**Section 1816.114 Revegetation: Mulching and Other Soil Stabilizing Practices**

a) Mulch and other soil stabilizing practices shall be used on all areas that have been regraded and covered by topsoil or topsoil substitutes. The Department shall waive this requirement if seasonal, soil, or slope factors result in a condition where mulch and other soil stabilizing practices are not necessary to control erosion and to promptly establish an effective vegetative cover.

b) Mulches shall be mechanically or chemically anchored to the soil surface to assure effective protection of the soil and vegetation. The Department shall waive the mulch anchoring requirement where seasonal, soil, and/or slope factors result in a condition where anchoring is not necessary to stabilize the mulch.

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