# Notes from Foundation Engineering, Inc Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation Stamped report dated July 23rd, final draft received 8/2/2021

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Settlement of unsaturated granular soils can occur under seismic loading due to soil densification. SPT N-values in the sand above the assumed static groundwater level (i.e., the upper ±50 feet of the soil profile) ranged from ±5 to 29 bpf indicating a loose to medium dense consistency. This material may be susceptible to settlement or densification under seismic loading. Additional drilling during the Phase 2 work will confirm the thickness and density of the sand above the groundwater level.

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The existing topography at the site is relatively flat with a gentle slope to the west and a steep slope to the east. No landslide or slope instability features were observed on site during our reconnaissance. DOGAMI's references, including LiDAR, also indicate no historic landslide inventory or mapped landslides at the site with a mostly low landslide susceptibility with isolated moderate susceptibility (DOGAMI, 2016, 2017, 2018).

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The results suggest relatively high FS for static slope stability. However, a shallow slope failure in the loose sand stratum may occur under seismic loading. Additional explorations should be completed during the Phase 2 work to refine the thickness of the loose sand and evaluate the required slope setback distance for the proposed facilities.

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The hazard map included in the Oregon Resilience Plan indicates ground subsidence in the project area could range from ±4 to 6 feet for a Mw 9 earthquake (OSSPAC, 2013). Ground subsidence cannot be mitigated. Therefore, it should be assumed the ground surface in the project area may drop up to 6 feet during a large CSZ interface earthquake.

#### PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the preliminary geotechnical investigation described above, we have concluded the following:

- 1. Our preliminary investigation suggests there are several geologic or geotechnical hazards associated with building on the Oregon Coast, however, these hazards do not necessarily preclude building at the proposed site. Potential geologic hazards include ground motion amplification, settlement of non-liquefiable soil, slope stability, subsidence, and tsunami inundation. Full mitigation of these hazards is not practical. Therefore, risks from these hazards will need to be accepted for the construction of the proposed facilities. A more detailed analysis of the geologic and seismic hazards should be completed as part of a site-specific hazard study during the design-phase work, once the location, type and size of the facility is known. Additional explorations will be necessary to refine our preliminary analyses and provide detailed mitigation recommendations.
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- 3. Conventional shallow foundations (i.e., spread footings and continuous wall footings) should be suitable to support the proposed facilities after the recompaction of the loose soil is completed.
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- 5. Additional exploratory drilling is recommended to evaluate the limits of overexcavation for the proposed facilities and provide detailed site grading and foundation design and construction recommendations.



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Professional Geotechnical Services

Memorandum

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City of Gearhart

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Subject:

**Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation** 

**Project:** 

The Cottages Emergency Operations Police/Fire Station

Project No.: 2211058

This memorandum summarizes our findings from a preliminary geotechnical investigation for the above-referenced project. Details of our work, a description of subsurface conditions, and a discussion of geologic and geotechnical hazards are provided below. Preliminary conclusions regarding the suitability of the site for the proposed facilities and recommendations for future design-phase work are also provided.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Preliminary planning is underway for a new emergency operations police/fire station in Clatsop County, near Gearhart, Oregon. The proposed location is on an undeveloped parcel located south of Highlands Lane and west of Highway 101. The project location is shown on Figure 1A (Appendix A). A topographic map of the project area, prepared by CKI, Inc. is shown on Figure 2A (Appendix A).

The City of Gearhart is the project owner. The City retained Foundation Engineering, Inc. as the geotechnical consultant. The focus of our work was to identify potential geotechnical concerns that would impact the construction of the proposed facilities. Our scope of work was outlined in a proposal dated June 21, 2021, and subsequently authorized by a signed agreement.

There are numerous values in geotechnical investigations that are approximate, including calculated values, measured lengths, soil layer depths and elevations, and strength measurements. For brevity, the symbol " $\pm$ " is used throughout this memorandum to represent the words approximate or approximately.

#### **PURPOSE**

This preliminary geotechnical investigation is part of the due-diligence process and focuses on site conditions that may preclude the construction of the planned development. It is assumed additional geotechnical work will be completed at a later date to provide more detailed geotechnical recommendations after the actual size, location, and layout of the facility are established.

#### FIELD EXPLORATION AND RECONNAISSANCE

We drilled one exploratory boring (BH-1) at the proposed site of the new police/fire station on June 28, 2021. The approximate boring location is shown on Figure 2A.

The boring was completed using a CME-850 track-mounted drill rig with mud-rotary drilling techniques. The boring extended to a depth of  $\pm 66.5$  feet. Samples were retained at  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -foot intervals to a depth of  $\pm 20$  feet and typically at 5-foot intervals thereafter. Soil samples were obtained in conjunction with Standard Penetration Testing (SPT). The SPT provides an indication of the relative stiffness, or density, of the foundation soils. The number of blows required to drive the sampler the final 12 inches of an 18-inch long drive is recorded and represents the standard penetration resistance, or N-value, in blows per foot (bpf).

Upon completion of drilling, the borehole was backfilled in accordance with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) guidelines.

The borehole was continually logged during drilling. The final log (Appendix B) was prepared based on a review of the field log and laboratory test results, and an examination of the soil samples in our office.

A site reconnaissance was conducted by Brooke Running, R.G., C.E.G. concurrently with the field exploration. We traversed the property to observe site conditions and surface features including vegetation, drainage areas, seeps or springs, slopes, and other surface features. We also took photos of the site. Our site observations are discussed in subsequent sections of this memorandum.

#### LOCAL GEOLOGY

The project site is located within the Clatsop Plains of the northern Oregon Coast Range. At the western margin of Oregon is the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ). The CSZ is a converging, oblique plate boundary where the Juan de Fuca oceanic plate is being subducted beneath the western edge of the North American continental plate (Geomatrix Consultants, 1995). The CSZ extends from central Vancouver Island, in British Columbia, Canada, through Washington and Oregon to Northern California in the United States (Atwater, 1970). The movement of the subduction zone has resulted in earthquakes, accretion, folding, faulting, and uplift of oceanic and other sediments on the western margin of the North American plate. The project site is  $\pm 75$  miles east of the surface expression of the CSZ.

The Clatsop Plains are a series of sand dunes and beach sand extending north of Tillamook Head and the mouth of the Necanicum River to the Clatsop Spit at the mouth of the Columbia River. Due to the proximity of the Columbia River and a significant source of sand, this section of shoreline prograded westward forming a series of parallel sand dune ridges (Reckendorf, 1998). Local geologic maps indicate the dune sand (Quaternary dune sand) is underlain by massive, tuffaceous mudstone with minor amounts of siltstone, claystone, and sandstone of the Cannon Beach Member of the Astoria Formation (Schlicker et al., 1972; Niem and Niem, 1985).

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The soil profile encountered in the exploration consists of loose to very dense sand with trace to some silt. The subsurface conditions encountered in our exploration are consistent with the mapped local geology. Details are provided in the Subsurface Conditions section below and on the exploration log in Appendix B.

#### SITE CONDITIONS

#### **Surface Conditions**

The proposed project site is a 2.14-acre lot on a dune west of Highway 101 and south of Highlands Lane. Survey information provided by CKI indicates the crest of the dune lies at  $\pm$  EI. 70 feet and is offset along the eastern portion of the parcel.

The ground surface is predominately covered in grass, blackberries, scotch broom, and ferns. Pine trees are scattered across the site. Several large fir trees (up to  $\pm$ 3-to 4-foot diameter) and scattered deciduous trees are along the eastern lot line. Fir trees and deciduous bushes are along the western lot line.

The ground surface is uneven across the site and there is a depression southwest of the boring location as shown on the topographic map. The terrain slopes down more abruptly to the east with  $\pm 1.75:1$  (H:V) to  $\pm 2:1$  (H:V) slopes that extend beyond the parcel limits. The ground surface west of the site slopes down more gently to the west beyond the parcel limits.

#### **Subsurface Conditions**

A general discussion of the subsurface profile encountered in the boring is provided below. Detailed descriptions of the conditions encountered in the boring are summarized on the appended boring log.

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The recorded SPT N-values included on the appended log show a trend of increasing soil density with depth. The N-values indicate the sand is loose to a depth of  $\pm 12.5$  feet, medium dense between  $\pm 12.5$  to 50 feet, dense from  $\pm 50$  to 65 feet, and very dense to  $\pm 66.5$  feet, the maximum depth of the exploration.

#### Groundwater

We reviewed local water well logs in the project vicinity including two well logs (CLAT 52056 and CLAT 52448, Appendix B) on properties immediately south of the project site. Those logs suggest a static groundwater level ranging from  $\pm 50$  to 53 feet below the ground surface. Mud-rotary drilling methods precluded an accurate groundwater measurement in BH-1 at the time of drilling. However, we noted the retained samples were damp to moist to a depth of 60 feet and moist to wet thereafter. This information suggests groundwater was likely present at a depth between  $\pm 51.5$  and 60 feet at the time of our investigation.

No standing water, seeps, or springs were observed while on site. At the base of the east slope, skunk cabbage was observed suggesting wetland conditions. No drainages or significant erosion was observed.

#### LABORATORY TESTING

The laboratory testing included moisture content and percent fines tests to help classify the soils according to the Unified Classification System (USCS) and estimate their overall engineering properties. The test results are summarized in Table 1C (Appendix C). Non-tested samples were visually classified in accordance with ASTM D 2487 and ASTM D 2488. USCS symbols shown on the boring log for untested samples should be considered approximations.

## PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF GEOLOGIC AND SEISMIC HAZARDS

We reviewed potential geologic and seismic site hazards including seismic fault sources and amplification, fault rupture, liquefaction, lateral spread, settlement of non-liquefiable soils, slope stability, subsidence, flooding, and tsunami inundation. Discussions of the seismic hazards and our preliminary seismic analyses are provided in the following sections.

# Seismic Sources and Ground Motion Amplification

The potential seismic sources, design bedrock accelerations, and earthquake magnitudes were selected based on the current 2014 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) seismic maps (USGS, 2014a and USGS, 2014b). Each seismic source can be identified on the basis of its magnitude (M) and the source-to-site distance (R). The sources having the greatest contribution to the overall uniform seismic hazard are highlighted in a process termed deaggregation. Specific earthquake scenarios are evaluated based on the results of the deaggregation. The interactive deaggregation tool on the USGS website (USGS, 2014b) indicates the probabilistic seismic risk at the site is dominated by Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) interface earthquakes with a moment magnitude (Mw) between 8.5 and 9.3.

Ground motion amplification is the influence of a soil deposit on the earthquake motion. As seismic energy propagates up through the soil strata, the ground motion is typically increased (i.e., amplified) or decreased (i.e., attenuated) to some extent. Based on the density of the underlying sand and anticipated depth to bedrock, we anticipate the ground motion amplification at the site will be consistent with an Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) Site Class D. The site is expected to experience severe ground shaking during a CSZ earthquake due to its proximity to the CSZ (DOGAMI, 2018).

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#### **Flooding**

According to the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) HazVu (2018), no flood hazards are mapped at the site. Therefore, there is no flooding risk at the proposed operations center site. A 100-year floodplain hazard associated with Neacoxie Creek is mapped  $\pm 770$  feet west of the site.

#### Tsunami Inundation

Tsunami are waves created by a large-scale displacement of the seafloor due to earthquakes, landslides, or volcanic eruptions (Priest, 1995). Gearhart is located on the Oregon Coast and is close to the CSZ and other distal seismogenic sources. Therefore, there is a potential for tsunami impacting the low-lying coastal areas, including Gearhart and the adjacent coastline.

DOGAMI has prepared tsunami inundation maps (TIM) for the entire Oregon Coast. The inundation maps include distinctions between tsunami caused by a local CSZ source earthquake and a distant Alaskan source earthquake (Alaskan-Aleutian subduction zone). The local source includes scenarios ranging from small (S) to extra extra large (XXL) that are based on the tide when the tsunami wave occurs and with variable slip, frequency of occurrence, subsidence, and earthquake magnitude. The distant source includes two scenarios including the impact of an Alaskan  $M_{\rm w}$  9.2 earthquake (replicating the 1964 event) and a hypothetical Alaskan maximum source tsunami (worse-case event, including uniform slip on one subfault) at high tide.

The ground surface elevations at the project site range from  $\pm$ EI. 60 to  $\pm$ EI. 70. The tsunami maps indicate the site is located above the earthquake tsunami scenario zones for all CSZ earthquake scenarios except the XL and XXL scenarios (DOGAMI, 2013). The estimated CSZ inundation scenarios of XL and XXL also extend east of Highway 101 to the western foothills of the Coast Range between  $\pm$ EI. 50 and  $\pm$ EI. 75. The site is well outside the area that will be impacted by Alaskan-Aleutian subduction zone earthquakes, which the inundation impacts only the beach in the project vicinity (DOGAMI, 2013).

The current tsunami evacuation map for Seaside and Gearhart shows run-up for a tsunami caused by a local Cascadia earthquake source ranging from  $\pm$ El. 61 to  $\pm$ El. 75 in the project vicinity (DOGAMI, 2021). However, the map shows the project site as an "optional tsunami assembly area" indicating the site is anticipated to be "dry" for 95% of the analyzed tsunami scenarios.

The City of Gearhart has adopted a Tsunami Hazard Overlay Zone (THO) as part of the work to increase the resiliency and establish community land use standards. Section 3.1450 of the THO prohibits land use for several facilities, including police and fire stations, within the mapped zone for a L magnitude tsunami zone. The local source TIM suggests the proposed project site is mapped outside of the L tsunami scenario (DOGAMI, 2013). Therefore, the THO allows for a use exception.

### PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the preliminary geotechnical investigation described above, we have concluded the following:

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- 5. Additional exploratory drilling is recommended to evaluate the limits of overexcavation for the proposed facilities and provide detailed site grading and foundation design and construction recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHASE 2 INVESTIGATION**

Based on the results of our Phase 1 investigation, we have concluded there are no apparent adverse soil conditions that would preclude the proposed development. We anticipate, with proper site development and design, the new facilities could be supported using conventional shallow foundations (i.e., spread footing and continuous wall footings).

If the City of Gearhart decides to purchase the property, we recommend we be retained to complete a Phase 2 (design-level) investigation. We anticipate the Phase 2 work would include the following items:

- Additional field explorations (possibly a combination of exploratory borings and CPT probes) to better define the limits of the loose sand layer. Installation of a piezometer would provide data to confirm groundwater levels for liquefaction analysis.
- A site-specific seismic hazard study to develop seismic design parameters and assess geologic, seismic, and geotechnical hazards in more detail.
- Engineering analyses include liquefaction, slope stability, bearing capacity, settlement, and pavement design.
- Preparation of detailed recommendations for soil mitigation, site grading, foundation design and construction, and pavements.

At your request, we will prepare a formal proposal for you outlining the scope of work and estimated costs for the Phase 2 investigation.

# VARIATION OF SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS, USE OF THIS REPORT AND WARRANTY

The analysis, conclusions, and recommendations contained herein assume the subsurface profile encountered in BH-1 is representative of the site conditions. No changes in the enclosed recommendations should be made without our approval. We will assume no responsibility or liability for any engineering judgment, inspection, or testing performed by others.

This report was prepared for the exclusive use of the City of Gearhart and their design consultants for the proposed Cottages Emergency Operations Police/Fire Station project in Clatsop County, Oregon. Information contained herein should not be used for other sites or for unanticipated construction without our written consent. This report is intended for preliminary planning purposes only. It is assumed a more detailed geotechnical investigation will be completed prior to final design and construction. Contractors using this information to estimate construction quantities, production rates, or costs do so at their own risk.

Our services do not include any survey or assessment of potential surface contamination or contamination of the soil or ground water by hazardous or toxic materials. We assume those services, if needed, have been completed by others. Our work was done in accordance with generally accepted soil and foundation engineering practices. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

We hope this above information meets your current needs and look forward to assisting you further. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

**Attachments** 

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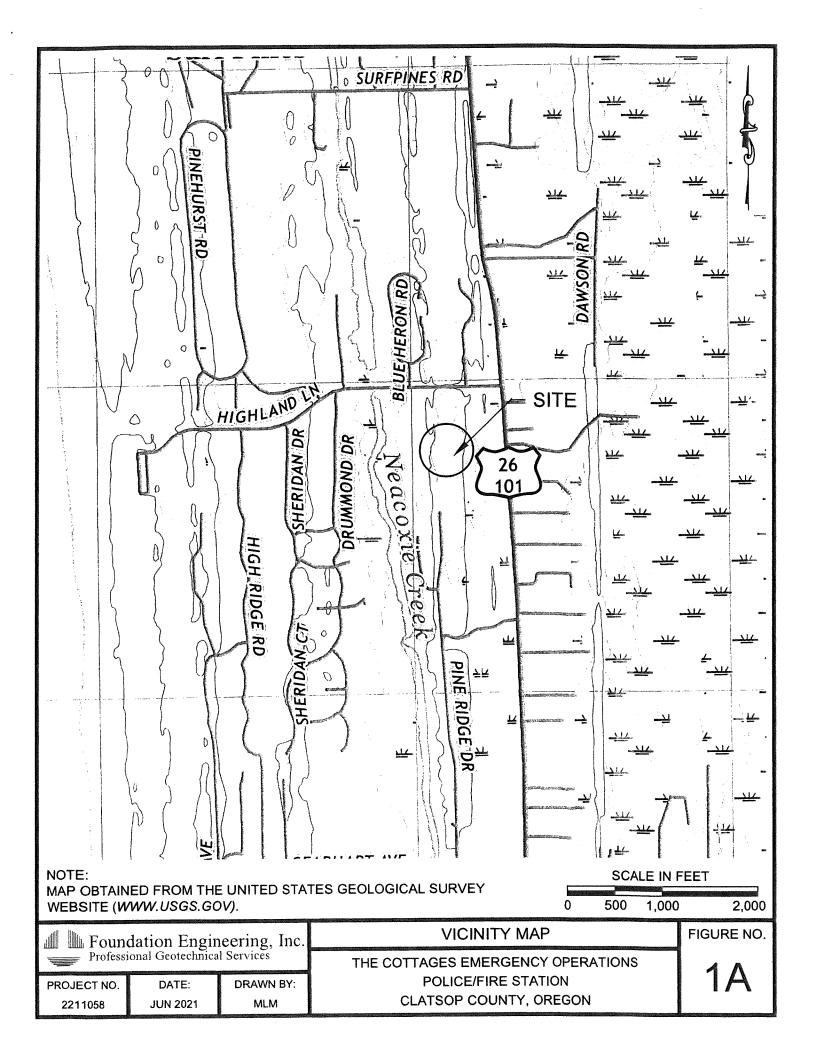
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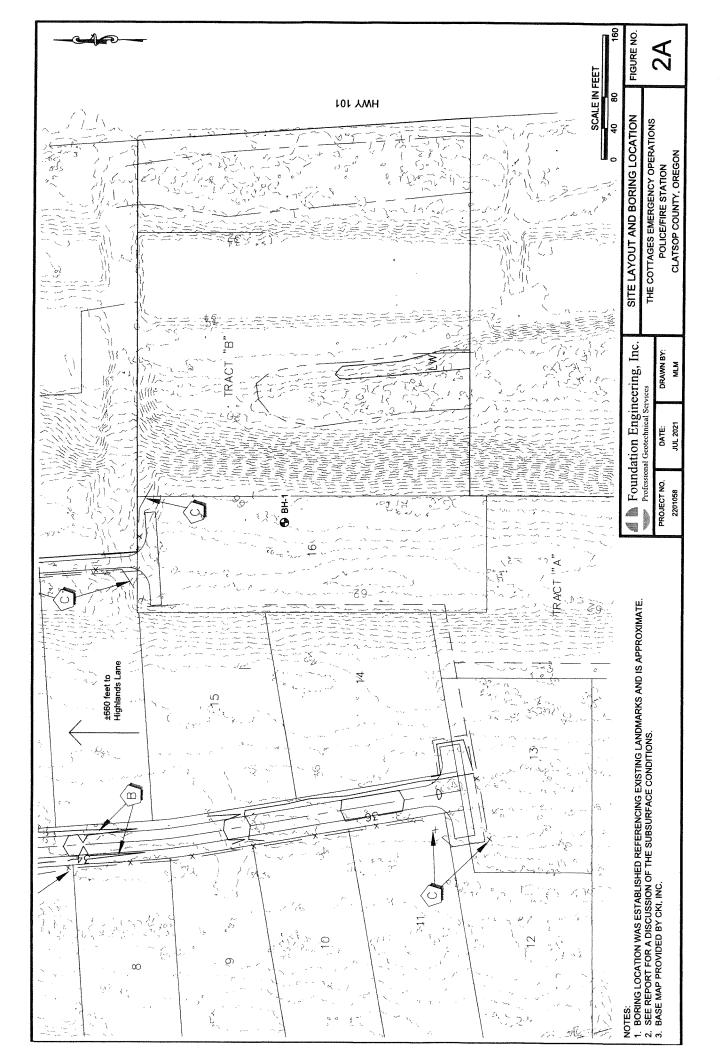
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# Appendix A

# **Figures**







# Appendix B

# Boring Log

# DISTINCTION BETWEEN FIELD LOGS AND FINAL LOGS

A field log is prepared for each boring or test pit by our field representative. The log contains information concerning sampling depths and the presence of various materials such as gravel, cobbles, and fill, and observations of ground water. It also contains our interpretation of the soil conditions between samples. The final logs presented in this report represent our interpretation of the contents of the field logs and the results of the sample examinations and laboratory test results. Our recommendations are based on the contents of the final logs and the information contained therein and not on the field logs.

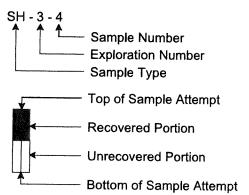
# **VARIATION IN SOILS BETWEEN TEST PITS AND BORINGS**

The final log and related information depict subsurface conditions only at the specific location and on the date indicated. Those using the information contained herein should be aware that soil conditions at other locations or on other dates may differ. Actual foundation or subgrade conditions should be confirmed by us during construction.

## TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL OR ROCK TYPES

The lines designating the interface between soil, fill or rock on the final logs and on subsurface profiles presented in the report are determined by interpolation and are therefore approximate. The transition between the materials may be abrupt or gradual. Only at boring or test pit locations should profiles be considered as reasonably accurate and then only to the degree implied by the notes thereon.

## SAMPLE OR TEST SYMBOLS



- C Pavement Core Sample
- CS Rock Core Sample
- OS Oversize Sample (3-inch O.D. split-spoon)
  - S Grab Sample
- SH Thin-walled Shelby Tube Sample
- SS Standard Penetration Test Sample (2-inch O.D. split-spoon)
- Standard Penetration Test Resistance equals the number of blows a 140 lb. weight falling 30 in. is required to drive a standard split-spoon sampler 1 ft. Practical refusal is equal to 50 or more blows per 6 in. of sampler penetration.
- Water Content (%)

#### FIELD SHEAR STRENGTH TEST

Shear strength measurements on test pit side walls, blocks of soil or Shelby tube samples are typically made with Torvane or Field Vane shear devices.

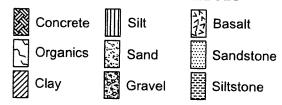
#### **WATER TABLE**



Water Table Location

(1/31/16) Date of Measurement

#### TYPICAL SOIL/ROCK SYMBOLS



### UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS

G - Gravel W - Well Graded S - Sand P - Poorly Graded M - Silt L - Low Plasticity C - Clay H - High Plasticity Pt - Peat O - Organic



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SYMBOL KEY **EXPLORATION LOGS** 

# **Explanation of Common Terms Used in Soil Descriptions**

Field Identification		Cohesive So	Granular Soils		
Field Identification	SPT*	S <sub>u</sub> ** (tsf)	Term	SPT*	Term
Easily penetrated several inches by fist.	0 - 2	< 0.125	Very Soft	0 - 4	Very Loose
Easily penetrated several inches by thumb.	2 - 4	0.125 - 0.25	Soft	4 - 10	Loose
Can be penetrated several inches by thumb with moderate effort.	4 - 8	0.25 - 0.50	Medium Stiff	10 - 30	Medium Dense
Readily indented by thumb but penetrated only with great effort.	8 - 15	0.50 - 1.0	Stiff	30 - 50	Dense
Readily indented by thumbnail.	15 - 30	1.0 - 2.0	Very Stiff	> 50	Very Dense
Indented with difficulty by thumbnail.	> 30	> 2.0	Hard		

<sup>\*</sup> SPT N-value in blows per foot (bpf)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Undrained shear strength

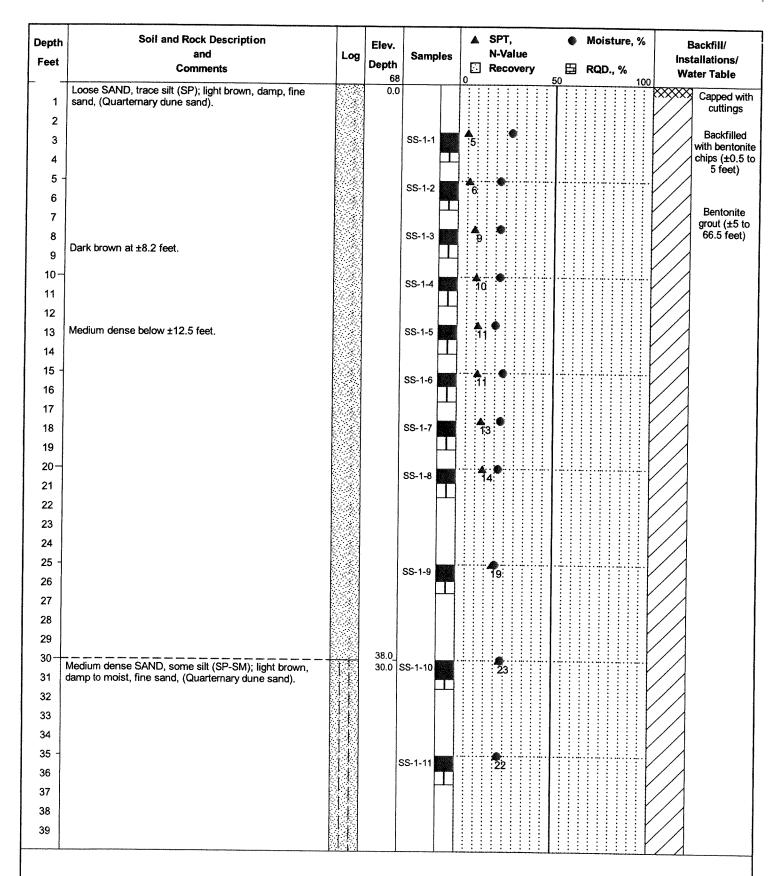
Term	Soil Moisture Field Description
Dry	Absence of moisture. Dusty. Dry to the touch.
Damp	Soil has moisture. Cohesive soils are below plastic limit and usually moldable.
Moist	Grains appear darkened, but no visible water. Silt/clay will clump. Sand will bulk. Soils are often at or near plastic limit.
Wet	Visible water on larger grain surfaces. Sand and cohesionless silt exhibit dilatancy. Cohesive soil can be readily remolded. Soil leaves wetness on the hand when squeezed. Soil is wetter than the optimum moisture content and above the plastic limit.

Term	PI	Plasticity Field Test	
Non-plastic	0 - 3	Cannot be rolled into a thread at any moisture.	
Low Plasticity	3 - 15	Can be rolled into a thread with some difficulty.	
Medium Plasticity	15 - 30	Easily rolled into thread.	
High Plasticity	> 30	Easily rolled and re-rolled into thread.	

Term	Soil Structure Criteria
Stratified	Alternating layers at least ¼ inch thick.
Laminated	Alternating layers less than ¼ inch thick.
Fissured	Contains shears and partings along planes of weakness.
Slickensided	Partings appear glossy or striated.
Blocky	Breaks into small lumps that resist further breakdown.
Lensed	Contains pockets of different soils.

Term	Soil Cementation Criteria
Weak	Breaks under light finger pressure.
Moderate	Breaks under hard finger pressure.
Strong	Will not break with finger pressure.





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68.0 feet (Approx.)

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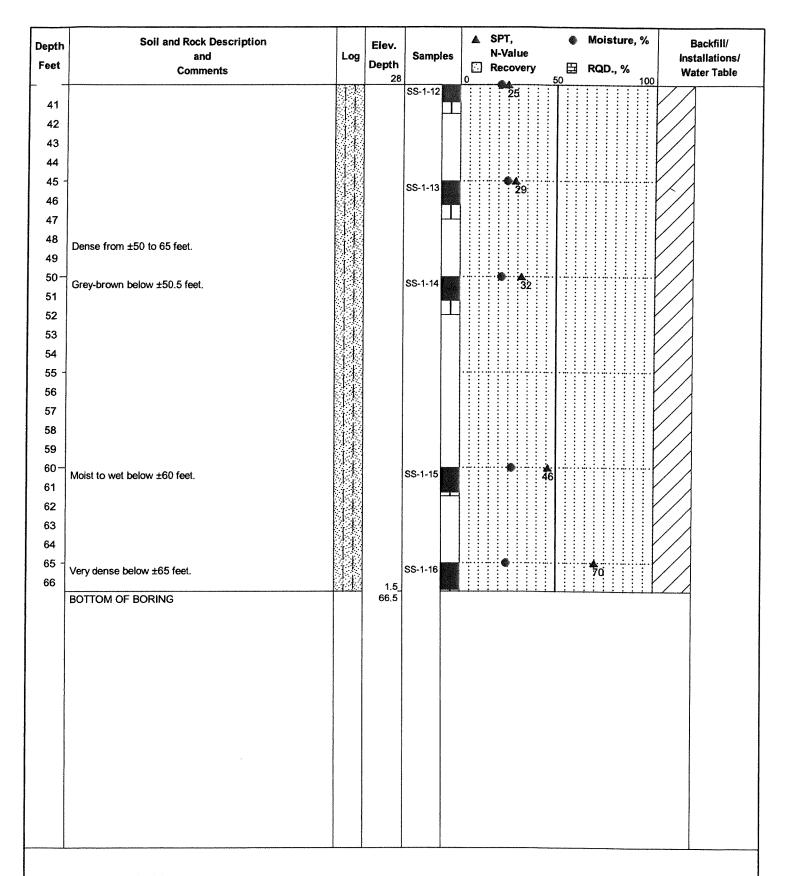


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Clatsop County, Oregon

WELL I.D. # L 71761

#### STATE OF OREGON

#### WATER SUPPLY WELL REPORT

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### STATE OF OREGON WATER SUPPLY WELL REPORT

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# Appendix C

# Laboratory Testing

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Table 1C. Moisture Contents (ASTM D 2216) and Percent Fines (ASTM D 1140)

Sample Number	Sample Depth (ft)	Moisture Content (%)	Fines (%)
SS-1-1	2.5 - 4.0	28.0	
SS-1-2	5.0 - 6.5	22.3	1.5
SS-1-3	7.5 - 9.0	22.4	
SS-1-4	10.0 - 11.5	22.3	
SS-1-5	12.5 - 14.0	20.2	
SS-1-6	15.0 - 16.5	24.2	4.8
SS-1-7	17.5 - 19.0	23.1	
SS-1-8	20.0 - 21.5	22.0	
SS-1-9	25.0 – 26.5	20.5	
SS-1-10	30.0 - 31.5	23.6	6.9
SS-1-11	35.0 - 36.5	22.5	
SS-1-12	40.0 - 41.5	21.3	6.4
SS-1-13	45.0 - 46.5	24.8	
SS-1-14	50.0 - 51.5	21.7	
SS-1-15	60.0 – 61.5	26.8	
SS-1-16	65.0 - 66.5	23.9	10.3