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Distribution:      31 Main Office      33 Regions      34 Special	SUBJECT: RATE OF PURE LIVE SEED PER ACRE  Subject Code: 7.27-1-610
APPROVED:  _____ Director, Landscape Architecture Bureau	Code: EI 85-46 Date: 10/10/85 Supersedes:

Recently I have noticed a number of contracts with seeding rates as high as 200 pounds of pure live seed per acre. Rates of this magnitude are unnecessary to establish an erosion resistant turf cover.

Of course, the rate of seed will vary with the type of turf desired, and the kinds and varieties of seeds used. However, a rate of 60-70 pounds of pure live seed per acre is satisfactory for most highway roadsides, and rates up to 90 pounds are frequently justified on parkways and in urban areas.

In areas where quality, durability and "instant effect" are desired, such as residential lawns and parks, it is usually appropriate to specify sod.

Therefore, effective immediately, justification is required for seeding rates in excess of 90 pounds of pure live seed per acre. Justifications must be submitted in writing to the Landscape Architecture Bureau at least 6 weeks prior to PS&E. Approvals will also be in writing, and can be expected about as frequently as Halley's Comet.