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SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS SOIL DESCRIPTION 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 BLOWS. TERMS AND DEFINITIONS ELL <u>GRADED-</u> INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSI NIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE. (ALSO SOIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSOLIDATED, SEMI-CONSOLIDATED OR VEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLIGHT POWER AUGER, AND WHICH YIELDS LESS THAN 180 BLOWS PER FOOT ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTIO T206, 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 ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER. AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA. GAP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES. N 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. ANGULARITY OF GRAINS OF WEATHERED ROCK. ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: AS MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTICITY, ETC. EXAMPLE: THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TERMS: ANGULAR, ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS. NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS OR HAVING A NOTABLE PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC. SUBANGULAR, SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED. VERY STIFF, GRAY SUTY CLAY, MOIST WITH INTERPEDDED FINE SAND LAYERS HISNLY PLASTIC A-7-6 PER FOOT ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL SOIL LEGEND AND AASHTO CLASSIFICATION MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITION FINE TO COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCK THAT WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE, AT WHICH IS IS ENCOUNTERED BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE CRYSTALLINE ROCK (CR) GENERAL GRANIII AR MATERIAI S SILT-CLAY MATERIALS (>85% PASSING *200) MINERAL NAMES SUCH AS QUARTZ, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USED IN DESCRIPTIONS GROUND SURFACE. ORGANIC MATERIALS WOULD TIELD ST REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE INCLUDES GRANITE,
GREISS, GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.

FINE TO COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-COASTAL PLAIN
SEDIMENTARY ROCK THAT WOULD YELLD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED, ROCK TYPE
INCLUDES PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.
COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROCK, BUT MAY NOT YIELD (\$5% PASSING *200) WHENEVER THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNIFICANCE. CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE. COMPRESSIBILITY CROUP A-1 A-3 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7 NON-CRYSTALLINE ROCK (NCR) COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM A-6, A-7 CLASS. -1-n A-1-b A-2-4 A-2-5 A-2-6 A-2-A-3 SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIBLE MODERATELY COMPRESSIBLE COASTAL PLAIN SEDIMENTARY ROCK LIQUID LIMIT 31-50 LIQUID LIMIT GREATER THAN 50 SYMBOL <u>CORE RECOVERY (REC.)</u> - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE SPT REFUSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE, SANDSTONE, CEMENTED PASSING PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL SII T-WEATHERING DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT MUCK. PEAT SILT- CLAY CLAY ORGANIC MATERIAL OTHER MATERIAL ROCKS OR CUTS MASSIVE ROCK. SOILS SOTES SOILS SOILS FRESH ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAINING, ROCK RINGS UNDER * 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35 MX 35 MX 36 MN 36 MN 36 MN 36 DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE RACE OF ORGANIC MATTER 2 - 3% 3 - 5% TRACE 1 - 102 HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE. 5 - 12% 12 - 20% LITTLE ORGANIC MATTER 3 - 5% 10 - 20% LIOURD LIMIT 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN 40 MX41 MN ADDERATELY DRGANIC VERY SLIGHT ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THIN CLAY COATINGS IF OPEN, CRYSTALS ON A BROKEN SPECIMEN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF 20 - 35% DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF PLASTIC INDE N.P. 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN (V. SL1.) LITTLE OR HIGHLY ORGANIC >10% >20% 35% AND ABOVE THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH. DE A CRYSTALLINE NATURE MODERATE 0 0 GROUP INDEX 0 4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX NO MX GROUND WATER FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE AMOUNTS OF ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS INTO ROCK UP TO SOILS SIDES RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE. SILTY OR CLAYEY SILTY CLAYET WATER LEVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRILLING. 1 INCH. OPEN JOINTS MAY CONTAIN CLAY. IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME OCCASIONAL FELDSPAR RAVEL AND SAND (SLI.) OF MAJOR GRAVEL AND SAND SOILS SOILS MATTER CRYSTALS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDER HAMMER BLOWS. FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES. **Y**_ STATIC WATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS MODERATE SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF ROCK SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING EFFECTS. IN <u>FLOAT</u> - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL. GEN. RATING VPW. INITOID ROCKS, MOST FELDSPARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME SHOW CLAY. ROCK HAS EXCELLENT TO GOOD PODR PERCHED WATER, SATURATED ZONE OR WATER BEARING STRATA (MOD.) FAIR TO POOR AS A POOR DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED SUBGRADE FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM, 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 SEVERE AND DISCOLORED AND A MAJORITY SHOW KAOLINIZATION, ROCK SHOWS SEVERE LOSS OF STRENGTH FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN RANGE OF UNCONFINED (MOD. SEV.) AND CAN BE EXCAVATED WITH A GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES "CLUNK" SOUND WHEN STRUCK. COMPACTNESS OR CONSISTENCY COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TONS/FT2) DET DAT TEST BORING PRIMARY SOIL TYPE PENETRATION RESISTENCE ROADWAY EMBANKMENT IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL SAMPLE JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED. WITH SOIL DESCRIPTION (N-VALUE) DESIGNATIONS ALL ROCKS EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FARRIC CLEAR AND EVIDENT BUT REDUCE SEVERE LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS LATERAL EXTENT. VERY LOOSE \oplus IN STRENGTH TO STRONG SOIL. IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS ARE KAOLINIZED TO SOME EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN. AUGER BORING S- BULK SAMPLE LOOSE GRANULAR MEDIUM DENSE N/A 10 TO 30 MATERIAL (NON-COHESIVE) SS- SPLIT SPOON LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. ARTIFICIAL FILL OTHER THAN IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES > 100 BPF 30 TO 50 CORE BORING SAMPLE VERY SEVERE ALL ROCK EXCEPT QUARTZ DISCOLORED OR STAINED. ROCK FABRIC ELEMENTS ARE DISCERNIBLE BUT MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN VERY DENSE SOILS USUALLY INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE ST- SHELBY TUBI THE MASS IS EFFECTIVELY REDUCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAGMENTS OF STRONG ROCK INFERRED SOIL BOUNDARIES (V. SEV.) VERY SOF W C REMAINING, SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH THAT ONLY MIND VESTIGES OF THE ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN. IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 100 BPF SAMPLE <u>PERCHED WATER</u> - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN MONITORING WELL SOFT 2 TD 4 GENERALL Y 0.25 TO 0.5 TERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM. INFERRED ROCK LINE RS- ROCK SAMPLE MEDIUM STIFF PIEZOMETER SILT-CLAY 0.5 TO 1 Δ ROCK REDUCED TO SOIL. ROCK FABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIBLE ONLY IN SMALL AND COMPLETE RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK. MATERIAL STIFF 8 TO 15 INSTALLATION RT- RECOMPACTED ALLUVIAL SOIL BOUNDAR' TERED CONCENTRATIONS. QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS 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 AN 15 TO 30 SLOPE INDICATOR TRIAXIAL SAMPLE \bigcirc ALSO AN EXAMPLE. DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF CBR - CBR SAMPLE ROCK HARDNESS ROCK STRUCTURES TEXTURE OR GRAIN SIZ - SPT N-VALUE SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES - SOUNDING ROD U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE REF SPT REFUSAL SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. 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 GRAVEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS AR - AUGER REFUSAL PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST (COB.) MODERATELY CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK. GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 0.25 INCHES DEEP CAN BE (BLDR.) (GR.) (SL.) (CL.) BT - BORING TERMINATED SD. - SAND, SAND 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 CLAY 2.0 0.25 0.05 0.005 SL. - SILT, SILT SLI. - SLIGHTLY - SILT, SILTY GRAIN MM 305 SIZE IN. 12* 75 BY MODERATE BLOWS. SIZE CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N OR B.P.F.) OF A 140 LB. HAMMER FALLING 30 INCHES REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 1 FOOT INTO SOIL WITH CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 0.05 INCHES DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT. CSE. - COARSE DMT - DILATOMETER TEST TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL TURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PEICES I INCH MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE SOIL MOIS γ - UNIT WEIGHT POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK SOIL MOISTURE SCALE DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION 7d - DRY UNIT WEIGHT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK, CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL INCHES IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS OF A PICK POINT, SMALL, THIN VOID RATIO SOFT (ATTERBERG LIMITS: W - MOISTURE CONTENT <u>STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.)</u> - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH DF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. FOSS. - FOSSILIFEROUS V. - VERY PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE. - SATURATED USUALLY LIQUID: VERY WET, USUALLY FRAC. - FRACTURED VST - VANE SHEAR TEST STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.O.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: (SAT.) FROM BELOW THE GROUND WATER TABLE CAN BE CARVED WITH KNIFE, CAN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POINT OF PICK, PIECES 1 INCH FRAGS. - FRAGMENTS LIQUID LIMIT OTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM FOLIAL TO OR GREATER THAN 10 CENTIMETERS DIVIDED OR MORE IN THICKNESS CAN BE BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN BE SCRATCHED READILY BY MED. - MEDIUM BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE. FINGERNALL SEMISOLID: REQUIRES DRYING TO RANGE -- WET - (W) TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER. EQUIPMENT USED ON SUBJECT PROJECT FRACTURE SPACING BEDDING PLASTIC LIMIT THICKNESS **TERM** BENCH MARK: BM *5 R/R SPIKE IN THE BASE OF A POWER POLE TAGGED NCP *MI34567 ON NORTH SIDE OF US 258 TERM SPACING DRILL UNITS: ADVANCING TOOLS: VERY THICKLY BEDDED > 4 FEET VERY WIDE MORE THAN 10 FEET 3 TO 10 FEET - MOIST - (M) SOLID; AT OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE OPTIMUM MOISTURE AUTOMATIC X MANUAL 1.5 - 4 FEET THICKLY BEDDED CLAY BITS MOBILE B-ELEVATION: 74.50 FEET SHRINKAGE LIMIT THINLY BEDDED 0.16 - 1.5 FFFT MODERATELY CLOSE 1 TO 3 FEET VERY THINLY BEDDED 6" CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER REQUIRES ADDITIONAL WATER TO NOTES: - DRY - (D) BK-51 THICKLY LAMINATED 0.008 - 0.03 FEET VERY CLOSE ATTAIN OPTIMUM MOISTURE LESS THAN 0.16 FEET < 0.008 FEET 8" HOLLOW AUGERS П-в____ THINLY LAMINATED PLASTICITY INDURATION CME-45C 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 NONPLASTIC ___-н____ 0-5 VERY LOW X CME-550 RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS GRAINS FRIABLE X CASING W/ ADVANCER LOW PLASTICITY SI IGHT GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRATES SAMPLE. HAND TOOLS: MEDIUM 16-25 PORTABLE HOIST X TRICONE 215/6 STEEL TEETH POST HOLE DIGGER GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAMPLE WITH STEEL PROBE: HIGH PLASTICITY 26 OR MORE HIGH MODERATELY INDURATED BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMMER. HAND AUGER TRICONE OTHER INDURATED GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE WITH STEEL PROBE: SOUNDING ROD CORE BIT DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER. VANE SHEAR TEST OTHER_ MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE. OTHER_ SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BREAK SAMPLE: OTHER

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