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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS SOIL DESCRIPTION GRADATION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS WELL GRADED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COAF UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO 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 ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. 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. AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. 100 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO 1206 ASTM D-1586) SOU 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 LOSSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE ASSITO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTIMENT FACTORS SUCH AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND. ANGULARITY OF GRAINS ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS: RGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC. SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. WEATHERED ROCK (WR) VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, MOIST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION AT 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. WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE. ORGANIC MATERIALS CLASS. (\$5% PASSING *200) (>85% PASSING #200) CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 7 A-7-5 A-7-6 A-1 A-3 COMPRESSIBILITY A-1, A-2 COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM CLASS. A-3 A-6. A-7 SELIMENT ROUGH THAT WOULD TELLO STITUTE OF THE SELECT OF THE SELECT SANDSTONE, ETC.

COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-7 SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE 110UID 1 IMIT 31-50 SYMBOL HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE 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. LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 SPT REFUSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED SHELL BEDS, ETC. PASSING PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL SILT-WEATHERING DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT RANULA MLICK. CLAY SOILS ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK. ORGANIC MATERIAL OTHER MATERIAL PEA1 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 * 200 5 MX125 MX110 MX135 MX135 MX135 MX135 MX36 RACE OF ORGANIC MATTER TRACE 1 - 10% HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE. .ITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 3 - 5% 5 - 12% LITTLE 10 - 20% LIQUID L'IMIT VERY SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN. COLI C MITH ODERATELY ORGANIC 5 - 107 DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF LASTIC INDEX N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY. ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF IIGHLY ORGANIC (V. SLI.) LITTLE OR >10% >20% HIGHLY 35% AND ABOVE THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE. GROUP INDEX MODERATE 0 Ø 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No MX ORGANIO GROUND WATER FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO AMOUNTS OF SL IGHT SOILS SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE. I INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPA SILTY OR CLAYEY ORGANIC WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. (SLI.) GRAVEL AND 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 ▼__ MATERIALS SANO 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 PARENT MATERIAL. GEN. RATING **∇**P₩ FAIR TO (MOD.) GRANITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY, ROCK HAS PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA EXCELLENT TO GOOD AS A FAIR TO POOR POOR POOR DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY OW-SPRING OR SEEPAGE P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L. - 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L. - 30 MODERATELY ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK, ROCK GIVES "CLUNK" SOUND WHEN STRUCK, SEVERE FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN (MOD. SEV.) COMPACTNESS OR ROADWAY EMRANKMENT ENETRATION RESISTENCE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TONS/FT²) DET ONT TEST BORING SAMPLE IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION (N-VALUE) ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCE LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO VERY LOOSE GENERALLY AUGER BORING (SEV.) IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME S- BULK SAMPLE ITS LATERAL EXTENT. 4 TO 10 EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. MEDIUM DENSE 10 TO 30 30 TO 50 ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF .ENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTION: SS- SPLIT SPOON MATERIAL DENSE CORE BORING (NON-COHESTVE) ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN SAMPLE VERY SEVERE ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT VERY DENSE >50 SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK ST- SHELBY TUBE INFERRED SOLI BOUNDARIES VERY SOFT PROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MINOR ν^{*}Ο SAMPLE PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN MONITORING WELL <0.25 2 TO 4 4 TO 8 0.25 TO 0.5 0.5 TO 1 INFERRED ROCK LINE RS- ROCK SAMPLE VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF NTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. MEDIUM STIFF PIEZOMETER STLT-CLAY Δ 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 COMPLETE RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. STIFF 8 TO 15 INSTALLATION RT- RECOMPACTED ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDARY 1 TO 2 2 TO 4 VERY STIFF ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.Q.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 TRIAXIAL SAMPLE ALSO AN EXAMPLE. \bigcirc INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE ROCK HARDNESS EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. 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 J.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 40 60 0.42 0.25 REF- SPT REFUSAL SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. 0.075 SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY. HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED **ABBREVIATIONS** RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS AR - AUGER REFUSAL SAND PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE MODERATELY (BLDR.) (COB.) (GR.) (SL.) BT - BORING TERMINATED SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED CL. - CLAY SL. - SILT, SILTY 2.0 0.05 0.005 BY MODERATE BLOWS. CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST CSE. - COARSE SLI. - SLIGHTLY SIZE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL MEDIUN 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SQL WITH E - CORRELATION OF TERMS CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES 1 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. SOIL MOIS - DILATOMETER TEST γ - UNIT WEIGHT A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST e - VOID RATIO SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE 7d - DRY UNIT WEIGHT WITH 60 BLOWS. GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS SOFT (ATTERBERG LIMITS) STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SRECJ - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT. SMALL, THIN PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. F. - FINE W - MOISTURE CONTENT FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS - SATURATED HISHALLY LIGHTD VERY WET HISHALLY FRAC. - FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE. CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK. PIECES I INCH (SAT.) FRAGS. - FRAGMENTS 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. LIQUID LIMIT OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY MED. - MEDIUM FINGERNATI . SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO RANGE - WET - (W) TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT FRACTURE SPACING PLASTIC LIMIT TERM THICKNESS BENCH MARK: BL-3 STA 14+57.97 TERM SPACING DRILL UNITS: ADVANCING TOOLS: VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET VERY WIDE MORE THAN 10 FEET SOLID: AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE OPTIMUM MOISTURE - MOIST - (M) X AUTOMATIC MANUAL THICKLY BEDDED 1.5 - 4 FEET CLAY BITS 3 TO 10 FEET WIDE ELEVATION: 45.28 X MOBILE B- 47 SL __ SHRINKAGE LIMIT THINLY BEDDED 0.16 - 1.5 FEET MODERATELY CLOSE 1 TO 3 FEFT 6° CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER VERY THINLY BEDDED CORE SIZE: REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO - DRY - (D) THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET ■ BK-51 ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE VERY CLOSE LESS THAN 0.16 FEET 8 HOLLOW AUGERS < 0.008 FEET ___-B___ PLASTICIT INDURATION X CME-450 HARD FACED FINGER BITS -N____ FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC. PLASTICITY INDEX (PI DRY STRENGTH TUNG.-CARBIDE INSERTS -H_ VERY LOW ___ CME-550 RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS 0-5 FRIABLE X CASING W/ ADVANCER LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT HAND TOOLS: MED. PLASTICIT MEDIUM X TRICONE 215/6 STEEL TEETH 16-25 PORTABLE HOIST GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE: POST HOLE DIGGER HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH MODERATELY INDURATED BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER. ___ TRICONE__ HAND AUGER X OTHER CME-45B GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE: INDURATED SOUNDING ROD CORE BIT DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. OTHER VANE SHEAR TEST 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.

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