# Colorado Procedure 12C-18

Standard Practice for

# Contractor's Excavation and Embankment Process Control Notebook

#### 1. SCOPE

- 1.1. This Standard describes the best practice to be used when developing appropriate worksheets and forms in a PC notebook.
- 1.2. The requirements such as, but not limited to: the sample size, specimen size, number of specimens, interpretation of results, reporting significant digits, and precision statements are in the specific test method.

#### 2. GENERAL PC NOTEBOOK REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. The following information shall be included on each page of a worksheet or form:
  - (1) Project number, Contract ID, and Project location
  - (2) Name of the laboratory performing the test
  - (3) Date, location, and time the sample was taken or the beginning of the test
  - (4) Name of the person taking the sample, performing the test, and certifications
  - (5) Test number
  - (6) Type of test performed
  - (7) Remarks area

## 3. SAMPLE LOCATION WORKSHEET

- 3.1. The following shall be included on the sample location worksheet:
  - Stationing, elevation, lift thickness, and lift number placed
  - (2) Sampling method (core, grab, auger, shovel, in place, etc.)

#### 4. SITE PREPERATION WORKSHEET

- 4.1. When preparing the site for embankment, the following shall be included in the worksheet:
  - (1) Clearing and grubbing conducted in accordance with Specification 201.

- Thickness of top soil removed by Station interval.
- (3) Type, thickness, and volume of unsuitable materials removed.
- (4) Area and depth of material plowed or scarified
- (5) Depth of excavation below subgrade elevation in bedrock areas
- (6) Description of foundation materials below embankment fill (include AASHTO soil classification) by Station interval
- (7) Compaction methods used to prepare embankment foundation by Station interval
- (8) Moisture content, dry density, and percent relative compaction of foundation materials where applicable.
- (9) Existing slope of embankment foundation area by Station interval
- (10) Bench key depth where required
- (11) Number of benches and depth of each bench as embankment is constructed to grade
- (12) Volume of bench excavation used in embankment
- (13) Trouble area location, type (swampy ground, springs, etc.), and mitigation

# 5. EMBANKMENT PLACEMENT AND COMPACTION WORKSHEET

- 5.1 When placing and compacting embankment material the following shall be included on the worksheet:
  - (1) Site conditions (standing water, weather, temperature, etc.)
  - (2) Material processing performed prior to placement to meet material requirements specified
  - (3) Material placement method (end dump, side dump, belly dump, cast, etc.)
  - (4) Structure type adjacent to embankment
  - (5) Embankment Material Classification and results to verify classification
  - (6) Changes in material types and corresponding changes in construction methods

- (7) Lift number and loose lift thickness
- (8) Spreading equipment used
- (9) Moisture conditioning and compaction methods and equipment used
- (10) Methods to document or test compaction, and results of observations or tests conducted. Description of defective work and corrective action taken.
- (11) Location and elevation of fill placement by Station interval and volume placed daily.
- (12) Daily summary of all tests conducted and results.
- 5.2 When placing and compacting Soil Embankment, the following shall be included on the worksheet:
  - (1) Classification and corresponding compaction and testing methods used
  - (2) Processing methods to achieve maximum particle size
  - (3) Changes in material type and corresponding changes to construction and testing methods
  - (4) Processing methods for Non-durable bedrock and placement location
  - (5) Results of moisture-density testing, proof rolls, and documentation of test strip acceptance where applicable
  - (6) Condition and performance of each lift of material placed and compacted
- 5.3 When placing and compacting Rock Embankment and Rock Fill, the following shall be included on the worksheet:
  - (1) Processing methods to achieve material requirements in accordance with Specification 203
  - (2) Documentation of sampling for and results of slake durability testing
  - (3) Contractor moisture conditioning, placement and compaction methods
  - (4) Results of proof rolls, documentation of test strip acceptance
  - (5) Changes in material type and corresponding changes to construction and testing methods
  - (6) Description of compaction equipment and methods used, and documentation of deviations from minimum equipment requirements specified if applicable
  - (7) Condition and performance of each lift of material placed and compacted

### 6. TEST STRIP OR PROOF ROLL

- 6.1. When constructing a test strip or conducting a proof roll, the following shall be included on the worksheet:
  - (1) Moisture conditioning, compaction equipment, and compaction methods used to construct the test strip
  - (2) Equipment used in proof roll
  - (3) Axle load and weight ticket
  - (4) Lift thickness and lift number
  - (5) Results of proof roll pass/fail
  - (6) Observation of deflection, rutting, or pumping and corrective action taken.
  - (7) Start and end time
  - (8) Was test strip or proof roll separate or incorporated into embankment