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## AEC PREMIER STRAW/COCONUT™ EROSION CONTROL BLANKETS INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

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Before installing AEC Premier Straw/Coconut erosion control blankets, the seedbed shall be inspected by the Owner's Representative to ensure it has been properly compacted and fine graded to remove any existing rills. It shall be free of obstructions, such as tree roots, projections such as stones, and other foreign objects. The contractor shall proceed when satisfactory conditions are present. After the area has been properly shaped, seeded, fertilized, and compacted, AEC Premier Straw/Coconut erosion control blanket shall be removed from the protective cover. Next, locate the start of the roll, making sure the roll is facing toward the area to be covered, and then roll out the blanket. The blankets shall be rolled out flat, even, and smooth without stretching the material.

**Slopes:** It is recommended the blankets be installed vertically on the slope; however, on short slopes it may be more practical to install horizontally across the width of the application when agreed upon by the Engineer prior to installation. If more than one width is required, overlap the edges of the vertically installed blankets and secure them with a common row of staples. AEC Premier Straw/Coconut erosion control blankets shall be trenched at the head of the slope if the blanket cannot be extended three feet over the slope crest or if overland flow is anticipated from upslope areas.

**Channels:** AEC Premier Straw/Coconut erosion control blankets shall be centered to offset a seam in the middle of the waterway. They shall be installed in the same direction as the water flow. The adjoining blankets shall be installed away from the center of channel and overlapped. Blanket installation should continue up the side slopes three feet above the anticipated high water elevation. Flanks exposed to runoff, or sheet flow, must be trenched in. AEC Premier Straw/Coconut erosion control blankets shall be trenched at the start of the channel. AEC Premier Straw/Coconut shall be anchored using a staggered staple pattern at end of roll overlaps and end of roll terminations.

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