

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

"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.

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

GEOTECHNICAL LAB TESTS	
MC	= Natural Moisture Content
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

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)
MTCA5	= As, Cd, Cr, Hg, Pb (d = dissolved, t = total)
PP-13	= Ag, As, Be, Cd, Cr, Cu, Hg, Ni, Pb, Sb, Se, Tl, Zn (d=dissolved, t=total)

FIELD TESTS	
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	= Subtrace	15 to 25	= Little	
1 to <5	= Trace	30 to 45	= Some	
5 to 10	= Few	>50	= Mostly	

MOISTURE CONTENT	
Dry	= Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
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
Consistency³	SPT² 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

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