

Coarse-Grained Soils - More than 50% Retained on No. 200 Sieve	Coarse-Grained Soils - More than 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve	GW	Well-graded GRAVEL	Gravels - More than 50% ¹ of Coarse Fraction Retained on No. 4 Sieve
			Well-graded GRAVEL WITH SAND	
		GP	Poorly-graded GRAVEL	≤ 5% Fines
		GP	Poorly-graded GRAVEL WITH SAND	
		GM	SILTY GRAVEL	≥ 15% Fines
		GM	SILTY GRAVEL WITH SAND	
		GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL	≥ 15% Fines
		GC	CLAYEY GRAVEL WITH SAND	
		SW	Well-graded SAND	≤ 5% Fines
		SW	Well-graded SAND WITH GRAVEL	
Fine-Grained Soils - 50% ¹ or More Passes No. 200 Sieve	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve	SP	Poorly-graded SAND	≤ 5% Fines
			Poorly-graded SAND WITH GRAVEL	
		SM	SILTY SAND	≥ 15% Fines
		SM	SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL	
		SC	CLAYEY SAND	
		SC	CLAYEY SAND WITH GRAVEL	
Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit Less than 50%	Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit Less than 50%	ML	SILT	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY SILT	
		ML	SILT WITH SAND	
		ML	SILT WITH GRAVEL	
	Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit Less than 50%	CL	LEAN CLAY	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY LEAN CLAY	
		CL	LEAN CLAY WITH SAND	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
		CL	LEAN CLAY WITH GRAVEL	
Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit 50% or More	Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit 50% or More	OL	ORGANIC SILT	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY ORGANIC SILT	
		OL	ORGANIC SILT WITH SAND	
		OL	ORGANIC SILT WITH GRAVEL	
	Silts and Clays - Liquid Limit 50% or More	MH	ELASTIC SILT	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY ELASTIC SILT	
		MH	ELASTIC SILT WITH SAND	
		MH	ELASTIC SILT WITH GRAVEL	
Highly Organic Soils	Highly Organic Soils	CH	FAT CLAY	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY FAT CLAY	
		CH	FAT CLAY WITH SAND	
		CH	FAT CLAY WITH GRAVEL	
		OH	ORGANIC CLAY	Sands - 50% ¹ or More of Coarse Fraction Passes No. 4 Sieve
			SANDY or GRAVELLY ORGANIC CLAY	
		OH	ORGANIC CLAY WITH SAND	
		OH	ORGANIC CLAY WITH GRAVEL	
		PT	PEAT and other mostly organic soils	

MC	= Natural Moisture Content	GEOTECHNICAL LAB TESTS
PS	= Particle Size Distribution	
FC	= Fines Content (% < 0.075 mm)	
GH	= Hydrometer Test	
AL	= Atterberg Limits	
C	= Consolidation Test	
Str	= Strength Test	
OC	= Organic Content (% Loss by Ignition)	
Comp	= Proctor Test	
K	= Hydraulic Conductivity Test	
SG	= Specific Gravity Test	

Organic Chemicals	CHEMICAL LAB TESTS
BTEX	= Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes
TPH-Dx	= Diesel and Oil-Range Petroleum Hydrocarbons
TPH-G	= Gasoline-Range Petroleum Hydrocarbons
VOCs	= Volatile Organic Compounds
SVOCs	= Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
PAHs	= Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Compounds
PCBs	= Polychlorinated Biphenyls
Metals	
RCRA8	= As, Ba, Cd, Cr, Pb, Hg, Se, Ag, (d = dissolved, t = total)
MTC45	= As, Cd, Cr, Hg, Pb (d = dissolved, t = total)
PP-13	= Ag, As, Be, Cd, Cr, Cu, Hg, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Ti, Zn (d=dissolved, t=totals)
PID	= Photoionization Detector
Sheen	= Oil Sheen Test
SPT ²	= Standard Penetration Test
NSPT	= Non-Standard Penetration Test
DCPT	= Dynamic Cone Penetration Test

Descriptive Term	Size Range and Sieve Number	COMPONENT DEFINITIONS
Boulders	= Larger than 12 inches	
Cobbles	= 3 inches to 12 inches	
Coarse Gravel	= 3 inches to 3/4 inches	
Fine Gravel	= 3/4 inches to No. 4 (4.75 mm)	
Coarse Sand	= No. 4 (4.75 mm) to No. 10 (2.00 mm)	
Medium Sand	= No. 10 (2.00 mm) to No. 40 (0.425 mm)	
Fine Sand	= No. 40 (0.425 mm) to No. 200 (0.075 mm)	
Silt and Clay	= Smaller than No. 200 (0.075 mm)	

% by Weight	Modifier	% by Weight	Modifier	ESTIMATED ¹ PERCENTAGE
<1	= Subtract	15 to 25	= Little	
1 to <5	= Trace	30 to 45	= Some	
5 to 10	= Few	>50	= Mostly	

Dry	= Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch	MOISTURE CONTENT
Slightly Moist	= Perceptible moisture	
Moist	= Damp but no visible water	
Very Moist	= Water visible but not free draining	
Wet	= Visible free water, usually from below water table	

Non-Cohesive or Coarse-Grained Soils			RELATIVE DENSITY
Density ³	SPT ² Blows/Foot	Penetration with 1/2" Diameter Rod	
Very Loose	= 0 to 4	≥ 2'	
Loose	= 5 to 10	1' to 2'	
Medium Dense	= 11 to 30	3" to 1'	
Dense	= 31 to 50	1" to 3"	
Very Dense	= > 50	< 1"	

Cohesive or Fine-Grained Soils			CONSISTENCY
Consistency ³	SPT ² Blows/Foot	Manual Test	
Very Soft	= 0 to 1	Penetrated >1" easily by thumb. Extrudes between thumb & fingers.	
Soft	= 2 to 4	Penetrated 1/4" to 1" easily by thumb. Easily molded.	
Medium Stiff	= 5 to 8	Penetrated >1/4" with effort by thumb. Molded with strong pressure.	
Stiff	= 9 to 15	Indented ~1/4" with effort by thumb.	
Very Stiff	= 16 to 30	Indented easily by thumbnail.	
Hard	= > 30	Indented with difficulty by thumbnail.	

GEOLOGIC CONTACTS	Observed and Distinct	Observed and Gradual	Inferred

¹ "WITH SILT" or "WITH CLAY" means 5 to 15% silt and clay, denoted by a "—" in the group name; e.g., SP-SM • "SILTY" or "CLAYEY" means >15% silt and clay • "WITH SAND" or "WITH GRAVEL" means 15 to 30% sand and gravel. • "SANDY" or "GRAVELLY" means >30% sand and gravel. • "Well-graded" means approximately equal amounts of fine to coarse grain sizes • "Poorly graded" means unequal amounts of grain sizes • Group names separated by "/" means soil contains layers of the two soil types; e.g., SM/ML.

Soils were described and identified in the field in general accordance with the methods described in ASTM D2488. Where indicated in the log, soils were classified using ASTM D2487 or other laboratory tests as appropriate. Refer to the report accompanying these exploration logs for details.

1. Estimated or measured percentage by dry weight
2. (SPT) Standard Penetration Test (ASTM D1586)
3. Determined by SPT, DCPT (ASTM STP399) or other field methods. See report text for details.



Exploration Log Key