

# SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

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

SOIL DESCRIPTION				GRADATION				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 ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (ASTM D-1586). 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: VERY STIFF, GRAY SILTY CLAY, MOST WITH INTERBEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS, HIGHLY PLASTIC, A-7-6.				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 POORLY GRADED) GAP-GRADED - INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.				ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. APPARENT DIP - THE DIP OF ROCK STRATA NOT PERPENDICULAR TO STRIKE. AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. AUGER REFUSAL (A.R.) - POINT AT WHICH POWER AUGERS WILL NOT PENETRATE. BEDDED - SOIL OR ROCK LYING IN A POSITION ESSENTIALLY PARALLEL. BEDROCK - ROCK OF RELATIVELY GREAT THICKNESS AND EXTENT IN ITS ORIGINAL LOCATION. CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. COHESIVE SOIL - A SOIL THAT WHEN UNCONFINED HAS CONSIDERABLE DRY STRENGTH AND SIGNIFICANT COHESION WHEN SUBMERGED. COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE. CORE RECOVERY (% REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL ROCK DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. COQUINA - A ROCK TYPE COMPOSED ESSENTIALLY OF MARINE SHELLS CEMENTED BY CALCIUM CARBONATE. DIKE - IGNEOUS ROCK INTRUSION WHICH IS NARROW COMPARED WITH ITS OTHER DIMENSIONS. DIP - THE ANGLE BETWEEN A BEDDING PLANE, JOINT PLANE OR FAULT PLANE, AND THE HORIZONTAL, MEASURED PERPENDICULAR TO THE STRIKE. DUMPS - UNCOVERED DEPOSITS OF WASTE MATERIAL SUCH AS WOOD, MASONRY DEBRIS OR GARBAGE. FAULT - A BREAK IN THE CONTINUITY OF A BODY OF ROCK, ATTENDED BY A MOVEMENT ON EITHER OR BOTH SIDES OF THE BREAK. FINES - PORTIONS OF A SOIL FINER THAN NO. 200 U.S. STANDARD SIEVE. FISSILITY OR FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING EASILY ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES. FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLOGGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL. FLOODPLAIN - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM. FORMATION - A MAPPABLE UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD. FRACTURE - A CRACK LARGE ENOUGH TO BE VISIBLE TO THE UNAIDED EYE. FRIABLE - EASY TO BREAK OR CRUMBLE. GRANULAR MATERIAL - SOIL THAT WHEN UNCONFINED HAS LITTLE OR NO DRY STRENGTH AND HAS LITTLE OR NO COHESION WHEN SUBMERGED. GROUNDWATER (G.W.) - WATER THAT IS FREE TO MOVE THROUGH SOIL MASS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF GRAVITY. GROUNDWATER LEVEL - LEVEL OF WATER WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING GROUND SURFACE. HARDPAN - A GENERAL TERM USED TO DESCRIBE A HARD CEMENTED SOIL LAYER WHICH DOES NOT SOFTEN WHEN WET. INDURATED - EARTH MATERIAL HARDENED BY HEAT, PRESSURE OR CEMENTATION. INTERBEDDED - ALTERNATING LENSES OR LAYERS OF SOIL AND/OR ROCK MATERIALS. JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. LAMINATED - VERY THIN ALTERNATING LAYERS LESS THAN 25 mm. LAYER - SUBJECT MATERIAL GREATER THAN 25 mm IN THICKNESS. LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT. LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. MARL - A NON-INDURATED, CALCAREOUS DEPOSIT OF CLAYS, SILTS AND SANDS, OFTEN CONTAINING SHELLS. MICACEOUS SOIL (MIC.) - A SOIL OR ROCK TYPE CONTAINING AN APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF MICA. MUCK (MK.) - A HIGHLY ORGANIC SOIL OF VERY SOFT CONSISTENCY, GENERALLY FOUND ON TIDAL FLATS, LAKE OR STREAM FLOODPLAINS. PEAT (PT) - A FIBROUS MASS OF ORGANIC MATTER IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DECOMPOSITION. PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. ROCK - SEE LEGEND ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 100 mm DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. SANITARY LANDFILLS - COMPACTED AND/OR COVERED LAYERS OF SOIL AND WASTE PRODUCTS. SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK. SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLANE. SILL - AN IGNEOUS SHEET OF INTRUSIVE ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SLIGHT COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT. SOME - PRESENCE OF 5% TO 30% OF SUBJECT MATERIAL. STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N) OF A 140 POUND (63.5 kg) HAMMER FALLING 0.75 m REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 300 mm INTO SOIL WITH A 50mm OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER. SPT REFUSAL - PENETRATION RESISTANCE OF LESS THAN 25 mm WITH 50 BLOWS. STRIKE - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF A HORIZONTAL LINE IN THE PLANE OF AN INCLINED STRATUM, JOINT, FAULT OR OTHER STRUCTURAL PLANE. SUBGRADE - THE SOIL PREPARED TO SUPPORT A STRUCTURE OR A PAVEMENT SYSTEM. TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER. TRACE - PRESENCE OF LESS THAN 5% OF SUBJECT MATERIAL.			
MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE.				SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT LESS THAN 30 MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50				IN THE BROADEST MEANING, HARD ROCK IS CONSIDERED THAT INDURATED EARTH MATERIAL WHICH CANNOT BE SAMPLED BY CONVENTIONAL SOIL SAMPLING TOOLS OR TECHNIQUES. THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN SOIL 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 FOLLOWS: NOTE: THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE TO NON-INDURATED COASTAL PLAIN SAND AND CLAY DEPOSITS.			
SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION				ROCK DESCRIPTION				ABBREVIATIONS			
GENERAL CLASS. GRANULAR MATERIALS (<= 35% PASSING #200) SILT-CLAY MATERIALS (> 35% PASSING #200) ORGANIC MATERIALS				WEATHERED ROCK (WR) SOFT WEATHERED ROCK (SWR) HARD WEATHERED ROCK (HWR) CORED ROCK INFERRED ROCK LINE** HARD ROCK (HR)				P.L. - PLASTIC LIMIT P.I. - PLASTICITY INDEX n - POROSITY SD - SAND SAT - SATURATED SL - SILT, SILTY SLI - SLIGHTLY G - SPECIFIC GRAVITY qu - UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH gamma - UNIT WEIGHT (WET UNIT WEIGHT) gamma_d - DRY UNIT WEIGHT gamma_sat - SATURATED UNIT WEIGHT e - VOID RATIO V - VERY			
CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS				GROUNDWATER				MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS			
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE COMPACTNESS OR CONSISTENCY RANGE OF STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE (N-VALUE) RANGE OF UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (KN/m^2)				WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS. PERCHED WATER. SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA SPRING OR SEEPAGE				ROADWAY EMBANKMENT WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION SOIL SYMBOL ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN ROADWAY EMBANKMENTS MAY BE SHOWN WITH SOIL SYMBOL INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES ALLUVIAL/RESIDUAL BOUNDARIES DIP DIRECTION AND DIP OF STRUCTURE APPARENT DIP (NORMAL TO) SPT TEST BORING AUGER BORING CORE BORING MONITORING WELL PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION SLOPE INDICATOR INSTALLATION SPT N-COUNT SAMPLE DESIGNATIONS S - BULK SAMPLE SS - SPLIT SPOON SAMPLE ST - SHELBY TUBE SAMPLE SOUNDING ROD			
TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZE				EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT				NOTES:			
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE OPENING (mm) BOULDER COBBLE GRAVEL COARSE SAND MEDIUM SAND FINE SAND SILT CLAY				DRILL UNITS: MOBILE B BK-51 CME-45 CME-550 PORTABLE HOIST OTHER OTHER AUGER TOOLS: 6" (152 mm) CONTINUOUS FLIGHT 8" (203 mm) HOLLOW AUGERS HARD FACED FINGER BITS TUNG. - CARBIDE INSERTS CLAY BITS OTHER: CORE BORING TOOLS: -AX -BX -NX HAND TOOLS: POST HOLE DIGGER HAND AUGER SOUNDING ROD VANE SHEAR TEST				NOTE - THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS NOT IMPLIED OR GUARANTEED BY THE N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS BEING ACCURATE NOR IS IT CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, OR CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT. NOTE - BY HAVING REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION THE CONTRACTOR SPECIFICALLY WAIVES ANY CLAIMS FOR INCREASED COMPENSATION OR EXTENSION OF TIME BASED ON DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CONDITIONS INDICATED HEREIN AND THE ACTUAL CONDITIONS AT THE PROJECT SITE. REVISED 1-31-95 (METRIC)			
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS				PLASTICITY				COLOR			
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE (ATTERBERG LIMITS) FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION				NONPLASTIC LOW PLASTICITY MED. PLASTICITY HIGH PLASTICITY PLASTICITY INDEX DRY STRENGTH				DESCRIPTORS 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.			

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