## 8810.3400 STANDARDS FOR WORK CONDUCTED UNDER PERMIT.

Subpart 1. **Trees, brush, and vegetation.** At the time of construction of the utility and at the times of subsequent maintenance, prior approval shall be obtained from the district engineer or an authorized representative for the cutting and trimming of trees within the trunk highway right-of-way. Wherever trees are cut the resulting stumps shall be removed unless otherwise provided in the special provisions of the permit for construction. Any holes caused by stump removal shall be backfilled, the area leveled, and all materials associated therewith disposed of outside the trunk highway right-of-way. The utility shall advise the district engineer or an authorized representative at least 48 hours in advance of its intent to start clearing and grubbing operations so that proper supervision can be provided.

Burning or disking operations and/or the use of chemicals to control or kill trees, brush, and other vegetation is prohibited without prior approval from the assistant district engineer, maintenance.

Subp. 2. Waterways. All waterways and lines of drainage shall remain operative.

Subp. 3. **Topsoil and sod.** Wherever topsoil and sod are disturbed they shall be replaced and maintained satisfactorily until the turf is established.

Subp. 4. **Existing utility facilities.** The utility facility and installation shall not interfere with any existing utility facilities on the trunk highway right-of-way.

Subp. 5. **Warning devices.** When necessary, barricades, warning devices, and flaggers shall be provided by the utility during all phases of their construction and maintenance operations on the trunk highway right-of-way.

Subp. 6. **Restoration to original condition.** Upon completion of an installation, the utility shall restore the trunk highway right-of-way to its original condition. The utility shall then notify the office of the assistant district engineer, maintenance, or project engineer of the completion of the work so that inspection can be made to determine its acceptability.

Subp. 7. **Conformity.** The installations shall be made in conformity with all applicable laws, rules, and codes covering said installations. All installations shall be made in conformity with rules of governmental agencies for the protection of the public.

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