## NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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# SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

#### SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

SOIL DESCRIPTION GRADATION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED. SENI-CONSOLIDATED OR MEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED 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 ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH MAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. BLOR. - BOULDER WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER MUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 188 BLONS ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION CL. - CLAY APPARENT DIP - THE DIP OF ROCK STRATA NOT PERPENDICULAR TO STRIKE. TEST (ASTM 0-1586). SDIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE ARSHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES COB. - COBBLE ADULEER - A WATER REARING FORMATION OR STRATA. CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, MASHID CLASSIFICATION AND DITHER PERTINENT FACTORS, SUCH AS, MINERALOGICAL ANGULARITY OF GRAINS CSE. - COARSE COMPOSITION. ANGULARITY STRUCTURE. PLASTICITY. ETC. EXAMPLE: VERY STIFF, CRAF SUTY CLAF, MOST WITH INTERSEDUED FINE SAND THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS! ANGULAR. AUGER REFUSAL (A.R.) - POINT AT WHICH POWER AUGERS WILL NOT PENETRATE. EST. - ESTIMATED SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. BEDDED - SOIL OR ROCK LYING IN A POSITION ESSENTIALLY PARALLEL. LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6 BEDROCK - BOCK OF RELATIVELY GREAT THICKNESS AND EXTENT IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION. F. - FINE MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. GENERAL MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN SILT-CLAY MATERIALS COMESIVE SOIL - A SOIL THAT WHEN UNCONFINED HAS CONSIDERABLE DRY STRENGTH AND SIGNIFICANT COMESION WHEN SUBMERGED. ORGANIC MATERIALS CLASS. (≤ 35% PASSING •200 (> 35% PASSING • 200) DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE. A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 A-1, A-2 A-4, A-6 COMPRESSIBILITY COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT CLASS, SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE A-2-44-2-54-2-64-2-X LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 BOTTOM OF SLOPE. MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 CORE RECOVERY (% REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL ROCK DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE SYMBOL HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. Z PASSING ROCK DESCRIPTION CODUINA - A ROCK TYPE COMPOSED ESSENTIALLY OF MARINE SHELLS CEMENTED BY CALCIUM CARBONATE. SILT-10 IN THE BROADEST MEANING, HARD ROCK IS CONSIDERED THAT INDURATED EARTH MATERIAL WHICH CANNOT DIKE - IGNEOUS ROCK INTRUSION WHICH IS NARROW COMPARED WITH ITS OTHER DIMENSIONS. 38 MX 50 MX 51 H SOILS PEAT BE SAMPLED BY CONVENTIONAL SOIL SAMPLING TOOLS OR TECHNIQUES, THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN SOIL SOILS DIP - THE ANGLE BETWEEN A BEDDING PLANE, JOINT PLANE OR FAULT PLANE AND THE 15 MX 25 MX 18 MX 35 MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MX AND ROCK IS ARBITRARY. TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK'. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THESE MATERIALS ARE DIVIDED AS 48 HX41 HN48 HX41 HN48 HX 41 HN48 HX41 HN N.P. 18 HX18 HX11 HN41 HY18 HX18 HX11 HN11 HN HORIZONTAL, MEASURED PERPENDICULAR TO THE STRIKE. LICHTED CONTY FOLLOWS: NOTE: THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE TO NON-INDURATED COASTAL PLAIN SAND AND CLAY DEPOSITS. DUMPS - UNCOVERED DEPOSITS OF WASTE MATERIAL SUCH AS WOOD, MASONRY DEBRIS OR GARBAGE. PLASTIC INDEX LITTLE OR FAULT - A BREAK IN THE CONTINUITY OF A BODY OF ROCK, ATTENDED BY A MOVEMENT ON GROUP INDEX 8 0 MODERATE Ø 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX NO H MATERIAL THAT CAN BE PENETRATED WITH SOME EITHER OR BOTH SIDES OF THE BREAK. AMOUNTS OF WEATHERED WEATHERED DIFFICULTY USING POWER AUGERS OR YIELDS USUAL TYPES STONE FRADS. SOILS FINES - PORTIONS OF A SOIL FINER THAN NO. 200 U.S. STANDARD SIEVE. SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SILTY CLAYEY ROCK SPT VALUES > 100 BLOWS BUT < SPT REFUSAL. GRAVEL AND FISSILITY OR FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING EASILY ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL MATTER GRAVEL AND SAND MATERIALS MATERIAL THAT CAN BE PENETRATED WITH GREAT PLANES. GEN. RATU **VEATHERED** DIFFICULTYY USING POWER AUGERS OR YIELDS ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS FROM PARENT MATERIAL. FAIR TO SPT REFUSAL.\* AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR POOR UNSUITAB MATERIAL, EXCEPT BOULDERS, THAT CANNOT BE INFERRED ROCK FLOODPLAIN - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM. PENETRATED BY POWER AUGERS, EXCEPT IN THIN LINE THE PENETRATED BY POWER AUGERS, EXCEPT IN THIN LEDGES, AND REQUIRES ROCK CORNIG TOOLS FOR OBTAINING A SAMPLE P.I. OF A-7-5 ≤ L.L. - 30 : P.I. OF A-7-5 > L.L. - 30 FORMATION - A MAPPABLE UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD. CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS

MEACTINESS OR RANGE OF STANDARD FRACTURE - A CRACK LARGE ENGUGH TO BE VISIBLE TO THE UNAIDED EYE. RANGE OF UNCONFINED \*SPT REFLISAL 525 mm OF PENETRATION PER 50 BLOWS. COMPACTNESS OR PRIMARY SOIL TYPE PENETRATION RESISTENCE COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH FRIABLE - EASY TO BREAK OR CRUMBLE. CONSISTENCY \*\*AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE ESTIMATED BOUNDARY OF HARD ROCK AS JUDGED BY THE N-VALUE ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST. A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ROCK IS GIVEN INCLUDING: <u> DRANULAR MATERIAL</u> - SOIL THAT WHEN UNCONFINED HAS LITTLE OR NO DRY STRENGTH AND HAS VERY LOOSE CORE RECOVERY (REC.>-TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED GENERALLY LOOSE GROUNDWATER (G.W.) - WATER THAT IS FREE TO MOVE THROUGH SOIL MASS UNDER THE INFLUENCE MEDIUM DENSE N/A 10 10 30 MATERIAL DENSE 30 TO 50 ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (ROD)-TOTAL LENGTH OF SOUND ROCK SEGMENTS RECOVERED GROUNDWATER LEVEL - LEVEL OF WATER WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING GROUND SURFACE. VERY DENSE >50 THAT ARE LONGER THAN OR EQUAL TO IOO mm DIVIDED HARDPAN - A GENERAL TERM USED TO DESCRIBE A HARD CEMENTED SOIL LAYER WHICH DOES BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORE RUN EXPRESSED VERY SOFT 2 TO 4 25 TO 50 GENERALLY GROUNDWATER INDURATED - EARTH MATERIAL HARDENED BY HEAT, PRESSURE OR CEMENTATION MEDIUM STIFF 4 TO 8 50 TO 100 WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. INTERBEDDED - ALTERNATING LENSES OR LAYERS OF SOIL AND/OR ROCK MATERIALS. 100 TO 208 MATERIAL VERY STIFF 15 TO 30 200 TO 400 >400 **Y**\_\_\_ JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS. LAMINATED - VERY THIN ALTERNATING LAYERS LESS THAN 25 mm. TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE PERCHED WATER. SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA LAYER - SUBJECT MATERIAL GREATER THAN 25 mm IN THICKNESS. OM-ILS, STD, SIEVE SIZE 10 40 60 200 270 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053 SPRING OR SEEPAGE LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT. MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS COARSE MEDIUM FINE LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. COSSLE GRAVEL BOULDER SILT CLAY SAMPLE SPT TEST BORING ARL - A-NON-INDURATED, CALCAREOUS DEPOSIT OF CLAYS, SILTS AND SANDS, OFTEN SAND DESIGNATIONS CONTAINING SHELLS. WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION Ø.6 Ø.425 Ø.2 Ø.075 GRAIN mm SIZE IN S- BULK SAMPLE 305  $\oplus$ <u>IICACEOUS SOIL</u> (MIC.) - A SOIL OR ROCK TYPE CONTAINING AN APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF MICA. AUGER BORING SS- SPLIT SPOON MUCK (MK.) - A HIGHLY ORGANIC SOIL OF VERY SOFT CONSISTENCY, GENERALLY FOUND ON ARTIFECIAL FILL OTHER THAN SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS SAMPLE TIDAL FLATS, LAKE OR STREAM FLOODPLAINS. CORE BORING ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS FIELD MOISTURE ST - SHELBY TUBE PEAT (PT) - A FIBROUS MASS OF ORGANIC MATTER IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DECOMPOSITION. QUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION MAY BE SHOWN WITH SOIL SYMBOL (ATTERREPO | IMITS) SAMPLE <u>PERCHED WATER</u> . WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES USUALLY LIQUID: VERY WET, USUALLY FROM BELOW THE GROUNDWATER TABLE - SATURATED PIEZOMETER SOUNDING ROD RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. ALLUVIAL/RESIDUAL BOUNDARIES (SAT.) INSTALLATION LIQUID LIMIT ROCK - SEE LEGEND PLASTIC rock quality **de**signation (R.Q.B.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO SLOPE INDICATOR DIP DIRECTION AND DIP OF STRUCTURE - WET - (W) INSTALLATION LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 100 mm DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE PLASTIC LIMIT LENGTH OF CORE BUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. APPARENT DIP SPT N-COUNT SANITARY LANDFILLS - COMPACTED AND/OR COVERED LAYERS OF SOIL AND WASTE PRODUCTS. NOTES: - MOIST - (M) SOLID: AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK. OPTIMUM MOISTURE EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT SHRINKAGE LIMIT SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLAIN. REGUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO DRILL UNITS: AUGER TOOLS: CORE BORING TOOLS: - DRY - (D) ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE MOBILE B-47 -AX -8X -NX 6" (152 mm) CONTINUOUS FLICH? SILL - AN IGNEOUS SHEET OF INTRUSIVE ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SLIGHT COMPARED TO PLASTICITY BK-51 ITS LATERAL EXTENT. 8º (203 mm) HOLLOW AUGERS PLASTICITY INDE DRY STRENGTH SOME - PRESENCE OF 5% TO 30% OF SUBJECT MATERIAL. HAND TOOLS: CME - 456 STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N) OF A 140 POUND (63.5 kg) HAMMER FALLING 0.76 m REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 300 mm INTO SOIL WITH A SIMM OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL-PENETRATION RESISTANCE OF LESS THAN 25 mm WITH 50 BLOWS. NONPLASTIC VERY LOW HARD FACED FINGER BITS POST HOLE DIGGER LOW PLASTICITY 6-15 SLIGHT CME-550 MED PLASTICITY MEDIUM TUNG. - CARBIDE INSERTS 26 OR MORE HIGH HAND AUGER PORTABLE HOIST STRIKE . THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF A HORIZONTAL LINE IN THE PLANE OF AN CLAY BITS COLOR INCLINED STRATUM, JOINT, FAULT OR OTHER STRUCTURAL PLANE. SOUNDING ROD OTHER SUBGRADE - THE SOIL PREPARED TO SUPPORT A STRUCTURE OR A PAVENENT SYSTEM DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN. RED. YEL-BRN. BLUE-GRAY) MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, MOTTLED, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE, TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING DRGANIC MATTER. OTHER VANE SHEAR TEST TRACE - PRESENCE OF LESS THAN 5% OF SUBJECT MATERIAL

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#### ABBREVIATIONS

P.L. - PLASTIC LIMIT P.I. - PLASTICITY INDEX n - POROSITY

SO. - SAND SAT. - SATURATED

SL. - SILT, SILTY FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS SLI. - SLIGHTLY

FRAC. - FRACTURED Ge - SPECIFIC GRAVITY GR. - GRAVEL qu - UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

L.L. - LIGUID LIMIT - UNIT WEIGHT (WET UNIT WEIGHT) MED. - MEDIUM

7 - DRY UNIT WEIGHT W - MOISTURE CONTENT TSAT. - SATURATED UNIT WEIGHT MOT. - MOTTLED

e - VOID RATIO OM - OPTIMUM MOISTURE

ORG. - DRGANIC

V. - VERY

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