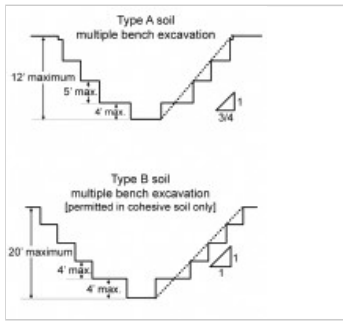


**cohesive soil**

A type of fine-grained soil, such as clay or silt, that has particles that stick together due to their attraction to each other; it is plastic when moist, meaning it can be easily molded, and it retains its shape well; categorized by OSHA as Type A or B, depending upon the compressive strength.

*cohesive soil images/graphics:*



**Benching in Type A and B soils**