



Table 1. Generalized engineering properties of unconsolidated materials; parentheses indicate deposits covered by more than 0.3 m silty overburden.

Table with 11 columns: Map unit, Drainage, Permafrost, Frost susceptibility, Slope stability, Bearing strength, Potential primary products, Potential engineering considerations, and Component geologic units*. Rows include units GA, GD, GF, GI, GL, GO, GR, GT, GV, GW, MC, ML, MO, MS, SA, and SW.

* Source of geologic units: Hamilton (2003)

Table 2. Generalized engineering properties of bedrock units.

Table with 4 columns: Map unit, Principal rock characteristics, Potential primary products, and Component geologic units**. Rows include units BC, BM1, BM2, BQ, and BU.

** Source of geologic units: Harris and others (2002)

EXPLANATION This map illustrates potential near-surface sources of various geologic materials that may be useful for construction. Field observations indicate that each geologic unit (for example, Terrace Gravel) has a definite composition or range of compositions.

Potential uses of map units are qualitatively summarized in Tables 1 and 2, which show potential availability of various construction materials in each engineering geologic unit. Precise economic evaluations of specific deposits as sources of construction materials will require detailed examination of each deposit, including aerial extent, volume, grain size variation, thickness of overburden, thermal state of the ground (ground temperature), and depth to water table, as well as logistical factors, demand, and land ownership.

This map was derived electronically from geologic maps of the area (Hamilton, 2003; Harris and others, 2002) using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. It is only locally verified by ground observations during brief field visits. The results should be considered reconnaissance in nature.

DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS UNITS

- UNCONSOLIDATED MATERIALS
GA WELL TO LOCALLY POORLY GRADED GRAVEL WITH SAND AND SILT—Chiefly (estimated >80 percent) clean sand and gravel with some (estimated 10-30 percent) silt. Grain size and degree of stratification are variable.
GD POORLY TO MODERATELY GRADED GRAVEL WITH SILT, SAND, AND CLAY—Estimated 20-60 percent coarse, granular deposits with considerable overburden material.
GO MODERATELY TO POORLY GRADED GRAVEL WITH SAND AND SILT—Estimated 20-80 percent coarse, granular deposits with considerable overburden material.
GV WELL TO MODERATELY GRADED GRAVEL WITH SAND AND SILT—Chiefly (estimated >80 percent) clean sand and gravel, with some (estimated 10-30 percent) silt.
GW VERY POORLY GRADED SILTY AND CLAYEY GRAVEL WITH ORGANIC DEBRIS—Estimated 20-80 percent coarse, granular deposits with considerable overburden material.
MC HIGHLY VARIABLE DEPENDING ON STAGE OF PERMAFROST DEVELOPMENT. VERY POOR IN FROZEN DEPOSITS.
ML GENERALLY POOR.
MO VERY POOR.
MS GENERALLY POOR.
SA GENERALLY GOOD. DRAINAGE MAY BE INHIBITED ON OLDER, INACTIVE SURFACES MANTLED BY APPRECIABLE THICKNESSES OF SILT AND ORGANIC MATERIALS.
SW GENERALLY VERY GOOD, EXCEPT IN AREAS OF SHALLOW PERMAFROST.

- BEDROCK MATERIALS
BC MEDIUM-JOINTED TO MASSIVE, FINE- TO COARSE-GRAINED SEDIMENTARY CARBONATE ROCKS—Chiefly limestone. May include chert nodules and zones of platy bedding.
BM1 MIXED MEDIUM-JOINTED, FINE- TO COARSE-GRAINED, QUARTZOSE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS AND VERY FINE-GRAINED, PLATY SEDIMENTARY ROCKS—Chiefly conglomerate, sandstone, and shale.
BM2 MIXED MEDIUM-JOINTED TO MASSIVE, MEDIUM-GRAINED SEDIMENTARY CARBONATE ROCKS AND VERY FINE-GRAINED, PLATY SEDIMENTARY ROCKS—Chiefly limestone overlain by shale.
BQ MEDIUM-JOINTED, FINE- TO COARSE-GRAINED QUARTZOSE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS—Chiefly chert-rich conglomerate and sandstone.
BU UNDIFFERENTIATED MIXED ROCKS—Rocks of mixed lithology and/or very fine-grained sedimentary lithologies that are generally poorly suited for use as construction materials.

- EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS
CONTACT—Identify and extension certain, location approximate
BORROW PIT—Site mined for construction materials, principally sand and gravel
GRADED AREA—Includes Toolik Research Site and pipeline construction camps
NALED—Zone of persistent icing, approximately located
ROCK QUARRY—Area mined for rock materials for construction

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ENGINEERING-GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE DALTON HIGHWAY FROM GALBRAITH LAKE TO SLOPE MOUNTAIN, SOUTHERN ARCTIC FOOTHILLS, ALASKA

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