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CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION  
INSTRUCTION FOR USE  
CS-I-OR-021 EXCAVATION

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021.1 APPLICABILITY

Construction Specification CS-OR-021 is applicable to all types of excavation. The specification defines classes of excavation and includes special requirements for certain types of excavation, but does not establish and define all types of excavation. It is intended that the types of excavation be established on a job or project basis, as needed.

The class of excavation defines the kind of material to be excavated. The type defines the functional purpose of the excavation. Established types of excavation may include (but are not restricted to):

- a) Foundation excavation with or without stripping
- b) Cutoff, keyway, or core trench excavation
- c) Channel excavation
- d) Structure excavation
- e) Auxiliary spillway excavation
- f) Abutment shaping excavation
- g) Borrow area excavation

Any of the established types may include excavation of materials in any class. However, the excavation of a given class of material may be more difficult in one type of excavation than in another. These factors must be carefully considered as a basis for establishing types of excavation to be designated on the drawings.

021.2 MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

No material specifications complement Construction Specification CS-OR-021.

021.3 INCLUDED ITEMS

Items to be included in contract specifications and drawings follow:

- a) The horizontal and vertical extent of each type of excavation. Indicate the vertical extent as approximate where the exact depth required is not known.

- b) Designation and definition of types of excavation.
- c) Surface finish requirements, such as grading tolerances. This may be especially important at the crest of an auxiliary spillway.
- d) The location and limits of all borrow areas. Outline all surface grading requirements following completion of borrow material utilization.
- e) The location and limits of all waste areas. When borrow areas serve also as waste areas, coordination of construction activities may be important.
- f) Boring logs and test pit logs pertinent to all areas to be excavated. In addition to descriptions of materials, logs must also include water table elevations and dates of observation, where applicable. For purposes of the construction drawings, no indications of correlation of materials between logs shall be shown. Interpretation of materials is to be avoided and left to the contractor for determination.
- g) Existing access and haul roads.
- h) Special requirements for dewatering and keeping the excavation dry, with cross reference to Construction Specification CS-OR-011, Removal of Water, where applicable.
- i) Special requirements for control of blasting, including written plans and approvals, if applicable.
- j) Special requirements for control of erosion, water pollution, and air pollution, with cross reference to Construction Specification CS-OR-005, Pollution Control, as applicable.
- k) Requirements for control of the size gradation of excavated rock where necessary to obtain material of a particular gradation for rock fill or riprap.
- l) Requirements for concrete to fill voids from overexcavation (refer to CS-221, Concrete for Minor Structures, or CS-220, Reinforced Concrete) if requirements in Section 021.8 are not adequate.

## 021.4 METHODS

### 021.4.1 SECTION 4, USE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

**Method 1**—Intended for use when the quality, condition, and relative location of significant quantities of the materials to be excavated are known to be suited to the economic construction of the required earthfills and earth backfills, and particularly where alternate sources of material are less desirable or do not exist.

**Method 2**—Intended for use when the known data indicate that the use of alternate sources of earthfill materials may result in more economical construction of the required earthfills and earth backfills.

021.4.2 SECTION 5, DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATERIALS

**Method 1**—Intended for use when areas for wasting unsuitable and/or excess materials are available at the site, when the waste fill will beneficially supplement the function of the permanent works, or if no known market is available for such waste materials as may be produced.

**Method 2**—Intended for use when areas for wasting unsuitable and excess material are not readily available at the site or if a known market for such waste materials is readily available.

021.5 ITEMS OF WORK AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Starting at the top of page 021–4, prepare and outline job specific "Items of Work and Construction Details" (IWCD) in accordance with these instructions.