to long-term contamination remediation

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Review procedures regularly
- Verify spill kits, MSDSs, and emergency contacts are readily available
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ● Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *OSHA, EPA and TCEQ regulations*

4.8.1 Primary Use

Spill and leak procedures are used to minimize the impact of accidental releases on surface water. Pollutants that are of concern for spill and leaks include chemicals, hazardous materials, fuel, motor vehicle fluids, washout waters, and wastes. Spill and leak response is a secondary control. Proper procedures for managing these pollutants should be the primary control and are the best way to prevent the need for spill and leak response.

4.8.2 Applications

Spill and leak response procedures are applicable on all construction sites where chemicals, hazardous materials, fuels, etc. are stored or used. They are most important when the construction site is adjacent or near to a floodplain, wetland, stream, or other waters.

4.8.3 Design Criteria

General

- An effective spill and leak response depends on proper recognition and response practices by construction workers and supervisors. Key elements are education and training.
- Records of releases that exceed the Reportable Quantity (RQ) for oil and hazardous substances should be maintained in accordance with the Federal and State regulations.
- Emergency contact information and spill response procedures shall be posted in a readily available area for access by all employees and subcontractors.
- Spill containment kits should be maintained for petroleum products and other chemicals that are regularly onsite. Materials in kits should be based on containment guidelines in the Material Safety and Data Sheets (MSDSs) for the substance most frequently onsite.
- Spill kits are intended for response to small spills, typically less than 5 gallons, of substances that are not extremely hazardous.
- Significant spills or other releases warrant immediate response by trained professionals.
- Suspected job-site contamination should be immediately reported to regulatory authorities and protective actions taken.

Coordinator

- The contractor should be required to designate a site superintendent, foreman, safety officer, or other senior person who is onsite daily to be the Spill and Leak Response Coordinator.
- The coordinator must have knowledge of and be trained in correct spill and leak response procedures.
- The coordinator shall be responsible for implementing the spill and leak procedures and training all employees and sub-contractors on the site-specific spill and leak procedures. The training should include their responsibility to immediately notify the coordinator if a spill or leak occurs.

Spill Response

- Upon discovery of a spill, employees and subcontractors shall implement the following procedures:
    - Immediately stop work and clear the area by moving upwind of the spill.
    - Remove all ignition sources.
    - Notify the Spill and Leak Response Coordinator.
    - If there is an immediate danger to health or life, contact 911.

- The Spill and Leak Response Coordinator shall perform the following when the spill is not immediately dangerous to health and safety:
  - Consult the MSDS for safety and response procedures.
  - If it can be done safely, use onsite spill kits and soil to contain the spill.
  - Notify a hazardous response company to remove and properly dispose of the spilled material and the contaminated containment materials.

Spill Reporting

- The Spill and Leak Response Coordinator is responsible for notifying authorities of spills and leaks. Notification requirements are based on Reportable Quantities as established by the type or material, quantity and location (onto land or into water in the state) of the release.
- Reportable Quantities (RQ) in the State of Texas are established by the TCEQ in Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 327 (30 TAC 327) Spill Prevention and Control.
- The Texas RQ for petroleum products and used oil is 25 gallons released onto land or any amount that causes sheen on water.
- Reportable Quantities for all other substances are listed in 30 TAC 327.4, which references the EPA List of Lists (EPA 550-B-01-003) available at: http://www.epa.gov/ceppo/pubs/title3.pdf
- The Spill and Leak Response Coordinator shall notify the following:
  - The municipality that operates the local Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) if a spill or leak enters public rights-of-way or any type of drainage way or drainage infrastructure within the jurisdiction of the municipality.
  - State of Texas Spill Report Hotline at 1-800-832-8224 if the spill or leak exceeds the RQ; and during regular business hours, the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office at 817-588-5800.
  - National Spill Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 if the spill or leak exceeds the RQ.

4.8.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

National guidance for response procedures are established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Specific sections addressing spills are governed by:

- 40 CFR Part 68 Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions.
- 40 CFR Part 302 Designation, Reportable Quantities (RQ) and Notification.
- 40 CFR Part 355 Emergency Planning and Notification.

Guidance for emergency response procedures in the State of Texas are established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in the Texas Administrative Code Title 30, Chapter 327, Spill Prevention and Control.

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

4.8.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Spill and leak response measures should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). Verify that spill containment materials are available for small spills. Also verify that emergency contact information is posted. These phone numbers and Material Safety and Data Sheets should be in a location that is readily accessible to workers.

If procedures are lacking, reinforce requirements by re-training employees.

4.9 Subgrade Stabilization Management

Material Control

Description: Lime and other chemicals are used extensively in the North Central Texas region to stabilize pavement subgrades for roadways, parking lots, and other paved surfaces, and as a subgrade amendment for building pad sites. These chemicals are applied to the soil and mixed through disking and other techniques, and then allowed to cure. The objective of subgrade stabilization management is to reduce the potential for runoff to carry the chemicals offsite, where they may impact aquatic life in streams, ponds, and other water bodies.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Educate employees on proper procedures
- Include procedural controls in stabilization specifications
- Limit stabilization operations to that which can be thoroughly mixed and compacted by the end of each workday
- Prohibit vehicle traffic, other than water trucks and mixing equipment, from passing over the area being stabilized until mixing is completed
- Avoid applications when there is a significant probability of rain that will produce runoff
- Roughen areas adjacent and downstream of stabilized areas to intercept lime from runoff
- Provide secondary containment according to *Section 4.1 Chemical Management* for stabilizers stored onsite

LIMITATIONS:

- Prevention of contamination is only effective method
- Does not address spill response when discharge occurs

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect down slope perimeters and outfalls regularly during stabilization operations
- Immediately halt operations if a discharge is found and modify procedures to prevent future discharges

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ◒ Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ○ Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ○ Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control
Slope Protection
Sediment Barrier
Channel Protection
Temporary Stabilization
Final Stabilization
Waste Management
Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ○ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ◒ Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *Chemical management controls for onsite storage of stabilization chemicals*

4.9.1 Primary Use

This measure should be implemented when chemicals are required for soil stabilization. Lime is the most commonly used for stabilization and is considered a chemical. Other agents may also be used for subgrade stabilization depending on the soil and site conditions.

4.9.2 Applications

Chemical stabilization can be used under a variety of conditions. The engineer should determine the applicability of chemical stabilization based on site conditions such as available open space, quantity of area to be stabilized, proximity of nearby water courses and other measures employed at the site. The use of diversion dikes and interceptor swales (see appropriate sections) to divert runoff away from areas to be stabilized can be used in conjunction with these techniques to reduce the potential impact of discharges from chemical stabilization.

Management of stabilization chemicals is based on implementing procedures to prevent a discharge. If a discharge occurs, it shall be considered a spill and handled according to the criteria in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.

4.9.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes or stabilization shall include procedural controls to minimize the discharge of chemical stabilizers.
- The contractor shall limit the amount of stabilizing agent onsite to that which can be thoroughly mixed and compacted by the end of each workday.
- Stabilizers shall be applied at rates that result in no runoff.
- Stabilization shall not occur immediately before and during rainfall events.
- No traffic other than water trucks and mixing equipment shall be allowed to pass over the area being stabilized until after completion of mixing the chemical.
- Areas adjacent and downstream of stabilized areas shall be roughened to intercept chemical runoff and reduce runoff velocity.
- Geotextile fabrics such as those used for silt fence should not be used to treat chemical runoff, because the chemicals are dissolved in the water and won't be affected by a barrier and the suspended solids are significantly smaller than the apparent opening size of the fabric.
- For areas in which phasing of chemical staibilization is impractical, a curing seal (such as Liquid Asphalt, Grace MC-250, or MC-800) applied at a rate of 0.15 gallons per square yard of surface can be used to protect the base.
- Use of sediment basins with a significant (>36 hour) drawdown time is encouraged to capture any accidental lime or chemical overflows when large areas are being stabilized (*Section 3.9 Sediment Basin*).
- Provide containment around chemical storage, loading and dispensing areas.
- If soil stabilizers are stored onsite, they shall be considered hazardous material and shall be managed according to the criteria in *Section 4.1 Chemical Management* to capture any accidental lime or chemical overflow.

4.9.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for subgrade stabilization management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.9.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Subgrade stabilization operation should be observed frequently as the operations proceed for evidence of discharges. Inspect the down slope perimeter and all outfalls for evidence of discharges. Pay particularly attention to the outfall of drainage pipes connected to inlets within the area being stabilized. If a discharge is found, immediately halt stabilization operations until additional controls can be implemented.

4.9.6 Example Schematic

The following schematic is an example application of the construction control. It is intended to assist in understanding the control's design and function.

The schematic is **not for construction**. It may serve as a starting point for creating a construction detail, but it must be site adapted by the designer. In addition, dimensions and notes appropriate for the application must be added by the designer.

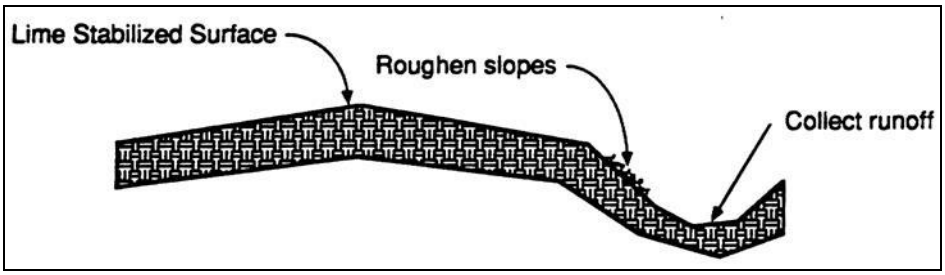

Figure 4.2 Schematic of Controls for Subgrade Stabilization

4.10 Vehicle and Equipment Management

Material and Waste Control

Description: Vehicle and equipment management addresses the practices associated with proper use and maintenance of vehicles and equipment at construction sites. The objective is to minimize the discharge of pollutants from vehicle and equipment operation, fueling, maintenance, and washing.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- Prohibit the discharge of maintenance fluids and wash water with soap
- If feasible, prohibit onsite vehicle washing
- If feasible, prohibit onsite maintenance except fueling
- Provide secondary containment that's 110 percent of the largest container in the containment
- Use spill/overflow devices for fueling
- Never leave a fueling operation unattended
- Label all waste containers
- Train workers in proper procedures

LIMITATIONS:

- Cost of maintenance, repairs, and spill prevention equipment
- One part of a comprehensive construction site waste management program
- Does not address spill and leak response procedures

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Inspect regularly
- Check for signs of leaks and spills and take corrective actions
- Place drip pans under leaking vehicles and equipment when parked
- Verify procedures are being followed
- Train new employees and regularly re-train all employees

TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- ○ Sediment
- ● Nutrients & Toxic Materials
- ● Oil & Grease
- ○ Floatable Materials
- ● Other Construction Wastes

APPLICATIONS

Perimeter Control

Slope Protection

Sediment Barrier

Channel Protection

Temporary Stabilization

Final Stabilization

Waste Management

Housekeeping Practices

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

- ◒ Capital Costs
- ◒ Maintenance
- ● Training
- ○ Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Other Considerations:

- *None*

4.10.1 Primary Use

Vehicle and equipment management is used to minimize the pollutants that enter stormwater from fueling and maintenance activities.

4.10.2 Applications

Vehicle and equipment management is applicable on every construction site. The management controls are most effective when used in conjunction with controls in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.

The management techniques are based on proper recognition and handling of pollutant sources related to vehicles and equipment. Key elements are education, established procedures, and provisions for safe storage and disposal of wastes. The following list (not all inclusive) gives examples of the targeted materials:

- Fuels
- Lube Oils
- Antifreeze
- Solvents
- Wash water

4.10.3 Design Criteria

- Construction plan notes shall state that the discharge of fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance is prohibited.
- Construction plan notes shall state that the discharge of soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing is prohibited.
- On the construction plans, show the location of fuel tanks, motor vehicle fluids storage, and waste storage, including secondary containment, or require the contractor to provide this information.
- Provide secondary containment for fuel, new and waste oil, and other maintenance fluids that are stored onsite. Secondary containment shall have a minimum volume of 110 percent of the largest container within the containment.
- Criteria for the response to spills of motor vehicle fluids are in *Section 4.8 Spill and Leak Response Procedures*.
- The contractor should be required to designate a site superintendent, foreman, safety officer, or other senior person, who is on the site daily, to be responsible for implementing vehicle and equipment management.

Vehicle Washing

- Minimize the potential for the discharge of pollutants from equipment and vehicle washing by prohibiting these activities onsite, if practical. Vehicles and equipment should be transported to a commercial vehicle wash facility with appropriate discharge controls.
- Designate a wash area if vehicle and equipment washing must be done onsite. Require all washing to be done at this location. The area shall be graded so that all wash water flows to a sediment basin or other sediment control that provides equivalent or better treatment.
- Do not use soap for vehicle and equipment washing. Sediment controls will not remove soap from the wash water.

- Vehicle and equipment wash water may contain oils, greases, and heavy metals. Treatment to remove these pollutants is needed in addition to sediment trapping. Any wash water that has sheen on it must be considered polluted and cannot be discharged from the site without appropriate treatment. State or local discharge permits may be required.

Maintenance

- If possible, prohibit onsite maintenance except for fueling. Otherwise, limit onsite maintenance to routine preventive maintenance.
- Maintenance fluids should be stored in appropriate containers (closed drums or similar) and under cover.
- The ground under vehicles and equipment parked onsite should be inspected for drips and leaks before each use. Drip pans should be placed under parked vehicles and equipment that leak or drip.
- Vehicles and equipment that leak or drip should be removed from the site for repair as soon as possible.
- Vehicles and equipment that become inoperative should be removed from the site for repairs.

Fueling

- Check the municipality's requirements for fuel tanks. Some municipalities have specific requirements for the type of tank and secondary containment. At a minimum, local fire codes apply.
- Fuel should be dispensed using a drip pan or other spill/overflow device or within containment berms or other secondary containment.
- If the containment control is an earthen pit or berm, the containment shall be lined with plastic.
- If an automatic pump is used for fueling, it should be equipped with an overfill protection device.
- Workers performing fueling operations shall be trained in the correct procedures for fueling and spill response.
- Workers performing fueling operations shall be present and observe the fueling at all times. Fueling shall not be left unattended.
- A spill containment kit shall be maintained within 25 feet of the fueling area.

Waste Handling and Disposal

- Ensure that adequate waste storage volume is available.
- All waste containers shall be clearly labeled.
- Handling and disposal of waste from vehicle and equipment maintenance should be according to the criteria in *Section 4.1 Chemical Management*.

Education

- Instruct workers on procedures for washing, maintaining, and fueling vehicles and equipment.
- Instruct workers in identification of pollutants associated with vehicles and equipment.
- Have regular meetings to discuss and reinforce procedures (incorporate into regular safety briefings).
- Establish a continuing education program to train new employees.

4.10.4 Design Guidance and Specifications

No specification for vehicle and equipment management is currently available in the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas Council of Governments.

4.10.5 Inspection and Maintenance Requirements

Vehicle and equipment management controls should be inspected regularly (at least as often as required by the TPDES Construction General Permit). Verify that washing, fueling, storage, and disposal procedures are being followed. Correct workers where needed.

Fueling and maintenance fluid storage areas should be checked for signs of leakage or spills. If evidence is found, corrective actions should be implemented. Reinforce proper procedures through re-education of employees. Inspect areas where vehicles and equipment are parked for signs of leaks. Use drip pans where needed.