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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

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SOIL DESCRIPTION			GRADATION			ROCK DESCRIPTION HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED				TERMS AND DEFINITIONS
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 T206, ASTM 0-1586). SOIL			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			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.) YIELD SPT REFUSAL.	ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA.
			POORLY GRADED) GAP-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 ZONE			OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE	ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND.
CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR, TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH			ANGULARITY OF GRAINS			OF WEATHERED ROCK. ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:				ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS,
AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: VERY STIFF, GRAY SUTY CLAY, MOST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LIVERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6			THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS; ANGULAR, SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.			WEATHERED NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS ROCK (WR) PER FOOT.			PT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS	OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.
SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION			MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION			FINE TO COARSE CRAIN ICNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT			PHIC ROCK THAT	ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE
GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIAL	CILT CLAY MATERIALS	RGANIC MATERIALS	MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ,	FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE U	USED IN DESCRIPTIONS	CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR)	WOULD Y	VIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TO GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.		GROUND SURFACE. CALCAREDUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.
CLASS. (35% PASSING #200)	(>85% PASSING #200)		WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED			NON-CRYSTALLINE	FINE TO	COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-		COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM
UNOU!	A-2		SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBL	COMPRESSIBILITY E LIQUID LIMIT	LESS THAN 30	ROCK (NCR)	INCLUDE	TARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT RE S PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.		OF SLOPE.
SYMBOL 000000000000000000000000000000000000	A7-6		MODERATELY COMPRESS HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE	IBLE LIQUID LIMIT		COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK	COASTAL SPT REF	PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROC USAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE EDS,ETC.	CK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD , SANDSTONE, CEMENTED	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.
% PASSING		```	More Commessible	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL		(CP)	SHELL B	EDS, ETC. WEATHERING		DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT
# 10 50 MX	GRANUL			RANULAR SILT-CLAY SOILS SOILS	OTHER MATERIAL	2004	FORGUL ADVATAL A POTOUT		THE DOCK BYNCE TINDED	ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK.
# 40 30 MX 50 MX 51 MN # 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35 M	MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN	S SOILS	TRACE OF ORGANIC MATTER 2	2 - 3% 3 - 5% TRA			ER IF CRYSTALLINE.	FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAIN	ING. RUCK RINGS UNDER	DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
LIOUID LIMIT 40 MX 41 MI	IN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX41 MN SO	DILS WITH		3 - 5% 5 - 12% LIT 5 - 10% 12 - 20% SOM	TLE 10 - 20% ME 20 - 35%			S STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY. ROCK RINGS		DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF
PLASTIC INDEX 6 MX N.P. 10 MX 10 M	4X 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN LIT	TTLE OR HIGHLY	HIGHLY ORGANIC		SHLY 35% AND ABOVE		CRYSTALLINE NATURE.	MEN THEE SHINE BRIGHTET, ROCK RINGS	ONDER HAMMER BEOWS II	THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE
GROUP INDEX			GROUND WATER WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING.			SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO (SLI.) 1 INCH, OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR			SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.	
OF MAJOR GRAVEL AND SAND GRAVEL		RGANIC ATTER	_	ER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.	Dittelino.	CRYS	TALS ARE DULL AND DISC	COLORED. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UND	ER HAMMER BLOWS.	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.
MATERIALS SAND SHIND CHARLES			<u></u>		NIC OTOATA			K SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING PARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME		FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL.
AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD FAIR TO POOR POOR ONSUITABLE			<u>V PW</u> PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA			DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED WITH FRESH ROCK,				FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY
SUBGRADE P.I. OF A-7-5	≤ L.L 30 : P.I. 0F A-7-6 > L.L 30		SPRING OR SEEPAGE			MODERATELY ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROCKS, ALL FELDSPARS DULL			THE STREAM.	
	SISTENCY OR DENSENESS			MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS	S			RITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES 'CLU		FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD.
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE COMPACTNE	ESS OR PENETRATION RESISTENCE COM	NGE OF UNCONFINED MPRESSIVE STRENGTH	ROADWAY EMBANKMEN		NG SAMPLE		STED, WOULD YIELD SPT			JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.
CONSTST	(N VALUE)	(TONS/FT ²)	WITH SOIL DESCRIPT		DESIGNATIONS			ISCOLORED OR STAINED.ROCK FABRIC C . IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS		LEBOR H SHELL FIRE HIDDE ON THOSE FIRE WHOSE THICKNESS TO STATE CONTINUES TO
GENERALLY VERY LOCSE GRANULAR VERY LOCSE			SOIL SYMBOL	AUGER BORING	S- BULK SAMPLE	EXTE	NT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF	STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.		ITS LATERAL EXTENT. LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS.
MATERIAL MEDIOM L		N/A	ARTIFICIAL FILL OTI		SS- SPLIT SPÓON SAMPLE		ES <i>TED, YIELDS SPT N VAL</i> ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DIS	COLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC EL	EMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT	MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS. MOTTLING IN
(NON-COHESIVE) VERY DEN			- INFERRED SOIL BOU	Y	ST- SHELBY TUBE	(V. SEV.) THE I	MASS IS EFFECTIVELY RE	DUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FR	AGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK	SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE. PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN
VERY SOF	FT <2 2 TO 4	<0.25		MONITORING WE	:LL SAMPLE RS- ROCK SAMPLE			EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DE OCK FABRIC REMAIN. <i>IF TESTED.YIELL</i>		INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM S	STIFF 4 TO 8	4 TO 8 0.5 TO 1 8 TO 15 1 TO 2 15 TO 30 2 TO 4 >30 >4		INFERRED ROCK LINE TTTTTT ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDARY 25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION ROCK STRUCTURES PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION SLOPE INDICATOR INSTALLATION		COMPLETE ROCK	ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL, ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND			RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
MATERIAL STIFF (COHESIVE) VERY STI							SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS. QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS ALSO AN EXAMPLE. ROCK HARDNESS		STRINGERS, SAPRULITE IS	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 AN
HARD										EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE			SPT N-VALUE			VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES			SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK.	
0.0. 0.0. 010.0	4 10 40 60 200 23 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.0	70 053	• - SOUNDING ROD	REF SPT REFUSAL			ERAL HARD BLOWS OF TH	E GEOLOGISTS PICK. E OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HAR	D HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND
	COARSE FINE			ABBREVIATIONS			DETACH HAND SPECIMEN.	OIL LICK ONE! WITH DIT TOOL !! CHIN	D THINEN DEON'S NEGOTICES	RELATIVELY THIN COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS
BOULDER COBBLE (GRAVEL (BLOR.)) SAND (GR.) SAND (SL.) SAND (SL.) SLT (CLAY (CL.))		AR - AUGER REFUSAL PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST BT - BORING TERMINATED SD SAND, SANDY			MODERATELY CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE HARD EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED				SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLANE.	
GRAIN MM 305 75	2.0 0.25 0.	.05 0.005	CL CLAY CPT - CONE PENETR	SL SILT, SIL SATION TEST SLI SLIGHTL		BY I	MODERATE BLOWS.			STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF
SIZE IN. 12' 3'			CSE COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL DMT - DILATOMETER TEST DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST - UNIT WEIGHT			MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES 1 INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK. SOFT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK. CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS				A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH A 2 INCH OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 0.1 FOOT PENETRATION
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION									CAVATED IN FRAGMENTS	WITH 60 BLOWS.
(ATTERBERG LIMITS)	DESCRIPTION GUIDE FOR FIELD	MUISTURE DESCRIPTION	e - VOID RATIO F FINE	W - MOISTURE		FR0	M CHIPS TO SEVERAL INC	CHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF		STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
		VERY WET, USUALLY	FOSS FOSSILIFERO FRAC FRACTURED	DUS V VERY VST - VANE S	SHEAR TEST		CES CAN BE BROKEN BY F BE CARVED WITH KNIFF.	CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POI	NT OF PICK, PIECES 1 INCH	STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY:
LL LIQUID LIMIT	(SAT.) FROM BELOW THE	GROUND WATER TABLE	FRAGS FRAGMENTS MED MEDIUM			SOFT OR I	MORE IN THICKNESS CAN	BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. CAN	BE SCRATCHED READILY BY	TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 4 INCHES DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
PLASTIC RANGE <	- WET - (W) SEMISOLID; REQUIR			PMENT USED ON SUBJECT F	PROJECT		URE SPACING	BEC	DDING	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
(PI) PL PLASTIC LIMIT _	- WEI - (W) ATTAIN OPTIMUM	MOISTURE		ADVANCING TOOLS:	HAMMER TYPE:	TERM	SPACING	TERM	THICKNESS	BENCH MARK: BL-3 at STA 15+61.1 -BL-
ODTIMUM MOISTURE	- MOIST - (M) SOLID; AT OR NE	EAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE	DRILL UNITS:		X AUTOMATIC MANUAL	VERY WIDE WIDE	MORE THAN 10 F 3 TO 10 FEET	THICKLY BEDDED	1.5 - 4 FEET	ELEVATION: 1073.43
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE SL SHRINKAGE LIMIT _			MOBILE B-	CLAY BITS		MODERATELY CL	.OSE 1 TO 3 FEET	THINLY BEDDED VERY THINLY BEDDED	0.16 - 1.5 FEET 0.03 - 0.16 FEET	
	- DRY - (D) REQUIRES ADDITION OR THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY		BK-51	6° CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER	CORE SIZE:	CLOSE VERY CLOSE	0.16 TO 1 FEET LESS THAN 0.16	FEET THICKLY LAMINATED THINLY LAMINATED	0.008 - 0.03 FEET < 0.008 FEET	NOTES:
	HITHIN OF THOM	MUISTURE	A & HOLLOW HOOEKS		X -8 <u>XWL</u>		INDURATION		V 6.000 T CCT	-
		PLASTICITY		_ X CME-45 HARD FACED FINGER BITS		FOR SEDIMENTARY R	FOR SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE HARDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.		ENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.	
NONPLASTIC		r STRENGTH PERY LOW	X CME-550	X TUNGCARBIDE INSERTS		FRIABLE		RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROU		·
LOW PLASTICITY	6-15	SLIGHT MEDIUM		X CASING X W/ ADVANCER	HAND TOOLS:			GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRAT		
MED. PLASTICITY HIGH PLASTICITY	16-25 26 OR MORE	HIGH	PORTABLE HOIST	TRICONE STEEL TEETH	POST HOLE DIGGER	MODERATI	ELY INDURATED	GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMI BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMME	TLE WITH STEEL PROBE; R.	
·	COLOR		OTHER	TRICONE TUNG,-CARB.	HAND AUGER	INDURATE		GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE		
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COL	OR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-	-BRN, BLUE-GRAY)		CORE BIT	SOUNDING ROD VANE SHEAR TEST			DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.		
i e	K, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE AF		OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	EXTREME	Y INDURATED	SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO B SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	REAK SAMPLE;	
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