1. Use matting that has a design value for shear stress equal to or higher than the shear stress designated on approved plans.

2. Use permanent soil stabilization matting made of open weave synthetic, non-degradable fibers or elements of uniform thickness and distribution throughout. Chemicals used in the mat must be non-leaching and non-toxic to vegetation and seed germination and non-injurious to the skin. If present, netting must be extruded plastic with a maximum mesh opening of 2x2 inches and sufficiently bonded or sewn on 2 inch centers along longitudinal axis of the material to prevent separation of the net from the parent material.

3. Secure matting using steel staples or wood stakes. Staples must be "U" or "T" shaped steel wire having a minimum gauge of No. 11 and No. 8 respectively. "U" shaped staples must average 1 to 1 ½ inches wide and be a minimum of 6 inches long. "T" shaped staples must have a minimum 8 inch main leg, a minimum 1 inch secondary leg, and minimum 4 inch head. Wood stakes must be rough-sawn hardwood, 12 to 24 inches in length, 1x3 inch in cross section, and wedge shape at the bottom.

4. Perform final grading, topsoil application, seedbed preparation, and permanent seeding in accordance with specifications. Place matting within 48 hours of completing seeding operations, unless end of workday stabilization is specified on the approved erosion and sediment control plan.

5. Unroll matting in direction of water flow, centering the first roll on the channel center line. Work from center of channel outward when placing rolls. Lay matting smoothly and firmly upon the seeded surface. Avoid stretching the matting.

6. Overlap or abut edges of matting rolls per manufacturer recommendations. Overlap roll ends by 6 inches (minimum), with the upstream mat overlapping on top of the next downstream mat.

7. Key in the top of slope end of mat 6 inches (minimum) by digging a trench, placing the matting roll end in the trench, stapling the mat in place, replacing the excavated material, and tamping to secure the mat end in the key.

8. Staple/stake mat in a staggered pattern on 4 foot (maximum) centers throughout and 2 foot (maximum) centers along seams, joints, and roll ends.

9. If specified by the designer or manufacturer and depending on the type of mat being installed, once the matting is keyed and stapled in place, fill the mat voids with top soil or granular material and lightly compact or roll to maximize soil/mat contact without crushing mat.

10. Establish and maintain vegetation so that requirements for adequate vegetative establishment are continuously met in accordance with section B-4 vegetative stabilization.