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Test	Method				
<b>Geotechnical / Physical Properties</b>					
Moisture Content, Gravimetric	ASTM D2216/ASTM D7263/AASHTO T265				
Moisture Content, Volumetric	ASTM D2216/ASTM D7263				
Bulk Density	ASTM D7263				
Calculated Total Porosity	ASTM D7263				
Bulk Density, Clod Method	ASTM D7263				
Visual-Manual Description	ASTM D2488				
<b>Particle Size Analysis, Soil</b>					
Sieves & Hydrometer	ASTM D6913/D7928/D422 AASHTO T88				
Standard Sieves, no Hydrometer	ASTM D6913/D422 / AASHTO T88				
Hydrometer w/minus 2mm sieve	ASTM D7928/D422 / AASHTO T88				
Hydrometer, Sedimentation only w/No.200 wash	ASTM D422				
Percent Passing #200 Sieve	ASTM D1140				
<b>Particle Size Analysis, Aggregate</b>					
Sieves, no Hydrometer	ASTM C136 / AASHTO T27				
Percent Passing #200 Sieve	ASTM C117				
<b>Atterberg Limits</b>					
Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, & Plasticity Index	ASTM D4318 / AASHTO T89				
<b>Shrinkage Limits, Volume Measured by 3-D Scanner</b>					
Shrinkage Limits, Volume Measured by 3-D Scanner	ASTM D4943M				
<b>Specific Gravity, Fine (&lt; 4.75 mm diameter material)</b>					
Specific Gravity, Fine (< 4.75 mm diameter material)	ASTM D854/C128 / AASHTO T100				
<b>Specific Gravity, Coarse (&gt; 4.75 mm diameter material)</b>					
Specific Gravity, Coarse (> 4.75 mm diameter material)	ASTM C127 / AASHTO T84/T85				
<b>Dispersion Testing</b>					
Double Hydrometer	ASTM D4221				
Pinhole Dispersion	ASTM D4647				
Crumb Test	ASTM D6572				
<b>Percent Organic Matter by Muffle Furnace</b>					
Percent Organic Matter by Muffle Furnace	ASTM D2974 / AASHTO T267				
<b>Moisture / Density</b>					
Standard Proctor Compaction Test	ASTM D698/ AASHTO T99				
Modified Proctor Compaction Test	ASTM D1557 / AASHTO T180				
Moisture Density Curve	CTM 216				
R-Value	ASTM D2844 / CTM 301				
<b>Permeability / Conductivity Testing</b>					
<b>Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity</b>					
<b>Rigid Wall Method</b>					
Hydraulic Conductivity, Fixed Wall	ASTM D5856M/D2434 / AASHTO T215M / USBR 5600-89				
<b>Rigid Wall Method, Under Load</b>					
Loaded Hydraulic Conductivity & Settlement, 8" or 12" Cells	ASTM D2434 / USBR 5600-89				
<b>Flexible Wall Method</b>					
Falling Head, Rising Tail	ASTM D5084				
High Pressure >120 psi					
<b>Intrinsic Permeability (calculation)</b>					
Intrinsic Permeability (calculation)	Fetter <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Air Permeability</b>					
Air permeability, Measured	ASTM D4525 / ASTM D6539				
Air permeability, Calculated	Kuang and Jiao <sup>11</sup>				

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Test	Method				
<b>Moisture Retention Testing</b>					
<b>Unsaturated Hydraulic Properties</b>					
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity	ASTM D5084/D5856/D2434				
Moisture Content, Bulk Density, Total Porosity	ASTM D7263				
Soil-Water Characteristic Curve (SWCC), Wetting or Drying	ASTM D6836 / ASTM D6836M / MOSA <sup>1</sup> Chp. 25				
Calculated Unsaturated Hydraulic Conductivity	van Genuchten <sup>6,7</sup>				
van Genuchten Modeling Parameters	van Genuchten <sup>6,7</sup>				
<b>Soil-Water Characteristic Indices:</b>					
Effective Porosity (Total porosity - 15 Bar Point)	Stephens <sup>3</sup>				
Field Capacity (1/3 Bar Point)	Stephens <sup>4</sup>				
Permanent Wilting Point (15 Bar Point)	Stephens <sup>4</sup>				
Plant Available Water (15 Bar Point - 1/3 Bar Point)	Stephens <sup>4</sup>				
Specific Yield (Total Porosity - Residual Moisture)	MOSA <sup>1</sup> Chp.25				
Water Holding Capacity (15 Bar Point - 1/3 Bar Point)	Stephens <sup>4</sup>				
<b>As Received Soil-Water Potential, Including:</b>					
Chilled Mirror Hygrometer Method, or	ASTM D6836				
Filter Paper Method	ASTM D5298				
<b>Strength and Consolidation Testing</b>					
<b>Consolidation Testing:</b>					
One-Dimensional Consolidation Properties	ASTM D2435				
<b>Swell or Settlement Potential:</b>					
One-Dimensional Swell or Settlement Potential	ASTM D4546				
<b>Expansion/Collapse Testing:</b>					
Expansion Index of Soils	ASTM D4829				
Collapse Potential	ASTM D5333				
<b>Strength Testing:</b>					
Unconfined Compressive Strength (UC), 2-3"	ASTM D2166				
Unconfined Compressive Strength (UC), 4 or 6"	ASTM D2166				
<b>Triaxial Shear</b>					
Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression (UU), 2-3"	ASTM D2850				
Unconsolidated-Undrained Triaxial Compression (UU), 4 or 6"	ASTM D2850				
Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Compression (CU), 2-3"	ASTM D4767				
Consolidated Undrained Triaxial Compression (CU), 4 or 6"	ASTM D4767				
Consolidated Drained Triaxial Compression (CD), 2-3"	ASTM D7181				
Consolidated Drained Triaxial Compression (CD), 4 or 6"	ASTM D7181				
High Pressure >120psi					
Triaxial Extension Testing	Miller & Murray <sup>12</sup>				
<b>Direct Shear</b>					
Direct Shear, 2.5"	ASTM D3080				
Direct Shear, 12"	ASTM D3080				
<b>Strength Testing, Additional:</b>					
Presentation of Mohr's Circles with Estimation of Mohr-Coulomb Failure Criteria, Friction Angle and Cohesion	ASTM D4767/D7181/ Das <sup>13</sup>				

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<b>Aggregate Testing</b>					
Dry Rodded Unit Weight	ASTM C29				
Sand Equivalent	ASTM D2419 / CMT 217				
Durability Index	ASTM D3744 / CMT 229				
<b>Rock Testing</b>					
Rock Density	ASTM D7263				
Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity, Flexible Wall Method	ASTM D5084				
Point Load Index	ASTM D5731				
Direct Shear	ASTM D5607				
Slake Durability	ASTM D4644				
<b>Geosynthetics Testing</b>					
Large Direct Shear - Geosynthetic/Geosynthetic	ASTM D5321				
Large Direct Shear - Soil/Geosynthetic	ASTM D5321				
Large Direct Shear - Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL)	ASTM D6243				
Large Direct Shear - Soil/GCL	ASTM D6243				
Large Direct Shear - Sandwich (multiple layers)					
Large Scale Puncture, modified	ASTM D5514				
Geomembrane Liner Puncture Test, ore/overliner under load	qualitative				
<b>Soil w/Amendments and Slurry Testing</b>					
R-Value (treated soil)	ASTM D2844 / CTM 301				
Soil-Cement Compaction	ASTM D558				
Compressive Strength, Soil-Cement	ASTM D1633 / D1632				
Soil / Bentonite, Mix Evaluation					
Soil / Cement / Bentonite, Mix Evaluation					
Soil / Cement / Bentonite, UC Strength, peak only	ASTM D4832				
Cement treated bases Design & Testing	CTM 312				
Pocket Penetrometer					
<b>Other Testing</b>					
<b>Calibrations</b>					
Heat dissipation sensors (HDS), soil psychrometers, gypsum blocks, time domain reflectometers (TDR), Etc.					
<b>Soil Chemistry</b>					
pH of Soil	ASTM D4972				
Chloride Content	CTM 422				
Sulfate Content	CTM 417				
Soil Resistivity Test	ASTM G57				
Corrosion Series (Min. Resistivity, pH, SO4, CL)					

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<b>Thermal Properties:</b>	
Thermal Conductivity, Thermal Diffusivity, and Specific Heat	ASTM D5334

<b>UST Site Package (NM, TX - Can be modified to meet other state requirements)</b>	
(USTR Section 1209.B.e)	(See individual tests for corresponding methods)
Saturated hydraulic conductivity - Rigid Wall, Modified Apparatus	
Moisture Content, Bulk Density, Total Porosity (Pkg.)	
Effective Porosity	
Total or Fractional Organic Carbon	

<b>Vapor Intrusion Package (CA - Can be modified to meet other state requirements)</b>	
(California EPA Department of Toxic Substances Control, Vapor Intrusion Guidance, Appendix H)	(See individual tests for corresponding methods)
Moisture Content (Volumetric and Gravimetric)	
Soil Bulk Density	
Calculated Total Porosity	
Specific Gravity (Grain Density)	
Fractional Organic Carbon	
Particle Size Analysis (Grain Size Distribution)	

<b>Special Testing</b>	
Relative Brine (or Water) Release Capacity (RBRC) (or RWRC)	Stormont <sup>8</sup>
Column testing / studies	
Leach testing / studies	
Surface evaporation studies	
Data logger application development	
Submerged pressure outflow cell (SPOC), Per Point	SSSAJ, 1984 <sup>9</sup>
Transient outflow hydraulic conductivity	SSSAJ, 1985 <sup>10</sup>
Column imbibition method (Bruce-Klute)	
Shoe-box test, 20 weeks (mine spoils)	

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