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In the Volume 1 Glossary there are definitions for “Ground water” and “Ground water table” but there is no definition or inclusion of “perched ground water”. In many geotechnical reports, we see that a geotechnical engineer will delineate between static ground water and perched groundwater. In many cases in SW Washington, there are confining layers above granular layers where static groundwater is found. Many times there is perched groundwater, especially in winter, above those confining layers. Jurisdictions will see that a geotechnical report will identify perched groundwater near the surface and require a 3-5 foot separation between infiltration facilities. It seems logical that we would need to protect static groundwater and that infiltration facilities wouldn’t have to design around perched groundwater. This topic has come up with us a few times and would appreciate more guidance.

Thank you,

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