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Address Reply To:
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RE: APPLICATION FOR SILT SAVER BRSF
(BELTED SILT RETENTION FENCE) SUBMITTED
TO NEW PRODUCT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Singleton:

The New Products Evaluation Committee of the NYSDOT has received and reviewed your product called BSRF (Belted Silt Retention Fence), described as Spunbond Polyester with fiberglass Scrim silt fence to replace wire back and metal steel post silt fence for erosion and sediment control in areas of sheet flow.

Silt fence is an Approved List item, meaning that in order for a particular product to be used on NYSDOT projects, it has to appear on the Approved List. To qualify for inclusion on the Approved List, silt fence needs to conform to the requirements of Standard Specification 209-2.08. This specification was developed based on the material requirements in AASHTO M-288.

Because the backing material for this product is neither wire mesh nor polymeric mesh as required by the specification, this product does not meet the current specification requirements. However, after reviewing recently provided information that thoroughly documents field performance, we find that your product is functionally equivalent to steel post and wire backed systems shown on our Approved List. Therefore, this letter may be presented to the Contractor and the project engineer (EIC) as proof of acceptance for this product when used for this function.

Note that AASHTO is currently working on making revisions to M-288 to make the specification more performance-based. When that happens, NYSDOT will revise our specification requirements accordingly.
This letter completes our evaluation of this product, and shall not be reproduced, except in full. This letter may not be used for advertising purposes. Acceptance of any product by the Department does not constitute endorsement.

Thank you for submitting your product for our consideration. If you have any questions, you may contact Donald Dwyer at ddwyer@dot.state.ny.us or Matthew Ballien at mballien@dot.state.ny.us.

Sincerely,

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