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Standard Practice for Preparing Specimens of Hydraulic Erosion Control Products for Index Property Testing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice specifies a set of instructions for preparing samples of hydraulic erosion control products (HECPs) for index property testing.

1.2 All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D6026.

1.2.1 For purposes of comparing measured or calculated value(s) with specified limits, the measured or calculated value(s) shall be rounded to the nearest decimal or significant digits in the specified limits.

1.2.2 The procedures used to specify how data are collected/recorded or calculated, in this standard are regarded as the industry standard. In addition, they are representative of the significant digits that generally should be measured. The procedures used do not consider material variation, purpose for obtaining the data, special purpose studies, or any considerations for the users objectives; and it is common practice to increase or reduce the significant digits of reported data to be commensurate with these considerations. It is beyond the scope of this standard to consider significant digits used in the analytical methods for engineering design.

1.3 *Units*—The values stated in SI units are being regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in the practice.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids

D2216 Test Methods for Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil and Rock by Mass

D3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction

D4753 Guide for Evaluating, Selecting, and Specifying Balances and Standard Masses for Use in Soil, Rock, and Construction Materials Testing

D6026 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Geotechnical Data

E145 Specification for Gravity-Convection and Forced-Ventilation Ovens

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

3.1.1 For definitions of common technical terms used in this standard, refer to Terminology D653.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.2.1 *Hydraulic Erosion Control Product (HECP), n*—in erosion control, a manufactured, temporary, degradable, pre-packaged fibrous material that is mixed with water and hydraulically applied as a slurry to reduce soil erosion and assist in the establishment and growth of vegetation.

3.2.2 *index property test, n*—in erosion control, a standard test that may be used to compare the relative material properties of erosion control products.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 A sample of dry HECP product fiber is mixed with water in an amount corresponding to a field application rate. The resulting slurry is spread evenly on a metal sheet pan. The material is dried and the resulting sample is removed and cut to sizes appropriate for index property tests.

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.