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Re: Soil Foundation Investigation
Residence at 18992 Harbor Side Blvd.
Lot 12, Block 1, Harbor Side Section 2
Montgomery County, Texas

Project No.: 1905-001
Report No.: 1905001-1

Dear Wesley,

We are pleased to submit this report on the soil foundation investigation made at the site referred above.

Except for a surficial, medium dense clayey sand layer in Boring B-2, this investigation reveals surficial, low plasticity, sandy clay; followed by, medium dense, silty sand & clayey sand; underlain by firm to hard, medium plasticity sandy clay and very stiff high plasticity clay, extending to the maximum explored depth.

It is recommended that the structural loads be supported on isolated spread footings founded at 4 feet of depth below existing grade and be proportioned for 1500 PSF for total dead and live loads. Parameters for post-tensioned slab are also addressed in the report.

It has been a pleasure being of service to you on this project. If we may be of any further assistance, please call us.

Respectfully,

Laique Haider, P.E.; PMP



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SUBJECT: SOIL FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION
RESIDENCE AT 18992 HARBOR SIDE BLVD.
LOT 12, BLOCK 1, HARBOR SIDE SECTION 2
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: WESLEY WEISINGER
16 LAGUNA ROAD
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SCOPE AND PURPOSE:

This report presents the results of the foundation investigation made recently at the subject site to determine the nature and condition of surface and sub-surface soils as affects the design of foundations. In particular, it was desirable to determine the safe soil bearing capacity for shallow foundation, spread footing foundation and pile foundation systems, depth to water table where encountered and optimum type and depth of structural foundations. The investigation was made in accordance with your instructions.

PROCEDURES: FIELD

Two (2) borings were made to a depth of 15 feet each, and one (1) boring was made to a depth of 20 feet, at the locations shown on the Location of Test Borings plate - Figure 1. The borings were made with a truck mounted Lonestar B-53 rotary drill rig using no drilling water in order to secure unaffected soil samples and reliable data on groundwater levels. The relative density of the sand was determined by noting the resistance to penetration of 2-inch split spoon samplers driven by a 140 pound hammer dropping 30 inches per blow in conformance with ASTM Standard Procedure ASTM D 1586, as in the Standard Penetration Test. Cohesive soil was sampled by pushing thin-walled Shelby tube samplers into the soil in accordance with ASTM Procedure D 1587. The borings were logged by a geotechnical engineering technician who noted the consistency, color, composition, and classification of the soil as encountered.

The samples were examined and classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System. They were then sealed to prevent moisture loss and transported to the laboratory for subsequent testing.

PROCEDURES: LABORATORY

The following tests were performed in the laboratory on the select samples to determine applicable engineering characteristics necessary to make the foundation design and construction recommendations.

Moisture Content	ASTM D2216
Materials Finer than No. 200 Sieve	ASTM C117
Unconfined Compressive Strength	ASTM D2166
Atterberg Limits	ASTM D4318

The final boring logs were prepared by a geotechnical engineer after examining the samples and reviewing the laboratory test results. The results of these tests are shown on the Boring Logs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORIZATION:

The project consists of a 79 foot by 88 foot, 1-story residence, with stone & brick exterior, an attached garage, and a detached garage. Wall loads are not known at this time but are not expected to exceed 1 kip per foot. The soil investigation was authorized by Mr. Wesley Weisinger, the owner.

GEOLOGY:

The surficial soil at this site is underlain by the Beaumont formation of the Pleistocene era. This formation consists of overconsolidated clays, silts, and sands with fragments of shell, calcium carbonates, and ferrous nodules. These formations extend to a depth of about 200 feet and are quite strong; although the surface has been weakened somewhat by the weathering process.

A fault study is beyond the scope of this report. For information on area faulting, it is recommended that a professional geologist be consulted.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The site consists of a sloping, grassy lot, fronting at 18992 Harbor Side Blvd., located in the Harbor Side subdivision, in Montgomery County, Texas. The lot was drained at the time of the investigation.

VARIATIONS:

The recommendations contained in this report are based on data gained from the test borings at the location shown on the Location of Test Borings plate - Figure 1 at the time of investigation; a reasonable extent of laboratory tests results, and professional interpretation and evaluation of this data in view of the project information provided to this firm. Should soil conditions differing from those described in this report be encountered at other locations in the course of construction, or should the design data change significantly, this firm should be notified immediately so that the conditions and their effect may be evaluated. It is recommended that a Geotechnical Engineer from this firm or elsewhere be retained to monitor the construction activities and ensure proper interpretation of this report.

SOIL STRATIGRAPHY:

Except for a surficial, medium clayey sand layer to a depth of 1 foot in Boring B-2, the soils at the site consist of stiff to hard, brown and reddish brown, low plasticity, sandy clay, to a depth of 2 feet; followed by, medium dense, silty sand and clayey sand, to a depth of 13 to 15 feet, and underlain by stiff to very stiff, reddish tan & light gray, medium plasticity, sandy clay, in Boring B-1; and very stiff light gray & tan, high plasticity clay, in Boring B-2; extending to the maximum explored depth of 20 feet. A detailed stratigraphy can be seen on the logs of borings.

Groundwater was encountered at 7 to 10 feet of depth, during the boring operations. However, it should be noted that ground water levels are subject to the influence of seasonal variations as well as other factors and should be checked prior to the initiation of any construction activities that could be affected.

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS:

Safe soil bearing pressures for cohesive formations are calculated from the depth and undrained shear strength of the soil determined by unconfined compression tests and field penetrometer values. Safe soil bearing pressures for cohesionless soil are determined from the values established by the Standard Penetration Test and interpretation of these values. A safety factor of two (2) is used for total dead and live load. A safety factor of three (3) is used for dead load and sustained live load.

Surficial soil is studied for the ease of compactability and manipulation in the field during construction. Also, should the site have poor soils or should drainage conditions be restricted, consideration is given to the alternatives for stabilization or removal and replacement of the surficial soil with select compactable soil.

Other tests are performed for building conditions in which certain characteristics of the soil are critical to the design of the structure. When long-term settlement analysis is required, consolidation tests are performed. Triaxial tests are performed to measure shear strength and pore pressure in sandier soil. Permeability tests are performed when the loss of fluids through the soil is critical. However, these are not considered critical tests for this project.

SITE PREPARATION:

It is recommended that the top 1 foot of fill and clayey sand layers be removed and replaced with structural fill. The building areas should be levelled as necessary, to ensure positive drainage and interceptor ditches and swales should be built if necessary, to intercept surface water and to direct the same away from the building. It is recommended that the following procedures be implemented in preparation of the site for construction:

- 1) Strip the surface soil, to a minimum depth of six (6) inches and remove all surface organics, tree stumps, trash, debris, and other deleterious materials. Where trees are removed, the root system should be removed to a depth where the maximum root diameter size is less than 1/2 inch with a minimum depth of 2 feet.
- 2) The exposed surface soil after stripping should be proof-rolled to locate any wet, pumping areas or dry unstable areas and the same should be treated with the proper stabilizing agents such as Portland cement and/or flyash, or excavated and re-compacted in smooth, thin lifts.
- 3) For slab-on-grade construction, a minimum of 12 inches of structural fill is recommended in the building areas. The structural fill material should be select soil consisting of sandy clay and/or silty clay free of any organics, trash, or other deleterious materials with a liquid limit in the range of 25 - 40. The plasticity index (PI) should range from 10 to 20. Compact the select fill in 6 inch lifts to 95 percent of Standard Proctor Density, in conformance with the standard procedure, ASTM D 698, at or within 2 percent of optimum moisture. The elevation can be controlled by the removal of the surface soil or placement of compacted select fill. The building pad should extend a minimum of 3 feet beyond the periphery of the building and be sloped to drain away from the building. The compaction should be monitored by this firm or another approved geotechnical firm.
- 4) Establish positive drainage by sloping, cross drainage, and directing the runoff away from the building sites. This includes all roof drain downspouts after construction extending the outfall beyond the building pads. Exposed ground areas adjacent to the building pads should be sodded or otherwise protected.
- 5) Any fill above existing grade should have the side sloped, no steeper than 3H:1V.

FOUNDATION CONSIDERATIONS:

1. Foundation Recommendations

A suitable foundation for any structure must satisfy two basic independent criteria with respect to the underlying foundation soils. First the foundation must have an adequate factor of safety against exceeding the bearing capacity of the foundation soils. Second the vertical movements of the foundation due to settlement or swelling of the foundation soils must be within tolerable limits of the structure.

Spread Footing Foundations and Shallow Foundations are discussed below for the support of the proposed building. The near surface soil is generally inactive sandy soils. The soil conditions, found from the boring logs description and laboratory testing results, are suitable for the structure to be supported on Spread Footings foundation, as discussed below. Parameters for Post-Tensioned slab are included for the use of your designer. It is recommended that a Geotechnical Engineer be retained to monitor the foundation construction process.

The most suitable type of foundation is determined by review of the job requirements, the logs of borings, and the test results. The most suitable depth is selected as the minimum depth below the zone of seasonal moisture fluctuations affording reasonably uniform footing support, reasonably high strength subsoil, and adequate vertical clearance with physical features of the proposed structure.

1.1 Slab-On-Grade:

The soil conditions, found from the boring logs description and laboratory testing results, are suitable for the structure to be supported on a foundation system comprised of post-tensioned slab, with considerations as detailed in this report.

The following are Post-Tensioning Institute, Inc (PTI) parameters for the DESIGN OF POST-TENSIONED SLABS-ON-GROUND, 3rd Edition. The following are the recommended parameters:

Thornwaite Index: 17
Soil Suction: pF: 3.4
Effective PI: 20
Climatic Index: 25
Em: 9 feet (center lift), 5.0 feet (edge lift)
Ym: 0.47 (Swell), 0.36 (Shrink)

1.2 Spread Footings:

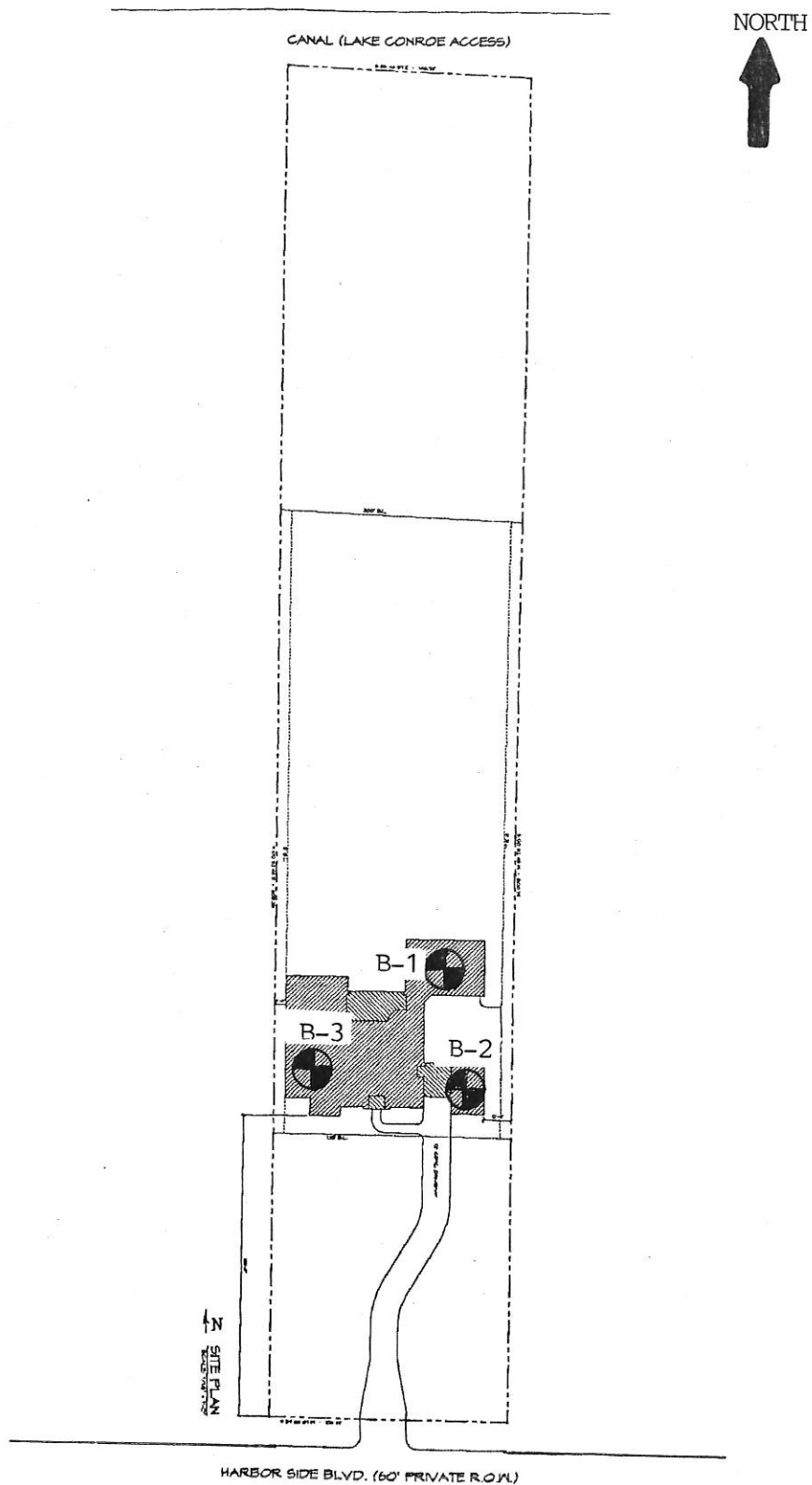
After proper site preparation, spread footings founded at or below the 4 feet of depth below existing grade, should be proportioned for a safe bearing capacity of 1500 PSF incorporating a safety factor of over 2.

1.3 Shallow Foundations:

After proper site preparation, continuous beams founded at a minimum depth of 3 feet below final grade, to provide additional support for the slab-on-grade, should be proportioned for a safe bearing capacity of 1000 PSF incorporating a safety factor of over 2.

Location of Borings

NOT TO SCALE



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Figure 1

LOG OF BORING

BORING NO: B-1

PROJECT: Residence at 18992 Harbor Side Boulevard
 FOR: Wes Weisinger

JOB NO: 1905-001
 BORING METHOD: Core

DATE: 5-29-2019
 DRILLER: Double O Drilling

AUGER: X
 WASH:
 GROUND ELEV: Existing

Depth (Feet)	Sample Method	Water Levels	Penetrometer or Blow Count	Compressive Strength Tons/Sq. Ft.	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit %	Plasticity Index	Description
			4.5	1.8	12	103	33	17	Hard, brown sandy clay (CL)
			16		8				Medium, tan silty sand (SM)
- 5 -		▽	14		12				...clayey sand (SC)
			17		18				...wet
- 10 -					23				...saturated
- 15 -			2.2	0.6	17	109	32	16	Firm, light gray & tan sandy clay (CL), with clay partings
- 20 -			4.5		17				...hard
									Boring terminated at 20' Ground water encountered at 7'

- Shelby Tube
- Standard Penetration Test
- No Recovery
- ▽ Initial Water Level
- ▼ Water Level After

LOG OF BORING
BORING NO: B-2

PROJECT: Residence at 18992 Harbor Side Boulevard
 FOR: Wes Weisinger
 DATE: 5-29-2019
 DRILLER: Double O Drilling

JOB NO: 1905-001
 BORING METHOD: Core
 AUGER: X
 WASH:
 GROUND ELEV: Existing

Depth (feet)	Sample Method	Water Levels	Penetrometer or Blow Count	Compressive Strength Tons/Sq. Ft.	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit %	Plasticity Index	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelby Tube <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Penetration Test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Water Level <input type="checkbox"/> Water Level After
			3.5		10		20	6	Very stiff, brown sandy clay(CL) Minus #200: 15%
			17		8				Medium, tan silty sand(SM)
-5			20		12				...clayey sand(SC)
			20		21		17	3	...saturated Minus #200: 34%
-10		▽	20		21				...same
-15			3.5		37		83	56	Very stiff, light gray & tan clay(CH)
									Boring terminated at 15' Ground water encountered at 9'

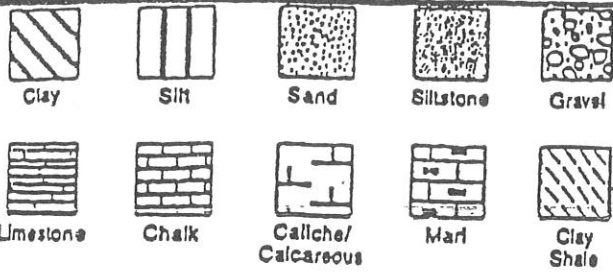
LOG OF BORING
BORING NO: B-3

PROJECT: Residence at 18992 Harbor Side Boulevard
 FOR: Wes Weisinger
 DATE: 5-29-2019
 DRILLER: Double O Drilling

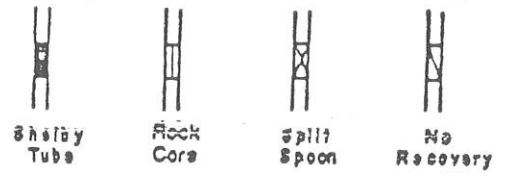
JOB NO: 1905-001
 BORING METHOD: Core
 AUGER: X
 WASH:
 GROUND ELEV: Existing

Depth (Feet)	Sample Method	Water Levels	Penetrometer or Blow Count	Compressive Strength Tons/Sq. Ft.	Moisture Content (%)	Dry Density Lbs./Cu. Ft.	Liquid Limit %	Plasticity Index	<input type="checkbox"/> Shelby Tube <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Penetration Test <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Recovery <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Water Level <input type="checkbox"/> Water Level After
			4.5		13		28	13	Hard, brown & reddish brown sandy clay(CL)
			13		8				Medium, tan silty sand(SM)
- 5 -			18		11		18	4	...clayey sand(SC) Minus #200: 13%
			25		11				...same
- 10 -		<input type="checkbox"/>	16		13				...same
- 15 -			22		20				...saturated
									Boring terminated at 15' Ground water encountered at 10'

SYMBOLS AND TERMS USED ON BORING LOGS



SAMPLER TYPES (SHOWN IN SAMPLES COLUMN)



TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY OR CONDITION

COARSE GRAINED SOILS (Major Portion Retained on No.200 Sieve): Includes (1) clean gravels and sands, and (2) silty or clayey gravels and sands. Condition is rated according to relative density, as determined by laboratory tests.

Descriptive Term	Standard Penetration, Resistance, Blows/Ft	Relative Density
Loose	0 - 10	0 to 40%
Medium dense	10 - 30	40 to 70%
Dense	30 - 50	70 to 100%

FINE GRAINED SOILS (Major portion passing No. 200 sieve): Includes (1) inorganic and organic silts and clays, (2) gravelly, sandy, or silty clays, and (3) clayey silts. Consistency is rated according to shearing strength, as indicated by penetrometer readings or by unconfined compression tests.

DESCRIPTIVE TERM	UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH TONS / Sq. Ft.
Very soft	less than 0.25
Soft	0.25 to 0.50
Firm	0.50 to 1.00
Stiff	1.00 to 2.00
Very Stiff	2.00 to 4.00
Hard	4.00 and higher

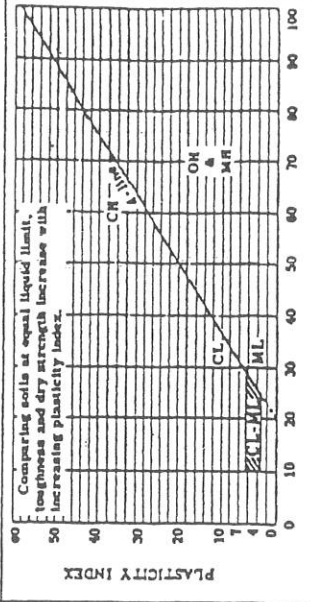
Note: Slickensided and fissured clays may have lower unconfined compressive strengths than shown above, because of planes of weakness or cracks in the soil. The consistency ratings of such soils are based on penetrometer readings.

TERMS CHARACTERIZING SOIL STRUCTURE

- Parting: - paper thin in size Seam: - 1/8"-3" thick Layer: - greater than 3"
- Slickensided - having inclined planes of weakness that are slick and glossy in appearance.
- Fissured - containing shrinkage cracks, frequently filled with fine sand or silt; usually more or less vertical.
- Laminated - composed of thin layers of varying color and texture.
- Interbedded - composed of alternate layers of different soil types.
- Calcareous - containing appreciable quantities of calcium carbonate.
- Well graded - having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.
- Poorly graded - predominantly of one grain size, or having a range of sizes with some intermediate size missing.
- Flocculated - pertaining to cohesive soils that exhibit a loose knit or flakey structure.

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Major Divisions	Group Symbols	Typical Names	Field Identification Procedures (excluding particles larger than 3 in. and basing fractions on estimated weights)	Information Required for Describing Soils	Laboratory Classification Criteria
(1) Coarse-grained soils (More than half of coarse fraction is larger than No. 200-sieve size.)	(2) Clean Gravels (Little or no fines) or Fine Sands (Appreciable amount of fines)	(4) Well-graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	(5) Wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes	(6) For undisturbed soils, add information on stratification, degree of compaction, cementation, moisture conditions, and drainage characteristics. Give typical names; indicate approximate percentages of sand and gravel; maximum silt; angularity, surface condition and hardness of the coarse grains; local or geologic name and other pertinent descriptive information; and a symbol in parentheses. Example: Silty sand, gravelly; about 20% hard angular gravel; particles 1/2-in. maximum size; rounded and subangular sand grains coarse to fine; about 15% nonplastic fines with low dry strength; well compacted and moist in place; alluvial sand; (SM).	(7) $C_u = \frac{P_{60}}{P_{10}}$ (greater than 6) $C_c = \frac{(P_{25})^2}{P_{10} P_{75}}$ (between one and 3) Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW Atterberg limits below 4-line or PI less than 4 Atterberg limits above 4-line with PI greater than 7 $C_u = \frac{P_{60}}{P_{10}}$ (greater than 4) $C_c = \frac{(P_{25})^2}{P_{10} P_{75}}$ (between one and 3) Not meeting all gradation requirements for SW Atterberg limits below 4-line or PI less than 4 Atterberg limits above 4-line with PI greater than 7
			(5) Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing Nonplastic fines or fines with low plasticity (for identification procedures see ML below) Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below)		
(1) Fine-grained soils (More than half of material is smaller than No. 200-sieve size.)	(2) Blinds and Clays (Liquid limit less than 50) or Blinds and Clays (Liquid limit greater than 50)	(4) Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands, or clayey silts with slight plasticity Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays Organic silts and organic silty clays of low plasticity Inorganic silts, micaceous or diamaceous fine sandy or silty soils, elastic silts Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays Organic clays of medium to high plasticity, organic silts	(5) Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing Nonplastic fines or fines with low plasticity (for identification procedures see ML below) Plastic fines (for identification procedures see CL below)	(6) Give typical name; indicate degree and character of plasticity; amount and maximum size of coarse grains; color in wet condition, odor if any, local or geologic name, and other pertinent descriptive information; and a symbol in parentheses. For undisturbed soils add information on structure, stratification, consistency, moisture and drainage conditions. Example: Clayey silt, brown, slightly plastic, small percentage of fine sand, numerous vertical root holes, firm and dry in place, loess, (ML).	Determine percentages of gravel and sand from grain-size curve. Depending on percentage of fines (fraction smaller than No. 200-sieve size), coarse-grained soils are classified as follows: Less than 5% GW, GP, SW, SP More than 5% GM, GC, SM, SC Borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols.
			(5) Identification Procedures on Fraction Smaller than No. 40-Sieve Size Dry Strength (Crushing characteristics) Dilatancy (Reaction to shaking) Toughness (Consistency near PL)		
(1) Highly Organic Soils	(2) Peat and other highly organic soils	(4) Peat and other highly organic soils	(5) Readily identified by color, odor, spongy feel, and frequently by fibrous texture	(6) (6)	(7) (7)



or air drying, and then test its strength by breaking and crumbling it between the fingers. This strength is a measure of the character and quantity of the colloidal fraction contained in the soil. The dry strength increases with increasing plasticity.

High dry strength is characteristic for clays of the CH group. A typical inorganic silt contains only very slight dry strength. Silty fine sands and silts are only very slight dry strength. Silty fine sands and silts are only very slight dry strength. Silty fine sands and silts are only very slight dry strength. Silty fine sands and silts are only very slight dry strength.

Toughness (consistency near plastic limit)

After removing particles larger than the No. 40-sieve size, a specimen of soil about 1/2-in. cube in size is molded to the consistency of putty. If too dry, water must be added, and if sticky, the specimen should be spread out in a thin layer and allowed to lose some moisture by evaporation. Then the specimen is rolled out by hand on a smooth surface or between the palms in a thread about 1/8 in. in diameter. The thread is then rolled and re-rolled repeatedly. During this manipulation the moisture content is gradually reduced and the specimen stiffens, finally loses its plasticity, and crumbles when the plastic limit is reached.

Together with thread crumbles, the piece should be lumped and crumbles and slight handing action continued until the lump crumbles.

The tougher the thread near the plastic limit and the stiffer the lump when it finally crumbles, the more potent is the colloidal clay fraction in the soil. Weibers of the thread at the plastic limit and quick loss of coherence of the lump below the plastic limit indicate either inorganic clay of low plasticity or materials such as kaolin-type clays and organic clays which occur below the A-line.

Highly organic clays have a very weak and spongy feel at the plastic limit.

Adopted by Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, January, 1952.

(1) Boundary classifications: Soils possessing characteristics of two groups are designated by combinations of group symbols, for example, GC-OC, well-graded gravel-sand mixtures with clay binder.

(2) All sieve sizes on this chart are U. S. standard.

Field Identification Procedures for Fine-grained Soils or Fractions

These procedures are to be performed on the minus No. 40-sieve-size particles, approximately 1/64 in. For field classification purposes, screening is not intended simply remove by hand the coarse particles that interfere with the tests.

Dilatancy (reaction to shaking)

After removing particles larger than No. 40-sieve size, prepare a pat of moist soil with a volume of about 1/2 cu in. Add enough water if necessary to make the soil soft but not sticky.

Place the pat in the open palm of one hand and shake horizontally, striking vigorously against the other hand several times. A positive reaction consists of the appearance of water on the surface of the pat, which changes to a heavy consistency and becomes glossy. When the pat is squeezed between the fingers, the water and gloss disappear from the surface, the pat stiffens, and finally it