

APPENDIX C
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

GENERAL NOTES

DRILLING & SAMPLING SYMBOLS:

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| SS: | Split Spoon - 1- ³ / ₈ " I.D., 2" O.D., unless otherwise noted | HS: | Hollow Stem Auger |
| ST: | Thin-Walled Tube - 2" O.D., unless otherwise noted | PA: | Power Auger |
| RS: | Ring Sampler - 2.42" I.D., 3" O.D., unless otherwise noted | HA: | Hand Auger |
| DB: | Diamond Bit Coring - 4", N, B | RB: | Rock Bit |
| BS: | Bulk Sample or Auger Sample | WB: | Wash Boring or Mud Rotary |

The number of blows required to advance a standard 2-inch O.D. split-spoon sampler (SS) the last 12 inches of the total 18-inch penetration with a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches is considered the "Standard Penetration" or "N-value". For 3" O.D. ring samplers (RS) the penetration value is reported as the number of blows required to advance the sampler 12 inches using a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches, reported as "blows per foot," and is not considered equivalent to the "Standard Penetration" or "N-value".

WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENT SYMBOLS:

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| WL: | Water Level | WS: | While Sampling |
| WCI: | Wet Cave in | WD: | While Drilling |
| DCI: | Dry Cave in | BCR: | Before Casing Removal |
| AB: | After Boring | ACR: | After Casing Removal |

Water levels indicated on the boring logs are the levels measured in the borings at the times indicated. Groundwater levels at other times and other locations across the site could vary. In pervious soils, the indicated levels may reflect the location of groundwater. In low permeability soils, the accurate determination of groundwater levels may not be possible with only short-term observations.

DESCRIPTIVE SOIL CLASSIFICATION: Soil classification is based on the Unified Classification System. Coarse Grained Soils have more than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; their principal descriptors are: boulders, cobbles, gravel or sand. Fine Grained Soils have less than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; they are principally described as clays if they are plastic and silts if they are slightly plastic or non-plastic. Major constituents may be added as modifiers and minor constituents may be added according to the relative proportions based on grain size. In addition to gradation, coarse-grained soils are defined on the basis of their in-place relative density and fine-grained soils on the basis of their consistency.

| <u>FINE-GRAINED SOILS</u> | | | <u>COARSE-GRAINED SOILS</u> | | | <u>BEDROCK</u> | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <u>(RS)</u> | <u>(SS)</u> | | <u>(RS)</u> | <u>(SS)</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>(RS)</u> | <u>(SS)</u> | |
| <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Consistency</u> | <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Density</u> | <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Blows/Ft.</u> | <u>Consistency</u> |
| < 3 | 0-2 | Very Soft | 0-6 | < 3 | Very Loose | < 30 | < 20 | Weathered |
| 3-4 | 3-4 | Soft | 7-18 | 4-9 | Loose | 30-49 | 20-29 | Firm |
| 5-9 | 5-8 | Medium Stiff | 19-58 | 10-29 | Medium Dense | 50-89 | 30-49 | Medium Hard |
| 10-18 | 9-15 | Stiff | 59-98 | 30-50 | Dense | 90-119 | 50-79 | Hard |
| 19-42 | 16-30 | Very Stiff | > 98 | > 50 | Very Dense | > 119 | > 79 | Very Hard |
| > 42 | > 30 | Hard | | | | | | |

RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF SAND AND GRAVEL

| <u>Descriptive Terms of Other Constituents</u> | <u>Percent of Dry Weight</u> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Trace | < 15 |
| With | 15 – 29 |
| Modifier | > 30 |

GRAIN SIZE TERMINOLOGY

| <u>Major Component of Sample</u> | <u>Particle Size</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Boulders | Over 12 in. (300mm) |
| Cobbles | 12 in. to 3 in. (300mm to 75 mm) |
| Gravel | 3 in. to #4 sieve (75mm to 4.75 mm) |
| Sand | #4 to #200 sieve (4.75mm to 0.075mm) |
| Silt or Clay | Passing #200 Sieve (0.075mm) |

RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF FINES

| <u>Descriptive Terms of Other Constituents</u> | <u>Percent of Dry Weight</u> |
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| Trace | < 5 |
| With | 5 – 12 |
| Modifiers | > 12 |

PLASTICITY DESCRIPTION

| <u>Term</u> | <u>Plasticity Index</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Non-plastic | 0 |
| Low | 1-10 |
| Medium | 11-30 |
| High | 30+ |

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Criteria for Assigning Group Symbols and Group Names Using Laboratory Tests

| | | | | Soil Classification | | |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | | | Group Symbol | Group Name ^g | |
| Coarse Grained Soils More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve | Gravels More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve | Clean Gravels Less than 5% fines ^c | $Cu \geq 4$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3^e$ | GW | Well graded gravel ^f | |
| | | Gravels with Fines More than 12% fines ^c | Fines classify as ML or MH | GP | Poorly graded gravel ^f | |
| | | | Fines classify as CL or CH | GM | Silty gravel ^{f, h, i} | |
| | Sands 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve | Clean Sands Less than 5% fines ^c | $Cu \geq 6$ and $1 \leq Cc \leq 3^e$ | SW | Well graded sand ^f | |
| | | Sands with Fines More than 12% fines ^c | Fines classify as ML or MH | SP | Poorly graded sand ^f | |
| | | | Fines classify as CL or CH | SM | Silty sand ^{g, h, j} | |
| Fine-Grained Soils 50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve | Silt and Clays Liquid limit less than 50 | Inorganic | $PI > 7$ and plots on or above "A" line ^d | CL | Lean clay ^{k, l, m} | |
| | | | $PI < 4$ or plots below "A" line ^d | ML | Silt ^{k, l, m} | |
| | | Organic | Liquid limit - oven dried | < 0.75 | OL | Organic clay ^{k, l, m, n} |
| | | | Liquid limit - not dried | | | Organic silt ^{k, l, m, o} |
| | | | | | | |
| | Silt and Clays Liquid limit 50 or more | Inorganic | PI plots on or above "A" line | CH | Fat clay ^{k, l, m} | |
| | | | PI plots below "A" line | MH | Elastic silt ^{k, l, m} | |
| | | Organic | Liquid limit - oven dried | < 0.75 | OH | Organic clay ^{k, l, m, p} |
| | | | Liquid limit - not dried | | | Organic silt ^{k, l, m, q} |
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| Highly organic soils | Primarily organic matter, dark in color, and organic odor | | | PT | Peat | |

^aBased on the material passing the 3-in. (75-mm) sieve

^bIf field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.

^cGravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: GW-GM well graded gravel with silt, GW-GC well graded gravel with clay, GP-GM poorly graded gravel with silt, GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay.

^dSands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: SW-SM well graded sand with silt, SW-SC well graded sand with clay, SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay

$$^e C_u = D_{60}/D_{10} \quad C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$$

^fIf soil contains $\geq 15\%$ sand, add "with sand" to group name.

^gIf fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.

^hIf fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.

ⁱIf soil contains $\geq 15\%$ gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.

^jIf Atterberg limits plot in shaded area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.

^kIf soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or "with gravel," whichever is predominant.

^lIf soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200 predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.

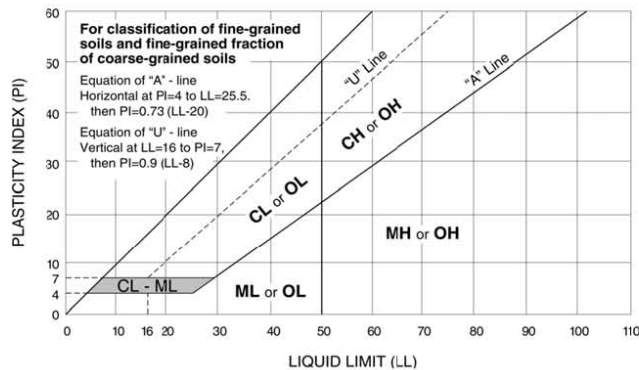
^mIf soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.

ⁿ $PI \geq 4$ and plots on or above "A" line.

^o $PI < 4$ or plots below "A" line.

^p PI plots on or above "A" line.

^q PI plots below "A" line.



ROCK CLASSIFICATION
(Based on ASTM C-294)

Sedimentary Rocks

Sedimentary rocks are stratified materials laid down by water or wind. The sediments may be composed of particles or pre-existing rocks derived by mechanical weathering, evaporation or by chemical or organic origin. The sediments are usually indurated by cementation or compaction.

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| Chert | Very fine-grained siliceous rock composed of micro-crystalline or cryptocrystalline quartz, chalcedony or opal. Chert is various colored, porous to dense, hard and has a conchoidal to splintery fracture. |
| Claystone | Fine-grained rock composed of or derived by erosion of silts and clays or any rock containing clay. Soft massive and may contain carbonate minerals. |
| Conglomerate | Rock consisting of a considerable amount of rounded gravel, sand and cobbles with or without interstitial or cementing material. The cementing or interstitial material may be quartz, opal, calcite, dolomite, clay, iron oxides or other materials. |
| Dolomite | A fine-grained carbonate rock consisting of the mineral dolomite [CaMg(CO ₃) ₂]. May contain noncarbonate impurities such as quartz, chert, clay minerals, organic matter, gypsum and sulfides. Reacts with hydrochloric acid (HCL). |
| Limestone | A fine-grained carbonate rock consisting of the mineral calcite (CaCO ₃). May contain noncarbonate impurities such as quartz, chert, clay minerals, organic matter, gypsum and sulfides. Reacts with hydrochloric acid (HCL). |
| Sandstone | Rock consisting of particles of sand with or without interstitial and cementing materials. The cementing or interstitial material may be quartz, opal, calcite, dolomite, clay, iron oxides or other material. |
| Shale | Fine-grained rock composed of or derived by erosion of silts and clays or any rock containing clay. Shale is hard, platy, of fissile may be gray, black, reddish or green and may contain some carbonate minerals (calcareous shale). |
| Siltstone | Fine grained rock composed of or derived by erosion of silts or rock containing silt. Siltstones consist predominantly of silt sized particles (0.0625 to 0.002 mm in diameter) and are intermediate rocks between claystones and sandstones and may contain carbonate minerals. |

**LABORATORY TEST
SIGNIFICANCE AND PURPOSE**

| TEST | SIGNIFICANCE | PURPOSE |
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| <i>California Bearing Ratio</i> | Used to evaluate the potential strength of subgrade soil, subbase, and base course material, including recycled materials for use in road and airfield pavements. | <i>Pavement Thickness Design</i> |
| <i>Consolidation</i> | Used to develop an estimate of both the rate and amount of both differential and total settlement of a structure. | <i>Foundation Design</i> |
| <i>Direct Shear</i> | Used to determine the consolidated drained shear strength of soil or rock. | <i>Bearing Capacity, Foundation Design, and Slope Stability</i> |
| <i>Dry Density</i> | Used to determine the in-place density of natural, inorganic, fine-grained soils. | <i>Index Property Soil Behavior</i> |
| <i>Expansion</i> | Used to measure the expansive potential of fine-grained soil and to provide a basis for swell potential classification. | <i>Foundation and Slab Design</i> |
| <i>Gradation</i> | Used for the quantitative determination of the distribution of particle sizes in soil. | <i>Soil Classification</i> |
| <i>Liquid & Plastic Limit, Plasticity Index</i> | Used as an integral part of engineering classification systems to characterize the fine-grained fraction of soils, and to specify the fine-grained fraction of construction materials. | <i>Soil Classification</i> |
| <i>Permeability</i> | Used to determine the capacity of soil or rock to conduct a liquid or gas. | <i>Groundwater Flow Analysis</i> |
| <i>pH</i> | Used to determine the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a soil. | <i>Corrosion Potential</i> |
| <i>Resistivity</i> | Used to indicate the relative ability of a soil medium to carry electrical currents. | <i>Corrosion Potential</i> |
| <i>R-Value</i> | Used to evaluate the potential strength of subgrade soil, subbase, and base course material, including recycled materials for use in road and airfield pavements. | <i>Pavement Thickness Design</i> |
| <i>Soluble Sulfate</i> | Used to determine the quantitative amount of soluble sulfates within a soil mass. | <i>Corrosion Potential</i> |
| <i>Unconfined Compression</i> | To obtain the approximate compressive strength of soils that possess sufficient cohesion to permit testing in the unconfined state. | <i>Bearing Capacity Analysis for Foundations</i> |
| <i>Water Content</i> | Used to determine the quantitative amount of water in a soil mass. | <i>Index Property Soil Behavior</i> |

**REPORT TERMINOLOGY
(Based on ASTM D653)**

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| <i>Allowable Soil Bearing Capacity</i> | The recommended maximum contact stress developed at the interface of the foundation element and the supporting material. |
| <i>Alluvium</i> | Soil, the constituents of which have been transported in suspension by flowing water and subsequently deposited by sedimentation. |
| <i>Aggregate Base Course</i> | A layer of specified material placed on a subgrade or subbase usually beneath slabs or pavements. |
| <i>Backfill</i> | A specified material placed and compacted in a confined area. |
| <i>Bedrock</i> | A natural aggregate of mineral grains connected by strong and permanent cohesive forces. Usually requires drilling, wedging, blasting or other methods of extraordinary force for excavation. |
| <i>Bench</i> | A horizontal surface in a sloped deposit. |
| <i>Caisson (Drilled Pier or Shaft)</i> | A concrete foundation element cast in a circular excavation which may have an enlarged base. Sometimes referred to as a cast-in-place pier or drilled shaft. |
| <i>Coefficient of Friction</i> | A constant proportionality factor relating normal stress and the corresponding shear stress at which sliding starts between the two surfaces. |
| <i>Colluvium</i> | Soil, the constituents of which have been deposited chiefly by gravity such as at the foot of a slope or cliff. |
| <i>Compaction</i> | The densification of a soil by means of mechanical manipulation |
| <i>Concrete Slab-on-Grade</i> | A concrete surface layer cast directly upon a base, subbase or subgrade, and typically used as a floor system. |
| <i>Differential Movement</i> | Unequal settlement or heave between, or within foundation elements of structure. |
| <i>Earth Pressure</i> | The pressure exerted by soil on any boundary such as a foundation wall. |
| <i>ESAL</i> | Equivalent Single Axle Load, a criteria used to convert traffic to a uniform standard, (18,000 pound axle loads). |
| <i>Engineered Fill</i> | Specified material placed and compacted to specified density and/or moisture conditions under observations of a representative of a geotechnical engineer. |
| <i>Equivalent Fluid</i> | A hypothetical fluid having a unit weight such that it will produce a pressure against a lateral support presumed to be equivalent to that produced by the actual soil. This simplified approach is valid only when deformation conditions are such that the pressure increases linearly with depth and the wall friction is neglected. |
| <i>Existing Fill (or Man-Made Fill)</i> | Materials deposited throughout the action of man prior to exploration of the site. |
| <i>Existing Grade</i> | The ground surface at the time of field exploration. |

REPORT TERMINOLOGY
(Based on ASTM D653)

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| Expansive Potential | The potential of a soil to expand (increase in volume) due to absorption of moisture. |
| Finished Grade | The final grade created as a part of the project. |
| Footing | A portion of the foundation of a structure that transmits loads directly to the soil. |
| Foundation | The lower part of a structure that transmits the loads to the soil or bedrock. |
| Frost Depth | The depth at which the ground becomes frozen during the winter season. |
| Grade Beam | A foundation element or wall, typically constructed of reinforced concrete, used to span between other foundation elements such as drilled piers. |
| Groundwater | Subsurface water found in the zone of saturation of soils or within fractures in bedrock. |
| Heave | Upward movement. |
| Lithologic | The characteristics which describe the composition and texture of soil and rock by observation. |
| Native Grade | The naturally occurring ground surface. |
| Native Soil | Naturally occurring on-site soil, sometimes referred to as natural soil. |
| Optimum Moisture Content | The water content at which a soil can be compacted to a maximum dry unit weight by a given compactive effort. |
| Perched Water | Groundwater, usually of limited area maintained above a normal water elevation by the presence of an intervening relatively impervious continuous stratum. |
| Scarify | To mechanically loosen soil or break down existing soil structure. |
| Settlement | Downward movement. |
| Skin Friction (Side Shear) | The frictional resistance developed between soil and an element of the structure such as a drilled pier. |
| Soil (Earth) | Sediments or other unconsolidated accumulations of solid particles produced by the physical and chemical disintegration of rocks, and which may or may not contain organic matter. |
| Strain | The change in length per unit of length in a given direction. |
| Stress | The force per unit area acting within a soil mass. |
| Strip | To remove from present location. |
| Subbase | A layer of specified material in a pavement system between the subgrade and base course. |
| Subgrade | The soil prepared and compacted to support a structure, slab or pavement system. |