

Standard Notes

Development and Engineering Services
Required for all TRCA Permit Applications and
Project Compliance Reviews
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All notes related to erosion and sediment controls should meet the standards set forth in the [Erosion and Sediment Control Guide for Urban Construction](#).

For simple projects, the notes should be included on each applicable drawing. For more complex projects, the notes should be submitted as one page of the contract drawings and then referenced, by number, on each applicable drawing. The following wording is generally accepted by TRCA. It is recognized that project specific modifications to these notes may be required.

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Section 1: Site Management	
1	Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) measures will be implemented prior to and maintained during the construction phases. All damaged ESC measures should be repaired and/or replaced within 48 hours of the inspection.
2	Disturbed areas will be minimized to the extent possible, and temporarily or permanently stabilized or restored as the work progresses.
3	All in-water and near-water works will be conducted in the dry with appropriate ESCs in good working order.
4	The ESC strategies outlined on the plans are not static and may need to be upgraded/amended as site conditions change to minimize sediment laden runoff from leaving the work areas. If the prescribed measures on the plans are not effective, alternative measures must be implemented immediately to minimize impacts. A TRCA Enforcement Officer should be immediately contacted. Additional ESC measures to be kept on site and used, as necessary.
5	An Environmental Monitor will attend the site to inspect all new controls immediately after installation. Inspection of ESC measures will occur, at minimum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On a weekly basis;• Prior to significant rainfall events (minimum predicted 25mm over 24 hours);• After every rainfall/snowmelt event; and• Daily during extended rainfall periods. Inspections will focus on measures related to ESCs, dewatering or unwatering, or restoration in- or near- water works and provide advice to ensure that activities as per the approved TRCA permit are effectively mitigated as construction proceeds. Should concerns arise on site, the Environmental Monitor will contact the TRCA Enforcement Officer (for approved permits) and Project Manager (for issued TRCA Project Compliance Review) as well as the proponent, if issues arise.
6	All grades within the regulated area will be maintained or matched.

7	The proponent/contractor shall monitor the weather several days in advance of the onset of the project to ensure that the works will be conducted during favourable weather conditions. Should an unexpected storm arise, the contractor will remove all unfixed items from the Regulatory Flood Plain that would have the potential to cause a spill or an obstruction to flow (e.g., fuel tanks, porta-potties, machinery, equipment, construction materials, etc).
8	All dewatering/unwatering shall be filtered and released to the environment at least 30 metres from a watercourse or wetland and allowed to drain through a well-vegetated area. No dewatering effluent shall be sent directly to any watercourse, wetland or other regulated feature or hazard, or allowed to drain onto disturbed soils within the work area. These control measures shall be monitored for effectiveness and maintained or revised to meet the objectives of the ESC measures.
9	All access to the work site shall be from either side of the watercourse. No equipment or vehicles are permitted to cross through the watercourse unless approved by TRCA.
10	No staging or storage will occur within TRCA's regulated area, unless shown on the approved drawings.
Section 2: Environmental Compliance	
11	Please notify the following contacts 48 hours prior to commencing construction: TRCA Enforcement (T: 437-880-2124; E: Inspections@trca.ca) for approved permits and the TRCA Project Manager for issued TRCA Project Compliance Reviews. Please ensure you quote the TRCA file number or TRCA Permit number in your notification.