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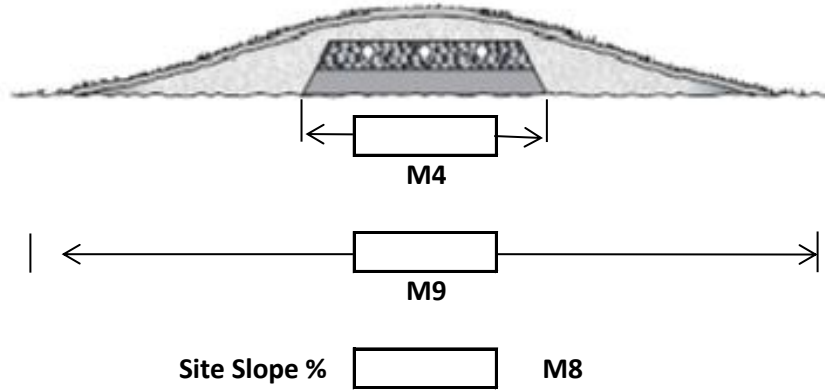
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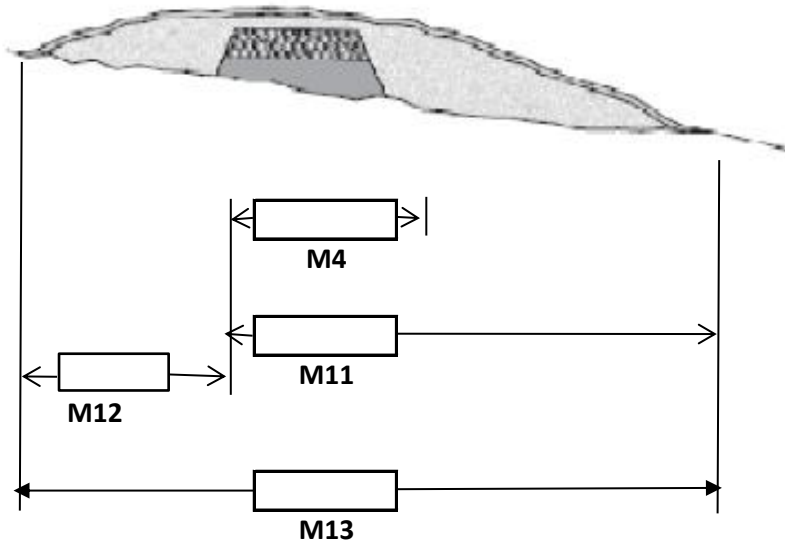
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Level Site



Sloping Site



Sand Layer Length (ft.) M3

Overall Length of Mound (ft.)

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Step 1) Determine the expected volume of sewage per day:

Volume of sewage per day. Provide allowance for additional load factors as detailed in Table 2.2.2.3 - (p. 29)

Expected Volume of Sewage
per Day

Assure that the sewage strength does not exceed the requirements of 2.2.2.1 (1) - (p.24)

	gal. / day	M1
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Step 2) Calculate the treatment area of the sand layer:

Expected Volume of
Sewage per Day

Sand Layer Loading Rate

Area Required for Sand Layer

	gal. / day	÷		0.83 gal. / sq.ft. per day	=		sq.ft.	M2
From M1 (this worksheet)			Note: Reduction required by 8.4.1.4 (1)(b) or 8.4.1.5 (1)(d)					

Step 3) Calculate the length of the sand layer:

Expected Volume of Sewage
per Day

Hydraulic Linear Loading Rate
(if applicable)

Length of Sand Layer

	gal. / day	÷		gal./day/lin.ft.	=		ft.	M3
M3a From M1 (this worksheet)			M3b Table A.1.E.1 - (p. 141)					

Step 4) Calculate the minimum width of the sand layer:

Area of the Sand Layer

Length of the Sand Layer

Width of the Sand Layer

	sq.ft.	÷		ft.	=		ft.	M4
From M2			From M3					

Step 5) Determine the infiltration soil effluent loading rate:

Note: Effluent loading rate can be determined from soil texture classification according to 8.4.1.7 (1)(a & b) - (p. 102) and Table A.1.E.1 (p. 141) with consideration for Article 8.1.2.2 - (p. 89)

Soil Effluent Loading Rate

	gal./sq.ft./day	M5
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Step 6) Calculate the in situ soil infiltration area required:

Expected Volume of Sewage
per Day

Soil Effluent Loading Rate

Required Soil Infiltration Area

	gal./day	÷		gal./sq.ft./day	=		sq.ft.	M6
From M1 (this worksheet)			From M5 (this worksheet)					



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Step 7) Calculate the required width of the infiltration area:

Required Infiltration Area	Length of Sand Layer	Width of Required Soil Infiltration Area
sq.ft.	ft.	ft.
From M6 (this worksheet)	From M3 (this worksheet)	M7

$$\boxed{\text{sq.ft.}} \div \boxed{\text{ft.}} = \boxed{\text{ft.}}$$

Step 8) Determine the slope criteria of the installation site:

If the slope of the installation site exceeds 1%, proceed to Step 11. If the slope is 1% or less, proceed to Step 9.

Slope of Installation Site
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%

M8

Note: The following calculations apply ONLY to the minimum height configuration of a mound. If it is necessary to raise the sand layer, (for example to provide vertical separation from restrictive layer to the water table) the following calculations are NOT adequate for the design.

For Slopes of 1% or Less, Use Steps 9 to 10.

Step 9) Determine the toe to toe width of the mound:

Toe to Toe Width Based on 3:1 Slope Requirement	Width of Area Required Infiltration Area Within Berm	Toe to Toe Width of Mound
ft.	ft.	ft.
M9a	M9b	M9
3:1 Slope Requirement - 8.4.2.10. (p. 106) Refer to Berm Dimensions Diagram (this worksheet or determine by calculation)	From M7 (this worksheet)	The greater of M9a or M9b

$$\boxed{\text{ft.}} \text{ or } \boxed{\text{ft.}} = \boxed{\text{ft.}}$$

Step 10) Proceed to Step 14:

Steps 11 to 13 are used only for installations where the slope exceeds 1%.



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For Slopes Exceeding 1%, Use Steps 11 to 14.

Step 11) Determine the width of the sand layer plus downslope berm:

The width of the mound is based on the greater of:

- the width as determined by the 1:3 slope requirement, or
- the width required to provide adequate infiltration area

**Downslope Berm Width Based
on 3:1 Slope Requirements**

 ft.

M11a

Refer to Berm Dimensions
Diagram (this worksheet)

+

Width of Sand Layer

 ft.

M11b

From **M4** (this worksheet)

=

 ft.

M11c

**Width of Required Infiltration
Area Under Sand Layer and
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

M11d

From **M7** (this worksheet)

or

=

 ft.

M11

**Width of Sand Layer and
Downslope Berm**

3:1 Slope Requirement is the
greater of **M11c** or **M11d**

Step 12) Determine the width of the upslope berm:

Width based on 3:1 Slope Requirement (refer to 8.4.2.10, p. 106)

Refer to Berm Dimensions Diagram (this worksheet) or determine by
calculation.

Width of Upslope Berm

 ft.

M12

Step 13) Determine the toe to toe width of the mound:

**Width of Sand Layer and
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

Width of Upslope Berm

 ft.

Toe to Toe Width of Mound

 ft.

M13



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Summary

Step 14) Summarize the information:

Width of Sand Layer
(From **M4** this worksheet)

 ft.

Length of Sand Layer
(From **M3** this worksheet)

 ft.

Slope of Installation Site
(From **M8** this worksheet)

 %

Toe to Toe Width of Mound <1% slope
(From **M9** this worksheet)

 ft.

Toe to Toe Width of Mound >1% slope
(From **M13** this worksheet)

 ft.

Step 15) Complete the berm diagram dimensions on the first page:

Fill the appropriate diagram on the first page with the numbers calculated in this worksheet.

Step 16) Confirm the design complies with the Standard of Practice:

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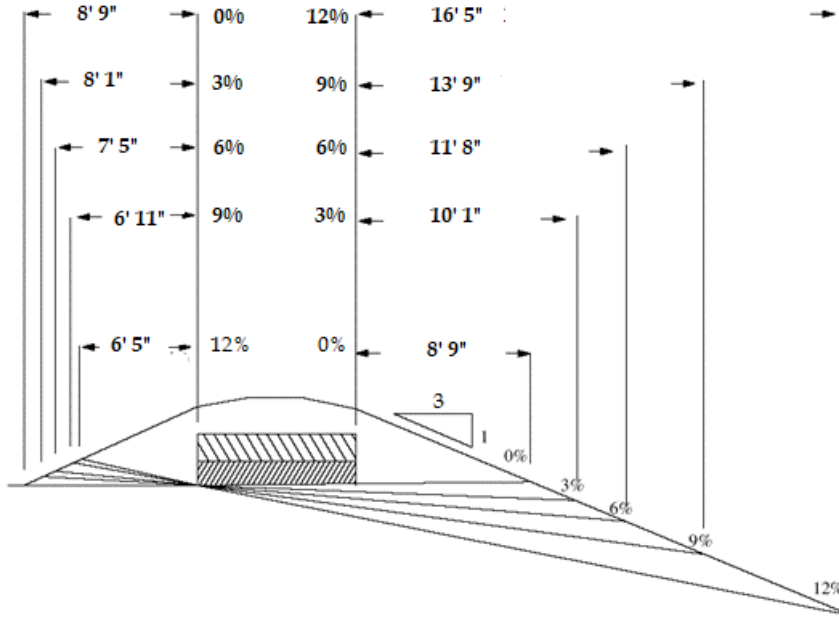
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Treatment Mound Berm Dimensions on Slopes



This Diagram is Based on a Minimum Mound Height and a Minimum Berm Slope of 1:3



Based on: 3 inches top soil
6 inches fill material
12 inches of chamber height
2 inches of washed rock
12 inches of sand media
35 inches of height

Based on minimum height
requirements from 2021 SOP