# FACILITY: FILTERS - SURFACE SAND FILTER (F-1)\*



# GENERAL MAINTENANCE CARD

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# PURPOSE AND FUNCTION

A filtering practice that treats stormwater by settling out larger particles in a sediment chamber, then filtering stormwater through a sand matrix.

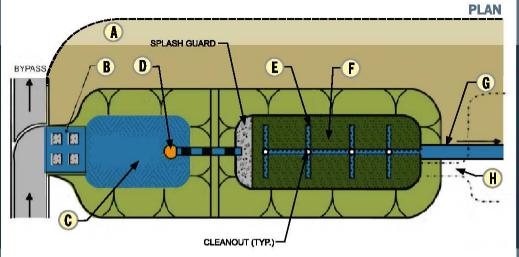
# SHORT-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH)

# Drainage Issues:

- 1. Maintain contributing drainage area.
  - Remove trash and debris and dispose off-site, as required.
  - Stabilize and mow area as required. Remove clippings.
  - Ensure that activities in the drainage area minimize oil/grease and sediment entry to the system.
- 2. Inspect flow diversion structure (Location B) and pretreatment sedimentation chamber (Location C).
  - Remove debris manually from chamber, flow diversion structure, and perforated standpipe (or other outlet device) and dispose off-site, as required.
  - Note dewatering time. The facility should drain completely within 36 hours of a storm event. If clogging occurs, clean/repair perforated standpipe (Location D). Refer to Item 1 of Medium-Term
  - Note any cracks/damage in chamber, flow diversion structure, and perforated standpipe (or other outlet device).
- 3. Inspect filter bed (Location F) and splash guard.
  - Remove debris manually and dispose off-site, as required.
  - Note dewatering time. The facility should drain completely within 48 hours of a storm event. If clogging occurs, remove sediment and cleanout underdrains (refer to Item 2 of Long-Term Measures).
- 4. Inspect emergency spillway (Location H) and outlet pipe (Location G).
  - Vegetated emergency spillway channels should be mowed and should not be cut to less than 6 to 8 inches in height.
  - The emergency spillway approach and discharge channels should be cleared of brush and other
  - After any flow has passed through the emergency spillway, the spillway crest (control section) and exit channel should be inspected for erosion. Note location of any eroded areas.
  - Note any cracks/damage in outlet pipe. Remove debris/sediment manually and dispose off-site, as required.

#### Landscaping:

- 5. Inspect overall condition of vegetation onsite.
  - Remove vegetative invasives manually, ensuring root removal, to the extent possible. Refer to Appendix 1: New York State Invasive Plants for key species. Note any significant establishment for future removal/maintenance.
  - Relocate rodents and/or provide exclusion devices, as required.
  - Trim shrubs and cut grass along street frontages, as required. Dispose of clippings off-site.



#### **MAJOR AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- A. Maintenance Accessway
- D. Perforated Standpipe Detention Structure
- G. Outlet Pipe

- B. Flow Diversion Structure
- E. Underdrain Collection System
- H. Emergency Spillway

- C. Pretreatment Sedimentation Chamber
- F. Filter Bed
  - Prune vegetation within the pretreatment sedimentation chamber (Location C), as required. Vegetation shall be limited to a height of 18 inches.
  - Mow grass cover of filter bed (Location F), as required. Mow only when surface is dry to prevent rutting. Maximum grass height is 12 inches. Dispose of clippings off-site.

# Perimeter Treatment (perimeter boundaries not shown on figures):

- 6. Inspect overall condition of the perimeter treatment items.
  - Remove accumulated litter/debris by hand; dispose off-site.
  - Secure gates, guiderails, signs, and boulders, as required.

# MEDIUM-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: ONCE EVERY SIX MONTHS)

#### **Drainage Issues:**

- 1. Inspect flow diversion structure (Location B) and pretreatment sedimentation chamber (Location C).
  - Measure sediment depth in chamber.
  - Repair cracks/damage to chamber or flow diversion structure, as required.
  - Clean/repair perforated standpipe (Location D), or other outlet device, when drawdown times exceed 36 hours.
- 2. Inspect filter bed (Location F) and splash guard.
  - Measure sediment accumulation on bed surface. If accumulation exceeds one inch, remove sediment and cleanout underdrains (refer to Item 2 of Long-Term Measures).
  - Repair cracks/damage or eroded areas in splash guard, as required.
- 3. Inspect emergency spillway (Location H) and outlet pipe (Location G)
  - Repair and stabilize eroded areas in the exit channel, as required.
  - Repair cracks/damage to outlet pipe, as required.

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- 4. Inspect overall condition of the perimeter treatment items.
  - Lubricate locks and hinges on gates and access grates, as required.
  - Refurbish or mow accessway, as required.
  - Inspect and repair damaged locks, gates, guiderails and signs, as required.

# LONG-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: ONCE EVERY YEAR)

#### Drainage Issues:

- Remove sediment from pretreatment sedimentation chamber; "vactoring" recommended. Sediment removal should be completed when the chamber is either 50% or six inches full, whichever is less.
- 2. Remove sediment from filter bed and cleanout underdrains when accumulation exceeds one inch:
  - Refer to steps 1-5 of restoration procedure.
  - Remove sediment manually and dispose off-site.
  - Rake bed to restore uniform surface.
  - Seed or sod to restore ground cover, as required.
- 3. Inspect facility for evidence of structural damage. Repair as necessary.
- 4. Stabilize any eroded areas.
- 5. Ensure that flow is not bypassing the facility.

# ■ LONG-TERM MEASURES (FREQUENCY: ONCE EVERY THREE TO FIVE YEARS)

#### Drainage Issues:

1. Perform restoration procedure at filter bed chamber for low sediment applications. This maintenance should be done more often for areas of high sediment yield or high oil and grease.

#### DEWATERING PROCEDURE AT PRETREATMENT SEDIMENTATION CHAMBER

The pretreatment sedimentation chamber must be dewatered before proceeding with "vactoring" operations.

### Methodology:

- Park the "vactor" truck along the maintenance accessway near the pretreatment sedimentation chamber (Location A on Plan Figure). The boom should be extended in the direction of the access grate for the chamber
- 2. Ensure clear access for a two-person crew down the slope near the sedimentation chamber (Location C).
- 3. Pump out the water from the chamber to the filter bed (Location F) downstream.
- 4. Proceed with "vactoring" operations.

# "VACTORING" PROCEDURE AT PRETREATMENT SEDIMENTATION CHAMBER

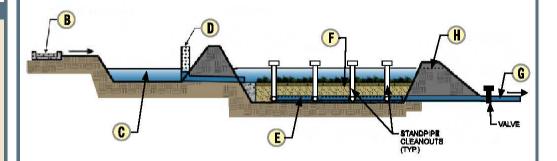
# Methodology:

- 1. Connect the "vactor" truck to an approved nearby source of clean water for "vactoring" purposes.
- Unwind the water jet hose reel and place it down the slope of the sedimentation chamber (Location C).
   Use hose to loosen accumulated sediment.
- 3. Place flexible suction hose into the sedimentation chamber (Location C).
- Perform "vactoring" operations by simultaneously using the suction arm and water jet hose to remove slurry until the base of the chamber is reached.
- 5. Continue slurry removal until capacity of "vactor" truck is reached.
- 6. Stop "vactoring" work. Dispose of slurry off-site.
- 7. Repeat steps 1-6 until all the sediment has been removed.
- 8. Proceed with restoration of filter bed, as required.
- 9. After "vactoring" work is complete, carefully remove hoses and transport them back to the truck.
- Inspect the accessway and adjacent area for damage, such as dislodged field stone, wood chips, etc., and refurbish as required.

Note: Secure locks on gates as necessary prior to exiting site.

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# **PROFILE**



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# RESTORATION PROCEDURE AT FILTER BED

#### Methodology:

- Extend flexible suction hose from the "vactor" truck to the filter bed.
- Use suction arm to pump down the water level until the filter bed is visible.
- Close valve at end of underdrain pipe, near outlet (see Profile Figure).
- Attach a standard compressor and fitting to first cleanout (see Profile Figure) and run compressed air through pipe. Repeat for all remaining connections.
- Perform a visual inspection of the filter bed (Location F) to determine that it is sufficiently broken up. Repeat step 4 as necessary.
- Remove compressor hose and fitting. Restore valve to original setting.
- Remove top layers of the filter media (topsoil, filter fabric, and 2-5 inches of sand).
- 8. Roto-till or otherwise cultivate the surface.
- Replace media according to original specifications or to approved, revised specifications.
- 10. Perform steps 9-10 of the "vactoring" procedure.

# Paperwork and Reporting

H. Emergency Spillway

- Refer to site specific SWPPP and regulated MS4 for reporting requirements related to maintenance
- Report practice failures to owneroperator and relevant regulated MS4

# Maintenance Considerations During Design

- Erosion and Sediment Control
  - Inlet/Outlet Protection
- Sediment Removal
- Pretreatment Devices
- Underdrains
- Landscaping
- Maintenance Access
- Cold Climate Considerations