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Soil Identification by Visual-Manual Methods

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VISUAL SOIL CLASSIFICATION DATA SHEET

Soil Number: Soil A.
 Classified by: RES
 Date: 09-29-02

1. Color brown
2. Odor none
3. Texture coarse
4. Major soil constituent : gravel
5. Minor soil constituents: sand, fines

Type	Approx. % by weight
<u>gravel</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>sand</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>fines</u>	<u>10</u>



6. For coarse-grained soils:

Gradation: well graded
 Particle Shape: subrounded

7. For fine-grained soils:

Dry Strength _____
 Dilatancy _____
 Plasticity _____
 Toughness _____
 Soil Symbol _____

8. Moisture Condition: dry

Classification:

Brown gravel, some sand, trace fines, well graded, subrounded, dry

VISUAL SOIL CLASSIFICATION DATA SHEET

Soil Number: Soil B.
 Classified by: RES
 Date: 09-27-02



1. Color gray
2. Odor none
3. Texture coarse
4. Major soil constituent: sand
5. Minor soil constituents: gravel, fines

Type	Approx. % by <u>weight</u>
<u>sand</u>	<u>80.</u>
<u>fine gravel</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>fines</u>	<u>5</u>

6. For coarse-grained soils:

Gradation: poorly graded.
 Particle Shape: rounded

7. For fine-grained soils:

Dry Strength _____
 Dilatancy _____
 Plasticity _____
 Toughness _____
 Soil Symbol _____

8. Moisture Condition: dry

Classification:

*gray sand, little fine gravel, trace fines, poorly graded, rounded,
dry*

VISUAL SOIL CLASSIFICATION DATA SHEET

Soil Number: Soil C.
 Classified by: RES
 Date: 09-29-02

1. Color gray
2. Odor none
3. Texture fine-grained
4. Major soil constituent: finer.
5. Minor soil constituents: Fine Sand

Type	Approx. % by weight
<u>Fines</u>	<u>95</u>
<u>Fine Sand</u>	<u>5</u>

6. For coarse-grained soils:

Gradation: _____
 Particle Shape: _____

7. For fine-grained soils:

Dry strength high
 Dilatancy none
 Plasticity medium
 Toughness medium
 Soil Symbol CL

8. Moisture Condition: moist

Classification:

Gray silty clay, trace fine sand, medium plasticity, moist, CL



VISUAL SOIL CLASSIFICATION DATA SHEET

Soil Number: _____

Classified by: _____

Date: _____

1. Color _____
2. Odor _____
3. Texture _____
4. Major soil constituent: _____
5. Minor soil constituents: _____

	Approx. % by <u>weight</u>
Type	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. For coarse-grained soils:

Gradation: _____

Particle Shape: _____

7. For fine-grained soils:

Dry Strength _

Dilatancy

Plasticity

Toughness _

Soil Symbol _

8. Moisture Condition: _____

Classification: