



# PSDS Design - Worksheet "M"

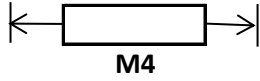
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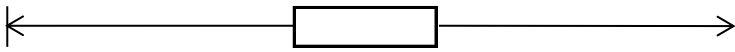
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### Level Site



M4

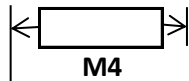
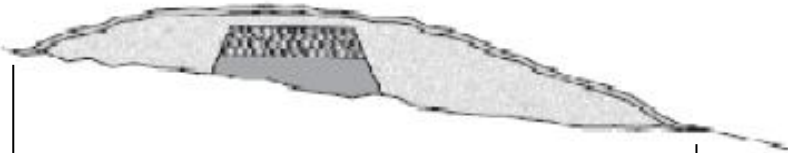


M9

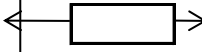
Sand Layer Length (ft.)

Overall Length of Mound (ft.)

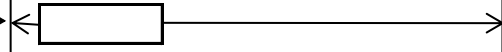
### Sloping Site



M4



M12



M11

Slope   
M8



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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. 25)

Expected Volume of Sewage  
per Day

Assure that the sewage strength does not exceed the requirements of 2.2.2.1 (1) - (p.21)

gal. / day **M1**

### 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**

**M3b**

From **M1** (this worksheet)

Table A.1.E.1 - (p. 129)

### 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. 94) and Table A.1.E.1 (pp. 129-130) with consideration for Article 8.1.2.2 - (p. 81)

Soil Effluent Loading Rate

gal./sq.ft./day **M5**

### 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
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">sq.ft.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ft.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ft.</div>
From <b>M6</b> (this worksheet)	From <b>M3</b> (this worksheet)	M7

### 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	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">%</div>	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
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ft.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ft.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">ft.</div>
M9a	M9b	M9
3:1 Slope Requirement - 8.4.2.9. Refer to Berm Dimensions Diagram (this worksheet or determine by calculation)	From <b>M7</b> (this worksheet)	The greater of <b>M9a</b> or <b>M9b</b>

### 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)

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 ft.

**M11c**

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

 ft.

**M11d**

From **M7** (this worksheet)

**Width of Sand Layer and  
Downslope Berm**

 ft.

**M11**

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 8.4.2.9)

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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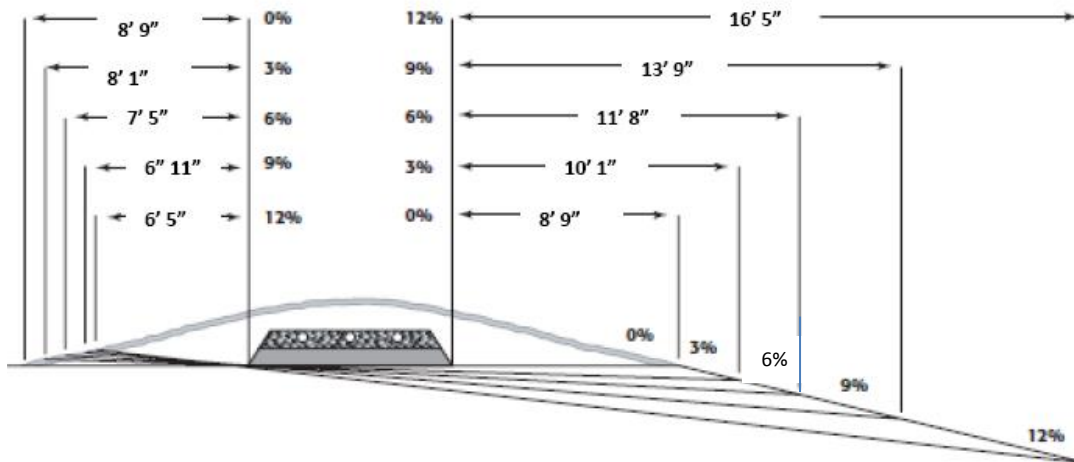
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### Treatment Mound Berm Dimensions on Slopes



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



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 2015 SOP