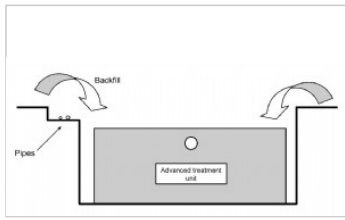


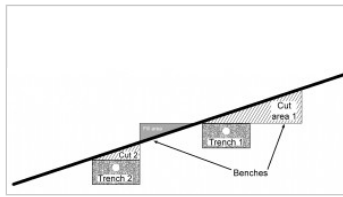
**benching**

Method of protecting workers from cave-ins by excavating the sides of an excavation to form one or a series of horizontal levels or steps, usually with vertical or near-vertical surfaces between levels to reduce the height of vertical cuts and stabilize the excavation.

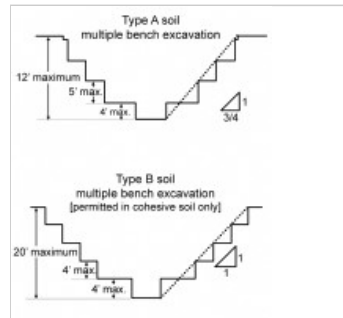
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**Benching for piping install along trench**



**Benching for trench construction**



**Benching in Type A and B soils**