

SOIL RESTORATION & COMPACTION MITIGATION MEASURES



This document describes the measures that Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC) will implement before, during, and after construction of the Project to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate impacts on soil and compaction on property crossed by the Project. The measures described in this document are subject to negotiation, approval, and/or change by landowners in agreement with METC. METC and the landowner may agree that certain activities will be performed by the landowner.

SOIL COMPACTION & RESTORATION: METC will repair damage incurred due to compaction, ruts, erosion, and/or washing of soil caused by Project construction.

If, by mutual agreement, the landowner repairs such damage, METC will reimburse the landowner for the reasonable cost of labor in accordance with Section II of METC's Damage Claims Policy.

Areas subject to soil conservation practices which are damaged by Project construction will be restored to their pre-construction condition as near as possible. METC will attempt to work with the landowner to identify and document the pre-construction conditions of these features.

DRAIN TILE: METC will contact landowners regarding known tile locations prior to Project construction on the property. If tile is damaged because of the Project, the tile will be repaired with materials of the same quality as that which was damaged or replaced. If tiles on or adjacent to the transmission line construction area are adversely affected by construction, METC will take such actions as are necessary to restore the tile function, including the relocation, reconfiguration, and replacement of the existing tile. METC will correct tile repairs, as needed, after completion of the transmission line construction, provided the repairs were made by METC or its contractor.

Consistent with METC's Damage Claims Policy, a landowner may elect to negotiate with METC to undertake the responsibility for repair, relocation, reconfiguration, or replacement of damaged tile. In this case, METC will have no further liability for the identified damaged tile.

ACCESS ROUTES: METC will discuss the location of access routes used for construction with landowners prior to their establishment. Any rutting will be restored by METC or its contractor and temporary roads will be removed and restored unless otherwise agreed to with the landowner or unless the access road will be used by METC for operation and maintenance of the Project. The locations of access roads to be used for operation and maintenance of the Project will be discussed with landowners.



IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Unless otherwise specified or agreed upon, the mitigative actions described in this document will be implemented within 90 days after construction clean-up is complete. However, weather conditions may delay these actions. METC may make temporary repairs where practicable and reasonable to minimize impacts or interference with the landowner's access to the property. In evaluating and determining damages, METC will apply the policies and procedures set forth in its Damage Claims Policy and External Property Damage Claims Guidelines (Damage Claims Policy).

METC or its contractor will implement the actions described in this section, provided that the activities do not conflict with applicable federal, state, or local requirements or approvals.



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