## **CLASSES OF EMBEDMENT AND BACKFILL MATERIALS**

| ASTM D2321 <sup>(1)</sup><br>(CSA B182.11)<br>CLASS DESCRIPTION |  | ASTM D2487<br>NOTATION DESCRIPTION |   | AASHTO<br>M43<br>NOTATION                           | AASHTO<br>M145<br>NOTATION   | BNQ<br>2560     | ASTM D2321 <sup>(1)</sup> (CSA B182.11) |                 |  |                      |             |                            |     |                     |
|---|--|------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|
|   |  |                                    |   |   |  |                 | PERCENTAGE PASSING SIEVE SIZES          |                 |  | ATTERBERG LIMITS     |             | COEFFICIENTS               |     |                     |
|   |  |                                    |   |   |  |                 | 1 1/2 <b>I</b> N.<br>(40mm)             | 3/8"<br>(9.5mm) | No. 4<br>(4.75mm)  | NO. 200<br>(0.075mm) | LL          | PI                         | Cu  | Cc                  |
| I (5)   | CRUSHED ROCK,<br>ANGULAR <sup>3</sup>                  | N/A                                | ANGULAR CRUSHED<br>STONE OR ROCK,<br>CRUSHED GRAVEL,<br>CRUSHED SLAG; LARGE<br>VOIDS WITH LITTLE OR NO<br>FINES       | 5, 56,<br>57 <sup>(4)</sup> 6,<br>67 <sup>(4)</sup> | N/A  |                 | 100%                                    | <25%            | <15%   | <12%                 | NON PLASTIC |                            | N/A |                     |
| 11  | CLEAN,<br>COARSE-GRAINED<br>SOILS                      | GW                                 | WELL-GRADED GRAVEL,<br>GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES;<br>LITTLE OR NO FINES  | 5, 6  | A1, A3   | CG-14,<br>MG-20 |   |                 | <50% of<br>"COARSE<br>FRACTION"<br>>50% of<br>"COARSE<br>FRACTION" |                      | NON PLASTIC |                            | >4  | 1 to 3              |
|   |  | GP                                 | POORLY-GRADED<br>GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND<br>MIXTURES; LITTLE OR NO<br>FINES  | 56, 57,<br>67                                       |  |                 | 100%                                    |                 |  | <5%                  |             |                            | 4   | <1 or >3            |
|   |  | sw                                 | WELL-GRADED SANDS,<br>GRAVELLY SANDS; LITTLE<br>OR NO FINES   |   |  |                 | 10070                                   |                 |  |                      |             |                            | >6  | 1 to 3              |
|   |  | SP <sup>6</sup>                    | POORLY-GRADED SANDS,<br>GRAVELLY SAND; LITTLE<br>OR NO FINES<br>SANDS AND GRAVELS                                     |   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             |                            | <6  | <1 or >3            |
|   | COARSE-GRAINED<br>SOILS, BODERLINE<br>CLEAN TO W/FINES | GW-GC,<br>SP-SM                    | WHICH ARE BORDERLINE<br>BETWEEN CLEAN AND<br>WITH FINES   | N/A   |  |                 | 100%                                    |                 | VARIES   | 5% TO 12%            | NON P       |                            |     | OR GW, GP,<br>ND SP |
| 111   | COURSE-GRAINED<br>SOILS WITH FINES                     | GM                                 | SILTY GRAVELS,<br>GRAVEL-SAND-SILT<br>MIXTURES  | GRAVEL &<br>SAND WITH<br><10% FINES                 | A-2-4,<br>A-2-5,<br>A-2-6, PA-6<br>SOILS<br>WITH<br>MORE<br>THAN 30%<br>RETAINED<br>ON #200<br>SIEVE |                 |   |                 | <50% of<br>"COARSE<br>FRACTION"<br>>50% of<br>"COARSE<br>FRACTION" | 12% TO 50%           | N/A         | <4 OR<br><"A" LINE         | N/A |                     |
|   |  | GC                                 | CLAYEY GRAVELS,<br>GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY<br>MIXTURES   |   |  |                 | 100%                                    |                 |  |                      |             | <7 &<br>>"A" L <b>I</b> NE |     |                     |
|   |  | SM                                 | SILTY SANDS, SAND-CLAY<br>MIXTURES  |   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             | >4 OR<br><"A" LINE         |     |                     |
|   |  | sc                                 | CLAYEY SANDS,<br>SAND-CLAY MIXTURES   |   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             | >7 &<br>>"A" LINE          |     |                     |
|   | INORGANIC<br>FINE-GRAINED<br>SOILS                     | ML                                 | INORGANIC SILTS AND<br>VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK<br>FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY<br>FINE SANDS, SILTS WITH<br>SLIGHT PLASTICITY |   |  |                 |   |                 | 100%   | > 30%<br>(RETAINED)  | <50         | <4 OR<br><"A" LINE         |     |                     |
|   |  | CL                                 | INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW<br>TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY;<br>GRAVELLY, SANDY, OR<br>SILTY CLAYS; LEAN CLAYS                     |   |  |                 |   |                 | 10070  | > 30%<br>(RETAINED)  |             | >7 &<br>>"A" LINE          |     |                     |
| IV <sup>(5)</sup>   | INORGANICS<br>FINE-GRAINED<br>SOILS                    | ML                                 | INORGANIC SILTS AND<br>VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK<br>FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY<br>FINE SANDS, SILTS WITH<br>SLIGHT PLASTICITY | N/A   | A-2-7 OR<br>A-4 OR A-6<br>SOILS<br>WITH 30%<br>OR LESS<br>RETAINED<br>ON #200<br>SIEVE               |                 | 100%                                    |                 | 100%   | < 30%<br>(Retained)  | <50         | <4 or<br><"A" LINE         | N/A |                     |
|   |  | CL                                 | INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW<br>TO MEDIUM PLASTICITY;<br>GRAVELLY, SANDY, OR<br>SILTY CLAYS; LEAN CLAYS                     | N/A   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             | >7 &<br>>"A" LINE          |     |                     |
| V (7)   | INORGANIC<br>FINE-GRAINED<br>SOILS                     | МН                                 | INORGANIC SILTS,<br>MICACEOUS OR<br>DIATOMACEOUS FINE<br>SANDY OR SILTY SOILS,<br>ELASTIC SILTS                       | N/A   | A5, A7   |                 | 100%                                    |                 | 100%   | >50%                 | >50         | <"A" LINE                  | N   | /A                  |
|   |  | СН                                 | INORGANIC CLAYS OF<br>HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT<br>CLAYS   | N/A   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             | >"A" LINE                  |     |                     |
|   | ORGANIC SOILS<br>OR HIGHLY<br>ORGANIC SOILS            | OL                                 | ORGANIC SILTS AND<br>ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF<br>LOW PLASTICITY   | N/A   |  |                 | 100%                                    |                 | 100%   | >50%                 | <50         | <4 OR<br><"A" LINE         |     |                     |
|   |  | ОН                                 | ORGANIC CLAYS OF<br>MEDIUM TO HIGH<br>PLASTICITY, ORGANIC<br>SILTS  | N/A   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      | >50         | <"A" LINE                  | N   | N/A                 |
|   |  | PT                                 | PEAT AND OTHER HIGH<br>ORGANIC SOILS  | N/A   |  |                 |   |                 |  |                      |             |                            |     |                     |

- 1. REFER TO ASTM D2321 / CSA B182.11 / BNQ 2560 FOR MORE COMPLETE SOIL DESCRIPTIONS.
  2. CLASS I MATERIALS ALLOW FOR A BROADER RANGE OF FINES THAN PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF D2321 / B182.11, WHEN SPECIFYING CLASS I MATERIAL FOR INFILTRATION SYSTEMS, THE ENGINEERING SHALL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF FINES. ALL PARTICLE FACES SHALL BE FRACTURED.

- A ASSUMES LESS THAN 25% PASSES THE 3/8" SIEVE.
   CLASS IV MATERIALS REQUIRE A GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION PRIOR TO USE AND SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS BACKFILL UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A QUALIFIED ENGINEER.
- UNIFORM FINE SANDS (SP) WITH MORE THAN 50% PASSING A 100 SIEVE BEHAVE LIKE SILTS AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS CLASS III SOILS IF ALLOWED.
   CLASS V MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED AS BEDDING AND BACKFILL MATERIAL.

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