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SOILS REPORT REQUIREMENTS

As per the following **2003 One- and Two-Family Dwelling Specialty Code** sections, new residential construction projects must meet the soils report requirements listed herein.

Section R401.4 In areas likely to have expansive, compressible, shifting or other unknown soil characteristics, the building official shall determine whether to require a soil test to determine the soil's characteristics at a particular location.

Section R401.5 When top or subsoils are compressible or shifting, such soils shall be removed to a depth and width sufficient to assure stable moisture content in each active zone and shall not be used as fill or stabilized within each active zone by chemical, dewatering, or presaturation.

REQUIREMENTS

At the time of or prior to application for a building permit or at the time of setback and footing inspections, provide a letter of approval from a qualified engineer registered in Oregon to the Plans Examiner which stipulates that the "excavated site" meets all of the building design requirements to support the proposed structure as required by state building code.

If the engineer or architect lists conditions that require corrections prior to construction, a special inspection will be required by the engineer or architect to verify that the requirements have been complied with.