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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS TERMS AND DEFINITIONS ROCK DESCRIPTION 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 BLOW NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL. ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. 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 AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. SOIL 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 100 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO 1206, ASTM D-1586). SOIL IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZON ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND. AP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES. OF WEATHERED ROCK ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS, ANGULARITY OF GRAINS ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS: 100 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCOMDING TO STANDARD PENETHATION TEST MEASTER SECREPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC. THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOVS PER FOOT. WEATHERED ROCK (WR) ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, NOIST WITH INTERBEDOED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6 FINE TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THA MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION GROUND SURFACE. CRYSTALL INF SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE, CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS GNEISS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC. THENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE. COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS ORGANIC MATERIALS (55% PASSING *200) 295% PASSING #200) SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE CLASS. ROCK (NCR) INCLUDES PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.

COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-5 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. A-2 A-I A-3 CROUP LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE A-3 A-6, A-7 SPT REFUSAL, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED
SHELL BEDS, ETC. 40-2-50-2-60-2-7 LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 CLASS. MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE EDIMENTARY ROCK DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT SYMBOL PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL WEATHERING ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK. PASSING SILT-DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE OTHER MATERIAL ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER GRANIII AF ORGANIC MATERIAL 10 CLAY SOILS SOILS PEAT HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE. # 40 SOILS PACE OF ORGANIC MATTER 2 - 3% 3 - 5% DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF ***** 200 VERY SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 5 - 12% HITTLE 10 - 20% CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. 12 - 20% MODERATELY ORGANIC 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 5 - 10% TOURN LOWER HTIW PITOS v. SLI.) HIGHLY 35% AND ABOVE FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE >20% OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE. HIGHLY ORGANIC N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN PLASTIC INDEX LITTLE OR HIGHLY ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE. MODERATE GROUND WATER 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No MX ORGANIC Ø 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR 4 MX GROUP INDEX FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES. AMOUNTS OF SOILS WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. (SLIJ CRYSTALS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS. USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE CLAYEY FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM SILTY OR CLAYEY SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS, IN GRAVEL AND SOILS MATTER **Y**___ STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS. GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS MODERATE GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY, ROCK HAS PARENT MATERIAL. MATERIALS DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA ${ t FLOOD}$ PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM. VPW. GEN. RATINO FAIR TO POOR UNSUITABL EXCELLENT TO GOOD POOR ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL O-Mr-SPRING OR SEEPAGE FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN SUBGRADE AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KADLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK, ROCK GIVES 'CLUNK' SOUND WHEN STRUCK, P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L. - 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L. - 30 MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS CONSISTENCY OR DENSENES JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL SPT CPT
DPT DMT TEST BORING RANGE OF UNCONFINED RANGE OF STANDARD ENETRATION RESISTENCE ROADWAY EMBANKMEN ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCED LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO COMPACTNESS OR COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH PRIMARY SOIL TYPE WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION DESIGNATIONS SEVERE (TONS/FT2) IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. (N-VALUE) (SEV.) \oplus AUGER BORING SOIL SYMBOL S- BULK SAMPLE LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. VERY LOOSE GENERALL Y IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN 1.00SE 4 TO 10 SS- SPLIT SPOON VERY SEVERE ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT N/A ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN GRANULAR MEDIUM DENSE CORE BORING SAMPLE SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS MATERIA THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK DENSE 30 TO 50 ERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN ST- SHELBY TUBE (NON-COHESIVE) (V. SEV.) REMAINING. SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR VERY DENSE >50 INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES SAMPLE VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF NTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. MONITORING WELL VERY SOF (0.25 RS- ROCK SAMPLE 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 Ø.25 TO Ø.5 SUPERINE INFERRED ROCK LINE SOFT PIEZOMETER 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 0.5 TO 1 1 TO 2 2 TO 4 MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 INSTALLATION RT- RECOMPACTED SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS, QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS, SAPROLITE IS SILT-CLAY 8 TO 15 15 TO 30 TRIAXIAL SAMPLE ALSO AN EXAMPLE. STIFF SLOPE INDICATOR VERY STIFF \bigcirc EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. COHESIVE INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE ROCK STRUCTURES CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES - SPT N-VALUE TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZ <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 SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. - SOUNDING ROD (REF)- SPT REFUSAL CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS 0.075 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 OPENING (MM) CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR COARSE PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST AR - ALIGER REFLISAL GRAVEL EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED ROULDER COBBLE (SL. (CL.) SD. - SAND, SANDY BT - BORING TERMINATED (C0B.) (GR.) STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF (BLDR.) (CSE. SD.) - CLAY CAN BE GROOVED OR COUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH 0.05 0.005 SLI. - SLIGHTLY 2.0 CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST MEDIUM 305 CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL CSE. - COARSE IN. 12' SIZE DMT - DILATOMETER TEST γ - UNIT WEIGHT URE - CORRELATION OF TERMS STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. SOIL MOIS CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST $\gamma_{\rm d}$ - DRY UNIT WEIGHT SOFT FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN FIELD MOISTURE SOIL MOISTURE SCALE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION e - VOID RATIO w - MOISTURE CONTENT DESCRIPTION PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. (ATTERBERG LIMITS: STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: V. - VFRY FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE, 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 HISHALLY I TOUTD: VERY WET, USUALLY VST - VANE SHEAR TEST - SATURATED FRAC. - FRACTURED OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE (SAT.) FRAGS. - FRAGMENTS FINGERNAIL. TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER. LIQUID LIMIT MED. - MEDIUM BEDDING EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT FRACTURE SPACING LASTIC SEMISOL ID REQUIRES DRYING TO THICKNESS BENCH MARK: BM #1 R/R SPIKE SET IN 22'LOCUST - WET - (W) RANGE ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE TERM SPACING > 4 FEET (PI) VERY THICKLY BEDDED -BL- 34+36 52' LEFT PLASTIC LIMIT ADVANCING TOOLS: MORE THAN 10 FEET DRILL UNITS: VERY WIDE 1.5 - 4 FEET AUTOMATIC MANUAL FLEVATION: 3541,98' 3 TO 10 FEET SOLID; AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE THINLY REDDED - MOIST - (M) CLAY BITS OPTIMUM MOISTURE MOBILE B-MODERATELY CLOSE 0.03 - 0.16 FFFT VERY THINLY BEDDED NOTES: 0 IS TO 1 FEET 0.008 - 0.03 FEET SHRINKAGE LIMIT 6' CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER THICKLY LAMINATED LESS THAN 0.16 FEET < 0.008 FEET VERY CLOSE REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO THINLY LAMINATED BK-51 ___-B___ 8" HOLLOW AUGERS - DRY - (D) ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE INDURATION HARD FACED FINGER BITS N_XWL FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC. CME-45 PLASTICITY TUNG.-CARBIDE INSERTS DRY STRENGTH RUBRING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS PLASTICITY INDEX (PI __H___ FRIABLE GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE. VERY LOW CASING W/ ADVANCER NONPLASTIC 0-5 SLIGHT HAND TOOLS: GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE; LOW PLASTICITY MODERATELY INDURATED MEDIUM POST HOLE DIGGER PORTABLE HOIST TRICONE 16-25 BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER. MED. PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH PLASTICITY HAND ALIGER TRICONE GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE OTHER_ SOUNDING ROD DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. CORE BIT DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY VANE SHEAR TEST SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE: EXTREMELY INDURATED OTHER OTHER SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS. MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE, OTHER REVISED 09/15/00