

## 211-R-543 B BORROW AND STRUCTURE BACKFILL

(Adopted 09-20-07)

The Standard Specifications are revised as follows:

SECTION 211, BEGIN LINE 1, DELETE AND INSERT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 211 – B BORROW AND STRUCTURE BACKFILL**

**211.01 Description**

This work shall consist of backfilling excavated or displaced peat deposits; filling up to designated elevations of spaces excavated for structures and not occupied by permanent work; constructing bridge approach embankment; and filling over structures and over arches between spandrel walls, all with special material.

**MATERIALS**

**211.02 Materials**

Materials shall be in accordance with the following.

B Borrow .....	As Defined*
Flowable Backfill .....	213
Geotextile .....	918.02
Structure Backfill .....	904

- \* The material used for special filling shall be of acceptable quality, free from large or frozen lumps, wood, or other extraneous matter and shall be known as B borrow. It shall consist of suitable sand, gravel, crushed stone, ACBF, GBF, or other approved material. The material shall contain no more than 10% passing the No. 200 (75  $\mu$ m) sieve and shall be otherwise suitably graded. The use of an essentially one-size material will not be permitted unless approved.

Aggregate for end bent backfill shall be No. 8 or No. 9 crushed stone or ACBF, class D or higher.

The Contractor has the option of either providing B borrow or structure backfill from an established CAPP source, or supplying the material from another source. The Contractor has the following options for supplying B borrow or structure backfill from a local site:

- (a) the establishment of a CAPP Producer Yard at the local site in accordance with 917; or
- (b) use a CAPP Certified Aggregate Technician or a consultant on the Department's list of approved Geotechnical Consultants For Gradation Control Testing.

For material excavated within the project limits, gradation control testing will be performed by the Department if the Contractor is directed to use the material as B borrow or as structure backfill.

The frequency of gradation control testing shall be one test per 2000 t (2000 Mg) based on production samples into a stockpile or by over the scales measurement, with a minimum of two tests per contract (one in the beginning and one near the mid-point). The sampling and testing of these materials shall be in accordance with applicable requirements of 904 for fine and coarse aggregates. The Contractor shall advise, in writing, the Engineer and the District Materials and Testing Engineer of the plan to measure the material.

~~Where structure backfill is specified, the Contractor may substitute flowable backfill in accordance with 213. However, flowable backfill shall not be placed into or through standing water, unless approved in writing.~~

## **CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS**

### **211.03 General Requirements**

If B borrow or structure backfill is obtained from borrow areas, the items of obtaining the areas, their locations, depths, drainage, and final finish shall be in accordance with 203.

Unless otherwise specified, if excavated material complies with 211.02 and if B borrow or structure backfill is required for special filling, the excavated material shall be used as such. If there is a surplus of this material, such surplus shall be used in embankment. The provisions of 203.19 shall apply to placing this material at structures. All surplus in excess of the directed or specified use on the right-of-way shall be disposed of in accordance with 201.03.

If fill or backfill as described in this specification is within embankment limits, and if it is not required that the entire fill or backfill be of B borrow and placed as such, then that portion above the free-water level shall be placed in accordance with applicable provisions of 203 and compacted to the required density.

If borrow is required outside the specified limits of B borrow, material in accordance with the specifications for B borrow may be furnished at the contract unit price for borrow; however, the quantity of borrow measured for payment outside the limits of structure backfill will not exceed the theoretical quantity of B borrow furnished.

Unless otherwise specified, all spaces excavated for and not occupied by bridge abutments and piers, if within embankment limits, shall be backfilled to the original ground line with B borrow, and placed in accordance with 211.04.

Where B borrow or structure backfill is required as backfill at culverts, retaining walls, sewers, manholes, catch basins, and other miscellaneous structures, it shall be compacted in accordance with 211.04.

Where specified, aggregate for end bent backfill shall be placed behind end bents and compacted in accordance with 211.04. Prior to placing the aggregate, a geotextile shall be installed in accordance with 616.11.

**211.03.1 Structure Backfill Types**

*The structure backfill type shall be as specified.*

*Within each of the following structure backfill types, the Contractor shall choose from the listed options for each type:*

**(a) Type 1**

1. *structure backfill in accordance with 904.05*
2. *non-removable or removable flowable backfill in accordance with 213.*

**(b) Type 2**

1. *crushed stone aggregate or ACBF structure backfill in accordance with 904.05, except No. 30, No. 4 and 2 in. (50 mm) nominal size aggregate shall not be used.*
2. *non-removable or removable flowable backfill in accordance with 213.*

**(c) Type 3**

1. *structure backfill in accordance with 904.05, except only No. 30 or No. 4 nominal size aggregates shall be used.*

**(d) Type 4**

1. *removable flowable backfill in accordance with 213.*

**(e) Type 5**

1. *non-removable flowable backfill in accordance with 213.*

**211.04 Compaction**

B borrow and structure backfill *types 1, 2, and 3* shall be compacted with mechanical tamps or vibrators in accordance with the applicable provisions of 203.23 except as otherwise set out herein.

Aggregate for end bent backfill and coarse aggregate No. 8, No. 9, or No. 11 used for structure backfill shall be deposited in layers not to exceed 12 in. (300 mm) loose measurement. Each layer shall be mechanically compacted with a compactor having a plate width of 17 in. (425 mm) or larger that delivers 3000 to 9000 lb (13.3 to 40 kN) per blow. Each lift shall be compacted with two passes of the compactor.

**211.05 Embankment for Bridges**

When special filling is required, the embankment for bridges shall be constructed using B borrow within the specified limits shown on the plans. All embankment construction details specifically set out in this specification for embankment for bridges shall be considered in accordance with the applicable requirements of 203.

At the time B borrow is being placed for approach embankment, a well compacted watertight dam shall be constructed in level lifts, the details of which are shown on the plans. Except as hereinafter specified for material to be used in constructing the enclosing dam, and for growing vegetation, and unless otherwise provided, the material for constructing bridge approach embankment shall be B borrow compacted by mechanical methods. If approach embankment or shoulders are constructed of material not suitable for growing seed or sod, and if one or both of these is required, then such areas shall, unless otherwise specified, be covered with a layer of clay, loam, or other approved material. This layer shall be approximately 1 ft (0.3 m) thick after being compacted into place.

**211.06 B Borrow Around Bents**

When specified, B borrow shall be placed around all bents falling within the limits of the approach grade as shown on the plans. Before placing, the surface of the ground on which it is to be placed shall be scarified or plowed as directed. The embankment slope shall be 2:1 on the sides and beneath the structure, and shall be 6:1 from the end of the bridge down to the average ground line, or it may be required to complete the approaches back to the existing grade. An enclosing dam and provisions for growing vegetation shall be constructed in accordance with 211.05.

**211.07 Blank****211.08 Spandrel Filling**

Unless otherwise specified, spandrel fills for arch structures shall be composed of B borrow. The fill shall be carried up symmetrically in lifts from haunch to crown and simultaneously over all piers, abutments, and arch rings. Compaction shall be in accordance with 211.04.

**211.09 Method of Measurement**

B borrow, structure backfill *types 1, 2, or 3*, and aggregate for end bent backfill will be measured by the cubic yard (cubic meter) as computed from the neat line limits shown on the plans, or as adjusted. If cubic yards (cubic meters) are set out as the pay item for B borrow or structure backfill in the Schedule of Pay Items and if neat line limits are not specified for measurement of volume for the material, measurement will be made by the cubic yard (cubic meter) at the loading point in truck beds which have been measured, stenciled, and approved. The B borrow may be weighed and converted to cubic yards (cubic meters) by assuming the weight per cubic foot (mass per cubic meter) to be 90% of the maximum wet density in accordance with AASHTO T 99. The material may be cross sectioned in its original position and again after excavation is complete, and the volume computed by the average end area method. If B borrow is used for backfill in areas where unsuitable material is present or peat excavation has been performed, unless

otherwise directed, the B borrow will be cross sectioned, and the volume will be computed by the average end area method.

*Structure backfill types 4 or 5 will be measured by the cubic yard (cubic meter) as computed from the neat line limits shown on the plans, or as adjusted. If neat line limits are not shown on the plans, the volume in cubic yards (cubic meters) of flowable backfill furnished and placed as structure backfill type 4 or 5 will be computed from the nominal volume of each batch and a count of the batches. Unused and wasted flowable backfill will be estimated and deducted.*

If the material is to be paid for by the ton (megagram), it will be weighed in accordance with 109.01(b).

If the material comes from a wet source such as below water or a washing plant, and weighing is involved in the method of measurement, there shall be a 12 h drainage period prior to the weighing.

Geotextile will be measured in accordance with 616.12.

#### **211.10 Basis of Payment**

The accepted quantities of B borrow will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard (cubic meter) or per ton (megagram) as specified, complete in place.

Structure backfill will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard (cubic meter) ~~of the type specified, based on the neat line limits shown on the plans or as adjusted for authorized changes~~, provided the material comes from outside the permanent right-of-way. ~~If the Schedule of Pay Items does not contain a pay item for structure backfill and it is required to backfill pipes or culverts within the project limits, a change order will be generated to establish a unit price.~~

B borrow material placed outside the neat lines will be paid for as borrow when such B borrow eliminates required borrow material. Otherwise, no payment will be made for backfill material placed outside the neat lines.

Aggregate for end bent backfill will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard (cubic meter), based on the neat line limits shown on the plans or as adjusted by authorized changes.

Geotextile will be paid for in accordance with 616.13.

~~Flowable backfill which is substituted for structure backfill will be paid for as structure backfill.~~

If topsoil, loam, or other suitable material in accordance with 211.05 is used for expediting the growth of seed or sod, it will be paid for at the contract unit price per cubic yard (cubic meter) for borrow, unless otherwise provided.

Payment will be made under the following:

Pay Item	Pay Unit Symbol
Aggregate For End Bent Backfill.....	CYS (m3)
B Borrow .....	CYS (m3)
	TON (Mg)
Structure Backfill, <i>Type</i> _____ .....	CYS (m3)

No payment will be made under this section for material obtained within the excavation limits of the project if the Contractor is directed to use the material as B borrow or structure backfill in a pipe trench, culvert, construction of an embankment or fill, or if the Contractor uses the material for its own convenience. Material obtained from within the excavation limits of the project and which the Contractor is directed to use as B borrow or structure backfill for other purposes including replacement of undercut areas, support for a MSE wall, and end bent fill will be paid for at the contract unit price of \$5.00 per cubic yard (\$6.50 per cubic meter) for B borrow/structure backfill handling.

The cost of disposal of excavated material shall be included in the cost of the pay items in this section.

---

ARCHIVED