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# ENGINEERING INSTRUCTION

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SUBJECT: Compaction Control Tests on  
Earthwork Items

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Effective immediately, the following will apply to Items 2, 2B, 2EC, 2ECB, 2EFB and 2VJB and related special earthwork items on all projects.

- (1) If, in the judgment of the Engineer, based on the recommendations of the Regional Soils Engineer, the material being placed and compacted contains a sufficient proportion of gravel, stones and/or cobbles, such as to make the performance of density and compaction control tests impractical, the Engineer may waive the requirement for making such tests.
- (2) Density and compaction control tests shall not be waived on materials containing less than 30% by weight of particles retained on the 3/4-inch sieve.
- (3) Whenever density and compaction control tests are waived, such waiver shall be properly noted on MURK 1a.

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