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SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

SOIL DESCRIPTION ROCK DESCRIPTION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARS UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO POORLY GRADED) HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PER 60 BLOWS. SDIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. WHICH CAN BE PER HOUT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHID 1206, ASTM 0-1588). SOIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: AP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES. IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZON <u>ARENACEOUS</u> - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND. ANGULARITY OF GRAINS OF WEATHERED ROCK. ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS. THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF 901L GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS R HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC. WEATHERED ROCK (WR) SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. VERY STIFF, GRAY SULTY CLAY, MOIST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-1 ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION FINE TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE, IT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE. CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR) GROUND SURFACE. GENERAL SILT-CLAY MATERIALS ORGANIC MATERIALS CLASS. (\$5% PASSING #200) >85% PASSING #200) GNEISS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC. FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAI CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. COMPRESSIBILITY A-1 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 NON-CRYSTALLINE ROCK (NCR) COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 A-3 A-6, A-7 INCLUDES PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.

COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD CLASS. λ-1-- A-1-b OASTAL PLAIN EDIMENTARY ROCK MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE SYMBOL <u>CORE RECOVERY (REC.)</u> - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE SPT REFUSAL, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL PASSING WEATHERING DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT RANULA GRANULAR SILT- CLAY CLAY ORGANIC MATERIAL OTHER MATERIAL ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK. PEAT SOTIS SOILS FRESH ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE 2 - 3% 3 ~ 5% TRACE 1 - 10% LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 3 - 5% 5 - 12% LITTLE 10 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 M VERY SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN. ODERATELY ORGANIC DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF PLASTIC INDEX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN (V. SL1.) CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY. ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF IGHLY ORGANIC LITTLE OR >10% >20% HIGHLY 35% AND ABOVE THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE. Ø 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No M MODERATE USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE GRAVEL AND GROUP INDEX GROUND WATER <u>FAULT</u> - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE. ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO SOILS WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. SILTY OR CLAYEY CLAYEY ORGANIC (SLI.) 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPA SILTY MATTER 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 \blacksquare STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS. SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY. ROCK HAS MODERAT FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL. SEN. RATIN VPW. FAIR TO PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA (MOD.) EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR POOR INSHITARI POOR DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED "LOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY Subgrade O-M-SPRING OR SEFPAGE P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L. - 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L. - 30 ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH MODERATELY CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN SEVERE RANGE OF UNCONFINED (MDD, SEV.) AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES *CLUNK* SOUND WHEN STRUCK. ENETRATION RESISTENCE RDADWAY EMBANKMENT P DPT DNT TEST BORING PRIMARY SOIL TYPE SAMPLE IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION (N-VALUE) DESIGNATIONS ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCED SEVERE $\underline{\text{LEDGE}}$ - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT. VERY LOOSE IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. AUGER BORING GENERALLY - SOIL SYMBOL S- BULK SAMPLE MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30 ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN SS- SPLIT SPOON IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. DENSE 30 TO 50 CORE BORING MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS. MOTTLING IN (NON-COHESIVE) ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS SAMPLE ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT VERY DENSE >50 ST- SHELBY TUBE SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. (V. SEV.) THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS. WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES VERY SOFT SAMPLE REMAINING, SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF BOCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN ζ, <0.25 MONITORING WELL VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF PIEIR INFERRED ROCK LINE 0.25 TO 0.5 RS- ROCK SAMPLE PIEZOMETER STLT-CLAY MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 0.5 TO 1 ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL, ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS. QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS Δ COMPLETE RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. STIFF 8 TO 15 INSTALLATION RT- RECOMPACTED 1 TO 2 ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDARY VERY STIFF ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.O.D.) - A 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 (COHESIVE 2 TO 4 TRIAXIAL SAMPLE ALSO AN EXAMPLE. $\langle \rangle$ HARD >30 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE ROCK HARDNESS ROCK STRUCTURES TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZ - SPT N-VALUE SAPROLITE (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 VERY HARD SOUNDING ROD U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE REF- SPT REFUSAL SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. <u>SILL</u> - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL OPENING (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 ABBREVIATIONS COARSE TO DETACH HAND SPECIMEN. GRAVEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS COBBLE AR - AUGER REFUSAL PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK, GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE (COB.) (GR.) (SL.) (CL.) MODERATEL' (BLDR.) SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR (CSE, SD. BT - BORING TERMINATED SD. - SAND, SANDY EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED SL. - SILT, SILTY SLI. - SLIGHTLY CL. - CLAY MM 305 IN. 12° 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005 BY MODERATE BLOWS. CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF) FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH DUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION SIZE MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. CSE. - COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE SOIL MOIST TURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS DMT - DILATOMETER TEST γ - unit weight DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. SOIL MOISTURE SCALE 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 <u>STRATA CORE RECOVERY ISREC.)</u> - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. (ATTERBERG LIMITS) DESCRIPTION FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. W - MOISTURE CONTENT FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS USUALLY LIQUID; VERY WET, USUALLY V. - VERY - SATURATED STRATA ROCK QUALITY <u>DESIGNATION (S.R.Q.D.)</u> - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 10 CENTIMETERS DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. FRAC. - FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFF, CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES 1 INCH LIQUID LIMIT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY MED. - MEDIUM SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER. RANGE - WET - (W) EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT FRACTURE SPACING ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE PLASTIC LIMIT TERM THICKNESS BENCH MARK: -BL- 100 AT -BL- STA. 9+03.01 (-L- STA. 15+08.74. TERM SPACING HAMMER TYPE: ADVANCING TOOLS: DRILL UNITS: VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET VERY WIDE MORE THAN 10 FEET 16.3' LT) - MOIST - (M) SOLID: AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE AUTOMATIC MANUAL OPTIMUM MOISTURE THICKLY BEDDED 1.5 - 4 FEFT 3 TO 10 FEFT CLAY BITS MOBILE B-ELEVATION: 209.82' THINLY BEDDED SI SHRINKAGE LIMIT MODERATELY CLOSE VERY THINLY BEDDED 0.03 - 0.16 FEET 6 CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER CORE SIZE: **0.16 TO 1 FEET** REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO 0.008 - 0.03 FFFT NOTES: BK-51 - DRY - (D) VERY CLOSE LESS THAN 0.16 FEET ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE 8º HOLLOW AUGERS -B__ THINLY LAMINATED INDURATION CME-45C HARD FACED FINGER BITS N-N WD4 FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS. INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC. PLASTICITY INDEX (PI) DRY STRENGTH TUNG.-CARBIDE INSERTS ___-н____ ____ CME-550 NONPLASTIC 0-5 VERY LOW BURRING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS FRIABLE CASING W/ ADVANCER LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE. HAND TOOLS: MED. PLASTICITY 16-25 MEDIUM PORTABLE HOIST TRICONE _____ STEEL TEETH GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE; POST HOLE DIGGER HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE MODERATELY INDURATED BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER. TRICONE_ HAND AUGER COLOR OTHER <u>CME-750</u> GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBES INDURATED SOUNDING ROD CORE BIT DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY OTHER VANE SHEAR TEST MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE, OTHER_ ARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE: EXTREMELY INDURATED OTHER SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.

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