**<u>SILT FENCE</u>** A silt fence is a barrier consisting of geotextile fabric supported by metal posts to prevent soil and sediment loss from a site. When properly used, silt fences can be highly effective at controlling sediment from disturbed areas. They cause runoff to pond, allowing heavier solids to settle out. If not properly installed, silt fences are not likely to be effective.

The purpose of a silt fence is to intercept and detain water-born sediment from unprotected areas of a limited extent. Silt fence is used during the period of construction near the perimeter of a disturbed area to intercept sediment while allowing water to percolate through. This fence should remain in place until the disturbed area is permanently stabilized. Silt fence should not be used where there is a concentration of water in a channel or drainage way. If concentrated flow occurs after installation, corrective action must be taken such as placing a rock berm in the areas of concentrated flow.

Silt fencing within the site may be temporarily moved during the day to allow construction activity provided it is replaced and properly anchored to the ground at the end of the day. Silt fences on the perimeter of the site or around drainage ways should not be moved at any time.



## **ISOMETRIC PLAN VIEW** N.T.S.

Schematic of a Silt Fence Installation (NCTCOG, 1993b)

# SILT FENCE



## GENERAL NOTES.

- Detail above illustrates minimum dimensions. Pit can be
- increased in size depending on expected frequency of use. • Washout pit shall be located in an area easily accessible to
- construction traffic.
- Washout pit shall not be located in areas subject to inundation from storm water runoff.
- Locate washout area at least 50 feet from sensitive features, storm drains, open ditches, or water bodies.
- Temporary concrete washout facility should be constructed with sufficient quantity and volume to contain all liquid and concrete waste generated by washout operations.

## MATERIALS

- Plastic lining material should be a minimum of 10 mil in polyethylene sheeting and should be free of holes, tears, or other defects that compromise the impermeability of the material.
- MAINTENANCE: • When temporary concrete washout facilities are no
- longer required for the work, the hardened concrete should be removed and disposed of.
- Materials used to construct temporary concrete washout facilities should be removed from the site of the work and disposed of.
- Holes, depressions or other ground disturbance caused by the removal of the temporary concrete washout facilities should be backfilled and repaired.

**CONCRETE TRUCK WASHOUT PIT** 

(1) Silt fence material should be polypropylene, polyethylene, or polyamide woven or nonwoven fabric. The fabric should be 36 inches, with a minimum unit weight of 4.5 oz/yd, mullen burst strength exceeding 190 lb/in2, ultraviolet stability exceeding 70%, and minimum apparent opening size of U.S. sieve No.30 (2) Fence posts should be made of hot rolled steel, at least 4 feet long with tee or Y-bar cross section, surface painted or galvanized, minimum weight 1.25 lb/ft, and brindell

(3) Woven wire backing to support the fabric should be galvanized 2" x 4" welded wire, 12 gauge minimum

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COMMON TROUBLE POINTS

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concentrate and flow over the fence.

(1) Steel posts, which support the silt fence, should be installed on a slight angle toward the anticipated runoff source. Posts must be embedded a minimum of 1-foot deep and spaced not more than 8 feet on center. Where water concentrates, the maximum spacing should be 6 feet. (2) Lay out fencing down-slope of disturbed area, following the contour as closely as possible. The fence should be sited

so that the maximum drainage area is 1/4 acre/100 feet of (3) The toe of the silt fence should be trenched in with a spade or mechanical trencher, so that the down-slope face of the trench is flat and perpendicular to the line of flow. Where fence cannot be trenched in (e.g., pavement or rock outcrop), weight fabric flap with 3 inches of pea gravel on

uphill side to prevent flow from seeping under fence. (4) The trench must be a minimum of 6 inches deep and 6 inches wide to allow for the silt fence fabric to be laid in the ground and backfilled with compacted material. (5) Silt fence should be securely fastened to each steel support post or to woven wire, which is in turn attached to

the steel fence post. There should be a 3-foot overlap, securely fastened where ends of fabric meet. (6) Silt fence should be removed when the site is completely stabilized so as not to block or impede storm flow or

(1) Fence not installed along the contour causing water to

(2) Fabric not seated securely to ground (runoff passing under

(3) Fence not installed perpendicular to flow line (runoff (4) Fence treating too large an area, or excessive channel

flow (runoff overtops or collapses fence). INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES, (1) Inspect all fencing weekly, and after rainfall.

(2) Remove sediment when buildup reaches 6 inches. (3) Replace torn fabric or install a second line of fencing

(4) Replace or repair sections crushed or collapsed in the course of construction activity. If a section of fence is obstructing vehicular access, consider relocating it to a spot where it will provide equal protection, but will not obstruct vehicles. A triangular filter dike may be preferable to a silt fence at common vehicle access points.

(5) When construction is complete, the sediment should be disposed of in a manner that will not cause additional siltation and the prior location of the silt fence should be revegetated. The fence itself should be disposed of in an

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(5) Place geotextile fabric and grade foundation to improve stability, especially where wet conditions are anticipated. (6) Place stone to dimensions and grade shown on plans. Leave surface smooth and slope for drainage.

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of exit roadway, whichever is greater.

(7) Divert all surface runoff and drainage from the stone pad to a sediment trap or basin.

(8) Install pipe under pad as needed to maintain proper public road drainage.

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**CONSTRUCTION STAGING AREA** 

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