

**Public Works Departmental Technical Circular No. 13/78**

**Compaction of New Fill Slopes**

The importance of adequate compaction of new fill slopes cannot be stressed too often. The consequences of a flowslide of loosely placed fill can be disastrous. There is no excuse for allowing fill to be placed in a loose state where its failure could endanger life or property.

2. The PWD Office responsible for a contract (its consultant where one is employed) must make adequate provision well before the start of a contract for site supervision and compaction control testing, to ensure that the standard laid down in G.C.O. Technical Note No. 3/78 of November 1978 is achieved.

3. When tender documents are issued, the Particular Specification must draw the contractor's attention to the compaction clauses. Any excuse that tender rates did not allow for proper compaction will not be accepted.

4. THE ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATION.

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