Contact Environmental Coordinator before using this article.

1. Environmental Protection, Phragmites

Phragmites, an invasive species plant, is known to exist within the project limits and in areas that ground disturbance or excavation work is shown in the plans. All soils containing plant or root fragments that will be excavated or salvaged as part of the work within the contract shall be salvaged and used as topsoil within the immediate area of the work or deposited at an engineer approved waste site within the existing (Location) right of way within the project limits. All waste sites are subject to review and approval by the department and shall be suitable for the waste of material containing Phragmites. Waste material shall be placed in upland locations in the general area where the plant currently exists. For all equipment that comes into contact with Phragmites infested areas, use the following guidelines for inspection and cleaning of equipment before leaving the project site.

Known Phragmites locations include:

(Location)

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Locations to be verified by engineer in the field.

Ensure that all equipment that has been in contact with Phragmites infested areas or potentially infested areas has been decontaminated. Use the following inspection and removal procedures (guidelines from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources) for disinfection:

Before leaving the contaminated site, wash machinery and ensure that the machinery is free of all soil and other substances that could possible contain exotic invasive species;

Clean all equipment with hot water of 105°F to 110°F for a period of 30 minutes or hot water of 140°F for a period of five minutes. After cleaning, dry all equipment in a sunny location for at least three days.

Complete the inspection and removal procedure before equipment is brought to the project site and before the equipment leaves the project site.

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