

Specification Section 120

Subarticle 120-1

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Blanket Material is an outdated term/requirement and is no longer used. Section 125 has been changed to only reference drainage structures and pipe, it no longer references any other structure types. Backfill and compaction for other structures is either found in the respective specification sections or in Section 455.

INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

(Please note all comments and responses are verbatim as received. The Specifications Office does not alter typos or grammar.)

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COMMENT: Please clarify the intended limits of subsoil excavation for proposed ponds. Section 120-2.3 defines subsoil excavation as unsuitable material excavated below the "existing surface," while Section 120-1.1 defines the existing surface as the preconstruction ground condition. However, the specification also references replacement material required to raise the elevation to the "bottom of the template," which creates uncertainty regarding the applicable excavation limits for pond construction. Specifically, please clarify whether unsuitable material encountered beneath a proposed pond is measured as subsoil excavation from the existing ground surface downward, or only below a plan-defined template or pond bottom elevation. Additional clarification regarding the relationship between the existing surface, template elevation, and subsoil excavation limits for proposed ponds would improve consistency in interpretation and measurement.

RESPONSE: Pond excavation is classified as Regular Excavation in accordance with FDM 216.4.1. The reference to "blanket material" is a legacy permitting term that is no longer applicable or required. The requested clarification regarding the use of "existing surface" and "template elevation" has been addressed through the updated definition provided in 120-1.1. The term "roadway template" is obsolete and no longer used.

ACTION TAKEN: None