



Memorandum

Date: March 19, 2026

To: All holders of Standard Special Provisions

From: Bill Cornelius, Standards and Specifications Unit Manager

Subject: New standard special provision: Revision of Section 203 Excavation and Embankment

As of March 19, 2026, this unit has issued the new standard special provision, Revision of Section 203 Excavation and Embankment, with 1 page, dated March 19, 2026.

In support of the Revision of 207 Spec, Topsoil, this revision focuses on correcting the 203 conflicts with the 207 spec. It corrects both the terminology of vegetation and removes the depth of topsoil. The term "embankment" was added for clarification of what surface was being referred to. It also added a statement to clarify where or where not to complete the compaction for the top lift of embankment.

Please use this on all projects.

This standard special provision will become mandatory in projects advertised on or after April 16, 2026. You may use this standard special provision in projects advertised before this date.

For those of you who keep a book of Standard Special Provisions, please include this new provision. For your convenience, this provision and the latest SSP Index are attached to the email. You can also find these in our Construction Specifications web pages: [Standard Special Provisions](#) and the [Recently Issued Special Provisions](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact this office.

