

5140000 PLASTIC FILTER FABRIC (GEOTEXTILE)  
COMMENTS FROM INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments: (9-21-15)

No real comments but I wonder if there will be arguments about “incidental”.  
“will be included in the Contract price for the items to which it is incidental.”

Response: Section 514 is referenced from Section 530 Revetment Systems, formerly titled Riprap. The filter fabric is included in the materials required for completing the revetment system. Any other uses would need to be defined in the specification.  
No change made.

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Comments: (10-2-15)

I think the verbiage could use some work. While I am not opposed to lumping more items into less pay items, how is a contractor to know what or what it may be considered incidental to? Without reference in the spec to an index or other document, the interpretation is very wide open. Instead of trying to list all those possible scenarios and overcomplicating it, why not just leave it as is. If there is a pay item you get paid, if there is not and it is shown, you better include it or you are out of luck.

Response: The filter fabric is referenced from Section 530. Since all work and materials for riprap or other revetment system are included in the 530 pay item, there was always a question of why the separate payment was sometimes included/not included for the required fabric.  
No change made.

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Comments: (10-29-15)

Under the Description Section and the Material Section the term used to describe the material is “plastic filter fabric”, but under Construction methods the term “fabric” is generally used. I recommend in the first instance where the material is discussed in 514-3.1 that we show that “fabric” is equivalent to “plastic filter fabric”. The sentence could read “Place the plastic filter fabric (fabric) in a manner...”.

Response: Agree; changes pending- Section 530 refers to Type D-2 Geotextile fabric. Section 985 also uses the term Geotextile. I’ll check with Drainage to determine if Section 514 should be

updated to use the term Geotextile, or if we could accomplish the above name/reference clarification.  
Change made.

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