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SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS GRADATION SOIL DESCRIPTION ROCK DESCRIPTION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL AN INFERRED ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL T REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS.

NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL. THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN POORLY CRADED AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. 100 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO 1206, ASTM D-1586), SOIL SAP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES. <u>ARENACEOUS</u> - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND. ANGULARITY OF GRAINS CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS: ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL BOCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS. AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS: ANGULAR. NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS PER FOOT. WFATHERED R HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC. SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. VERY STIFF CRAY SUTY OURS WORTH INTERREPORTING FINE SAND LINERS HIGHLY PLASTIC 4-T-6 ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATI FINE TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT H IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR) MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ.FELDSPAR.MICA.TALC.KAOLIN.ETC.ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE, GROUND SURFACE. ORGANIC MATERIALS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE. GNEISS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC CLASS. (95% PASSING #200) >85% PASSING *200) CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 GROUP A-1 A-3 SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YELLD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM A-6, A-7 CLASS. 1-1-a 4-1-b 4-2-44-2-54-2-64-2-7 A-3 SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 INCLUDES PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY R COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD SPT REFUSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. SYMBOL — SHELL BEDS. ETC ENTAGE OF MATERIAL PASSIN DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT SILT-WEATHERING MUCK. # 10 RANIII A GRANULAR SILT- CLA CLAY ORGANIC MATERIAL ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK. OTHER MATERIAL PEAT SOILS SOILS SOILS SOILS ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER FRESH DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE 15 MX |25 MX|10 MX |35 MX|35 MX|35 MX|35 MX|36 MN|36 MN|36 MN|3 RACE OF ORGANIC MATTER # 200 2 - 3% 3 - 5% TRACE 1 - 10% HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE. LITTLE 10 - 20% TOUTO I IMIT 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, MODERATELY ORGANIC 5 - 102 12 - 20% SOME DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF 6 MX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN PLASTIC INDEX (V. SLI.) CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF IIGHLY ORGANIC LITTLE OR >20% HIGHLY 35% AND ABOVE THE LINE OF DIP. MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. HIGHLY OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE. MODERATE USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS.
GRAVEL AND SAND 0 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No MX GROUND WATER AULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO AMOUNTS OF SOILS SLIGHT SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE ∇ 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR SILTY OR CLAYEY ORGANIC MATTER WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. STI TY CLAYEY CRYSTALS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS. FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES. GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS SOILS ▼___ STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS. SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN MODERATE FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM GENL RATIN VPW. (MOD.) GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY. ROCK HAS FAIR TO PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA PARENT MATERIAL. AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD FATE TO POOR POOR INSTITUTARI DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED POOR SUBGRAD LOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY WITH FRESH ROCK. OM-SPRING OR SEEPAGE P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L. - 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L. ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL CONSISTENCY OR DENSENES MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN SEVERE AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH RANGE OF UNCONFINED AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES 'CLUNK' SOUND WHEN STRUCK, COMPACTNESS OR ROADWAY EMBANKMENT DPT DMT TEST BORING PRIMARY SOIL TYPE PENETRATION RESISTENC COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TONS/FT2) IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCED SEVERE LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO VERY LOOSE \oplus IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL, IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME AUGER BORING GENERALLY S- BULK SAMPLE LOOSE EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. MEDIUM DENSE N/A LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. 10 TO 30 ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF SS- SPLIT SPOON MATERIAL DENSE CORE BORING MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS. MOTTLING IN ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS (NON-COHESIVE) SAMPLE VERY SEVERE ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT VERY DENSE >50 ST- SHELBY TUBE OILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK (V. SEV.) INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES VEDY COET W) REMAINING. SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN MONITORING WELL (0.25 GENERALLY 2 TO 4 SOFT VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF ITERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. 0.25 TO 0.5 RS- ROCK SAMPLE INFERRED ROCK LINE MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 PIEZOMETER SILT-CLAY Ø.5 TO 1 RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL, ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND INSTALLATION MATERIAL STIFF 8 TO 15 ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDAR RT- RECOMPACTED SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS, QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS, SAPROLITE IS 15 TO 30 VERY STIFF TRIAXIAL SAMPLE ROCK QUALITY <u>DESIGNATION (R.O.D.) - A</u> MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY:TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND 2 TO 4 SLOPE INDICATOR \bigcirc DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE ROCK HARDNESS EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE - SPT N-VALUE APROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES SOUNDING ROD REF SPT REFUSAL J.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND DPENING (MM) 4.76 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053 CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED HARD **ABBREVIATIONS** RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL COARSE TO DETACH HAND SPECIMEN. FINE TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS BOLIL DEB CORBLE GRAVEL SILT CLAY PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST SAND SAND CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE MODERATEL Y (RLDR.) (COR.) (GR.) (SL.) (CL.) SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR BT - BORING TERMINATED SD. - SAND, SAND EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED SL. - STLT, STLTY CL. - CLAY 305 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005 BY MODERATE BLOWS. SLI. - SLIGHTL - CONE PENETRATION TEST SIZE IN. 12° TANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE)(SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N.OR. B.P.F.) OF CAN BE GROOVED OR COLIGED A 25 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIEF OR PICK POINT MEDIUM CSE. - COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE HARD SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS - DILATOMETER TEST γ - UNIT WEIGHT A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE 7d - DRY UNIT WEIGHT GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK, CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS VOID RATIO SOFT STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. F. - FINE W - MOISTURE CONTENT FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT, SMALL THIN FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. V. - VERY - SATURATED USUALLY LIQUID: VERY WET, USUALLY FRAC. - FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFF, CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES 1 INCH OTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE FRAGS. - FRAGMENTS LIQUID LIMIT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY OTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. MED. - MEDIUM LASTIC FINGERNAII SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER RANGE - WET - (W) EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT FRACTURE SPACING BEDDING ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE PLASTIC LIMIT TERM THICKNESS TERM SPACING N/A BENCH MARK: HAMMER TYPE: ADVANCING TOOLS: DRILL UNITS: VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET VERY WIDE MORE THAN 10 FEET SOLID; AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE AUTOMATIC MANUAL - MOIST - (M) OPTIMUM MOISTURE THICKLY BEDDED 15 - 4 FFFT CLAY BITS 3 TO 10 FEET ELEVATION: N/A MOBILE B-0.16 - 1.5 FEET ↓ SHRINKAGE LIMIT THINLY BEDDED MODERATELY CLOSE 1 TO 3 FEET VERY THINLY BEDDED 0.03 - 0.16 FFFT 6" CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER 0.16 TO 1 FFFT di nse REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO NOTES: THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET - DRY - (D) ☐ BK-51 VERY CLOSE LESS THAN 0.16 FEET 8" HOLLOW AUGERS __B_ < 0.008 FEET INDURATION PLASTICITY HARD FACED FINGER BITS CME-45 -N____ FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC. PLASTICITY INDEX (PD) DRY STRENGTH TUNG.-CARBIDE INSERTS _-н____ VERY LOW RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS NONPLASTIC Ø-5 CME-550 FRIABLE CASING W/ ADVANCER LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE. HAND TOOLS: MED. PLASTICITY MEDITIM 16-25 PORTABLE HOIST TRICONE __ * STEEL TEETH GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE: POST HOLE DIGGER MODERATELY INDURATED HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE ___ TRICONE__ HAND AUGER OTHER GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE: INDURATED SOUNDING ROD CORE BIT DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN. RED. YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) VANE SHEAR TEST OTHER MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE. OTHER SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE; EXTREMELY INDURATED OTHER SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.