BMP: Hydromulching



DESCRIPTION:

A combination of wood fiber mulch, processed grass, or hay or straw mulch and a tacking agent. It is made into a slurry, then applied to bare slopes or other bare areas to provide temporary stabilization.

APPLICATIONS:

- Small roadside slopes.
- Large, relatively flat areas.

INSTALLATION/APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Legume seeds should be pellet inoculated with the appropriate bacteria.
- ► The seed should not remain in the hydromulcher tank for more than 30 minutes.
- Wood fiber may be dyed to aid in uniform application.
- Slurry should be uniformly applied until an adequate coverage is achieved.
- The applicator should not be directed at one location for a long period of time; erosion will occur.

LIMITATIONS:

- Will lose effectiveness after 1 year.
- Can use only on physically stable slopes (at natural angle of repose, or less).

MAINTENANCE:

- Periodically inspect for damage caused by wind, water, or human disturbance.
- Promptly repair damaged areas.

OBJECTIVES

- □ Housekeeping Practices
- □ Contain Waste
- ☐ Minimize Disturbed Areas
- Stabilize Disturbed Areas
- ☑ Protect Slopes/Channels☐ Control Site Perimeter
- □ Control Internal Erosion



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TARGETED POLLUTANTS

- Sediment
- □ Nutrients
- □ Toxic Materials
- □ Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials
- □ Other Waste
- High Impact
- ☑ Medium Impact
- \square Low or Unknown Impact

IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- □ Capital Costs
- □ O&M Costs
- □ Maintenance
- □ Training
- High 🛛 Medium
- □ Low