

SS580-33 CHEMICAL VEGETATION CONTROL  
MAINTENANCE  
REVIEW COMMENTS

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District 5 Maintenance

Comments: (3-12-15)

Responses are in red.

- First sentence: shouldn't this say, "...new Section is added *after* Section 571?" **Concur, change made.**
- 580-33-1, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: little redundant- couldn't it just say, "around obstructions?" **Partially Concur, "around appurtenances"**
- 580-33-1: is repeating the word, "and" necessary? **Concur**
- Reference: *The location of work to be performed will be detailed on the work document issued by the Department.* Redundant, considering the Specs, the contract, etc., is by the Department. **Concur**
- 580-33.2: Is the first sentence necessary since this is already stated in State Statutes, Section 487? **Specifications often restate items found in State Statute, however, we concur on the basis that it is found in 7-1.7 of the Standard Specifications.**
- 580-33-2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph- the reference should be "Safety Data Sheets." (MSDS is now SDS) **Concur**
- 580-33-2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph- Reference: *Replace desirable grass, trees or other plants injured or lost due to the Contractor's negligence at no cost to the Department.* Redundant- this is covered by Section 7-11 in detail. **Concur**
- 580-33.3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph-Reference: *Comply with all regulations issued by any regulatory agency within whose jurisdiction work is being performed. Comply with all general, special, and particular conditions relating to activities of any and all permits issued.* Redundant- this is all stated in the previous paragraph. **Concur**
- 580-33.5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph-Reference: *Submit completed forms to the Engineer on a weekly basis.* The contracts using this Spec will vary considerably. Suggest changing this to read, "...at an interval required by the Engineer."

Not sure the weekly requirement should be eliminated because it sets a specific requirement and a standard baseline, however, verbiage could be added to allow for special circumstances. Added: or as directed by the Engineer

- 580-33.5.3, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph-Reference: *The Engineer will remove from service any equipment not functioning to his/her satisfaction.* Suggest reading as, “The Engineer will direct the contractor to remove equipment...” After reading this again, it is very subjective...the Contractor is responsible for ensuring the application rates per the chemical application and meet the criteria, would we ever direct the Contractor to stop because we believe his equipment may not be functioning correctly? Recommend deleting.
- 580-33.5.3, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph- stating the “minimum number of cycles” adds little value to this Spec, especially since the approximate number of cycles is already noted. Concur, we would also recommend the minimum requirement be removed from the maintenance roadside mowing specification (SS1044000)
- 580-33.8, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: Paying for mowing under herbicide application may unbalance unit bid price for herbicide. Herbicide (Mower Application) E580337 8 includes both the application method (mowing) and the chemical. Since it paid through the one pay item (and is its own pay item), we are not sure how the bid could be unbalanced. Further explanation would be needed. Recommend leaving as is.

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Comments: (6-23-15)  
See attached Word file with comments.

Response: Comments incorporated. ft

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## 580-33 CHEMICAL VEGETATION CONTROL.

(REV ~~12-3-13~~~~12-18-14~~~~2-18-15~~) (1-15)

The following new Section is added ~~at the end of~~*after* Section 571:

### SECTION 580-33 CHEMICAL VEGETATION CONTROL

#### 580-33.1 Description.

Furnish and apply herbicides to treat undesirable weed, grass and brush growth

- 1). ~~in roadside vegetation around obstructions~~ *appurtenances*,
- 2). in surface joints on paved surfaces, and around ornamental plantings ~~and~~  
\_\_\_\_\_3). in aquatic vegetation along outfall ditches, roadside ditches, around drainage structures, side drains, ~~and~~
- 4). in and around retention ponds and canals.

The location of work to be performed will be detailed on the work document ~~issued by the Department.~~

Before commencing work, furnish a plan for accomplishing the required work, including a list of chemicals, equipment and personnel to the Engineer for approval.

#### 580-33.2 Materials.

~~Only use herbicides registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture for use in the State of Florida.~~<sup>[JW1]</sup>

Prior to beginning work, submit the manufacturer's label and ~~Material~~ Safety Data Sheets for all herbicides and adjuvants intended for use to the Engineer.

Use herbicides and adjuvants in accordance with the requirements of the labeling provided by the manufacturer. Use a surfactant or other adjuvant of a type specified when recommended by the herbicide label. Use a drift retardant when conditions warrant or when directed by the Engineer.

~~Replace desirable grass, trees or other plants injured or lost due to the Contractor's negligence at no cost to the Department.~~

#### 580-33.3 Permits.

**580-33.3.1 General:** ~~Procure all permits and necessary licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices necessary and incidental to the lawful prosecution of the work.~~ The charges and fees for ~~such~~ permits and necessary licenses will be incidental to the type of work being performed and all cost will be included in the contract unit prices for the related bid items. ~~Ensure that employees who work with herbicides comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local Local Rules and Regulations. Do not use restricted herbicides on the Department's right-of-way. Ensure that all insecticides and herbicides are applied in accordance with Chapter 5E-9, Florida Administrative Code. Furnish a copy of current certificates to the Engineer prior to applying any herbicides.~~

~~Comply with all regulations issued by any regulatory agency within whose jurisdiction work is being performed. Comply with all general, special, and particular conditions relating to activities of any and all permits issued.~~ Post any permit placards in a protected location at the work site.<sup>[JW2]</sup>

**580-33.3.2 Federal Lands:** ~~Acquire any permits required for work performed on the rights of way within the jurisdiction of National Forests in Florida. Contact the Local National~~

Forest Ranger District, or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office for the proper permits and subsequent approval. Maintain all such permits until all work is accepted by the Department.<sup>[JW3]</sup>

**580-33.3.3 Aquatic Plant Control:** Acquire all permits required for aquatic plant control as outlined in Chapter 62C-20, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Contact the Division of Aquatic Plant Management of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for proper permits and subsequent approval. Maintain permits until all work performed are accepted by the Department.<sup>[JW4]</sup>

**580-33.3.4 Synthetic Organo-Auxin Herbicides:** Apply synthetic organo-auxin herbicides meeting the requirements of Chapter 5E-2, Florida Administrative Code, Rules of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.<sup>[JW5]</sup>

#### **580-33.4 Limitations of Operations.**

Do not apply non-selective herbicides to desirable turf grasses. Do not apply chemicals of any type or rate such that permanent injury to desirable vegetation may result (non-selective herbicides may be used in turf areas in wicking/wiping operations).

Do not use any herbicide 1) products in the sulfonylurea family of chemicals, 2) products labeled as restricted use, or <sup>[JW6]</sup> 3) products whose mode of action is as a seed head suppressant or plant growth regulator.

#### **580-33.45 Method of Application.**

**580-33.45.1 General:** Use the Department's publication entitled A Guide for Roadside Vegetation Management (current edition) as the standard in determining desirable treatments.

Some areas receiving herbicide-wiping treatments may require two applications of wiping, due to vegetation species or density. When determined necessary by the Engineer, apply the second application in the opposite direction and within the same day's operation. Payment will be per acre for each wiping application.

When using chemical wiping equipment, do not drip chemicals onto turf when moving or stopped.

Complete Daily Herbicide Reports on the forms provided by the Department for each location where weed and grass control is taking place. Submit completed forms to the Engineer on a weekly basis *or as directed by the Engineer*.

Performance will be inspected and evaluated by the Engineer for each application. The quality and acceptance of workmanship will be determined during these inspections. Treat areas determined to be unacceptable by the Engineer again at no additional cost to the Department.

**580-33.45.2 Truck Mounted Equipment:** Use equipment specifically designed for commercial application of herbicides through a computerized injection system.

Use a system that will automatically dispense the correct ratio of chemical to the nozzles.

Use a system capable of utilizing a combination of spray bars, nozzles, adjustable boom extensions, or handguns for strip or spot applications of herbicide to paved shoulders or slopes, pavement joints, guardrail, curb and gutters, signs, culvert ends, bridge abutments, sidewalks, fences, or other roadway features.

Use a computer that will automatically signal the operator with an audible alarm and a visible diagnostic error message should the vehicle ground speed and selected application rate exceed the pump output capacity or become too slow for uniform application of materials. The computerized system console must display the accumulated area treated, the accumulated

distance traveled, the speed and the rate of application. The computerized ~~control~~ system must provide daily computer generated documentation of the total area treated and the total quantity of chemical applied.

Where deemed appropriate and if approved by the Engineer, utilize tank mix systems mounted on a tractor, all-terrain vehicle, or boat. Commercial application equipment that is not a computerized chemical injection system will be used only for spot applications by handgun or in areas inappropriate for truck mounted systems to operate. Calibrate equipment at frequencies determined by the Engineer.

The Engineer will remove from service any equipment not functioning to satisfaction.

**580-33.45.3 Inside Mower Deck Application:** Use a computerized control system to dispense chemical inside the mower deck or an enclosed chamber simultaneous to the mowing operation. Apply herbicide directly to the cut of the surface tissue of the plant at the moment of cut. Equip each deck with an independent control to provide simultaneous or singular use of each particular deck.

Use a computer that will automatically signal the operator with an audible alarm and a visible diagnostic error message should the vehicle ground speed and selected application rate exceed the pump output capacity or become too slow for uniform application of materials. The computerized system console must display the accumulated area treated, the accumulated distance traveled, the speed, and the rate of application. The computerized ~~control~~ system must provide daily computer generated documentation of the total area treated and the total quantity of chemical applied.

~~The Engineer will direct the Contractor to remove from service any equipment not functioning to his/her satisfaction.~~

The Engineer will ~~determine~~ specify when to use the herbicide by mower application, the estimated number of acres to be accomplished within a specified number of calendar days (cycle), when to begin herbicide by mower application cycle, and the number of cycles. Complete each herbicide by mower application within [redacted] calendar days of the beginning the cycle, weather permitting. Approximate number of cycles for each herbicide by *inside* mower *deck* application will be as follows:

Herbicide (*Inside* Mower *Deck* Application) [redacted] cycles (~~[redacted] minimum cycles~~)

**580-33.45.4 Herbicide Root Control Fabric:** Use a long-term root control fabric system containing time-release nodules consisting of 18.9% active ingredient of trifluralin (a, a, a-trifluoro-2, 6-dinitro-N, N-dipropyl-p-toluidine) and 81.1% inert ingredients consisting of spunbonded polypropylene, polyethylene, and carbon black. Place the root control fabric vertically in the trench, attach in place, and back-fill with dirt so that the top of the fabric barrier is equal to the top level of the surrounding area. The width of the fabric will be 20 inches unless otherwise approved by the Engineer. An alternate root control system may be used if approved by the Engineer.

**580-33.45.5 Basal Bark Application:** Apply herbicide directly to the bark around the circumference of each stem/tree up to 16 inches above the ground. Use an herbicide solution formulated with penetrating oil. Ensure the sprayers and spray guns have chemical resistant seals for the herbicides and carriers being used.

**580-33.45.6 Frill and Girdle Application:** Make downward cuts into the tree's bark and cambium layer completely around the circumference of the tree with no more than three inch intervals between cut edges. Continuous cuts (girdle) are required for large trees with a circumference greater than 12 inches. Using a backpack or handheld sprayer, apply herbicide to each cut until the exposed area is thoroughly wet.

**580-33.54.7 Stump Treatment:** Within 15 minutes of cutting and removing large trees, ~~or~~ brush, spray or paint herbicide onto the cut surface. Ensure the cut surface is free of dirt and sawdust and as level as possible to minimize runoff.

**580-33.56 Disposal of Debris.**

*By direction of the District Maintenance Engineer<sup>[MP8]</sup> or designee, in designated areas remove and dispose of dead plant material flush with the ground in accordance with the herbicide manufacturer's recommendations or when the plant material is dead.*

*With the approval of the District Engineer<sup>[MP9]</sup> or designee, dead plant material may be shredded and distributed evenly in designated areas. Material used must be 100% free of invasive weed species.*

**580-33.67 Method of Measurement.**

The quantities to be paid for will be for the following items, completed and accepted.

- 1) The area, in acres, treated with herbicide using the strip, hand, wiping, or mower methods of application.
- 2) The area, in square feet, treated with herbicide using the spot or basal bark [trees less than 12 inches in diameter] methods of application.
- 3) The length, in linear feet, of root control fabric installed.
- 4) For each tree treated with herbicide using the basal bark ~~[trees greater than 12 inches in diameter]~~ and frill and girdle *[trees greater than 12 inches in diameter]* methods<sup>[MP10]</sup> of application.

**580-33.7 Basis of Payment.**

Prices and payment will be full compensation for all work specified in this Section including furnishing and applying all materials, ~~and furnishing all~~ labor, equipment, and incidentals necessary to complete the work as authorized.

When applying herbicide utilizing ~~a~~ *Inside Mower Deck A* application, price for the herbicide application includes the mowing operation and no separate payment for mowing will be made.

Payment will be made under the items *as* specified in the Bid Price Proposal.