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Introduction

The federal government owns the mineral rights to approximately 211,745 acres of land within the area of coal-bearing strata in Illinois. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U.S. Department of the Interior, is responsible for the management of the mineral resources. The surface owners or administrators for these lands are

	Approximate
	acreage
Military	4,615
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	111,631
U.S. Forest Service	92,152
Private	3,347

To improve management of these mineral resources, the Bureau of Land Management provided the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS) with funds to compile all publicly available coal resource data in the areas of their mineral ownership. For Phase I, data were compiled into both tables and maps for all sixty-seven 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles that contain federal land (fig. 1). (Four 7.5-minute quadrangles were not available; two 15-minute quadrangles, Paxton and Sullivan, were used instead.) Phase II partially supported production of a series of five statewide 4-color coal resource maps for 32 mapped coals in Illinois.

Part I. Coal Resource Data for Federal Lands in Illinois

Methodology

In the first phase of the project, basic coal resource data were tabulated for all coal seams within the 67 quadrangles containing Federal lands. Then the data were plotted on the maps.

Data Sources. Data were compiled from sources available to the public at the Illinois State Geological Survey. No new mapping or correlation of coal seams was undertaken. Sources include

- drill holes
- field notes
- mine notes
- mined-out area maps
- published maps indicating
 - coal subcrops/outcrops
 - base of the Pennsylvanian System
 - · sandstone channels within coal seams
 - faulted areas

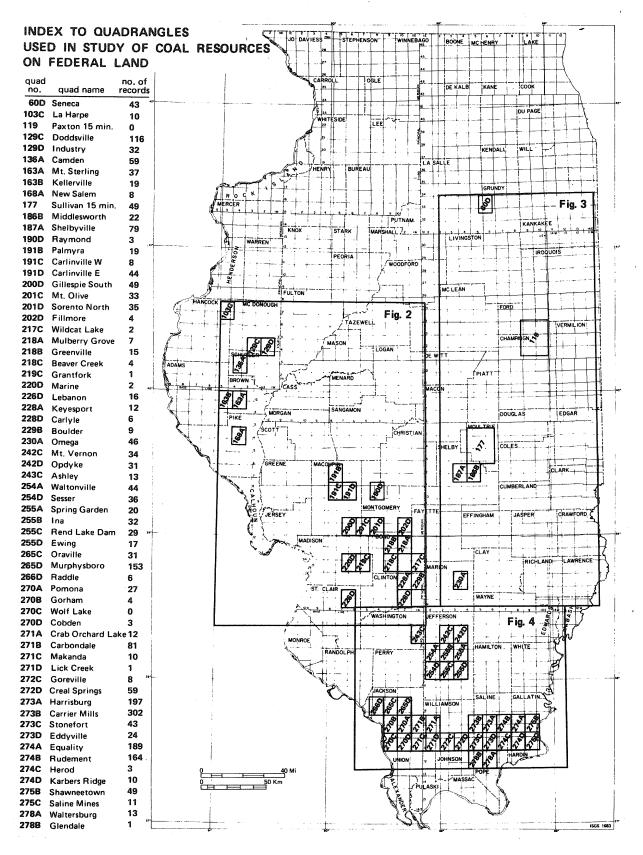


Figure 1. Index to quadrangle maps that contain Federal land in Illinois. Quadrangle number and name and the number of data records collected within each quadrangle are given on the left. Quadrangle numbers are shown on the map within the respective quadrangle boundaries. Areas of figures 2-4 are indicated.

No new drilling was done for this project. Most of the drill holes used were coal tests, completed by private companies over the years. Occasionally logs of water wells and oil and gas tests were used, if the data seemed reliable. Logs of all drill holes used are on open file in the ISGS Geological Records Library.

Field notes record ISGS geologists' visits to rock exposures, including outcrops, roadcuts, and small abandoned strip pits. These notes, which have been collected over the years, are on open file in the ISGS Map Library. Only field notes describing a coal-bearing succession were included in this data set.

Mine notes have been collected over the years by ISGS Coal Section geologists visiting surface and deep mines, both active and inactive. Notes from now inactive mines are on open file in the ISGS Coal Section. Only notes on inactive mines were included in this data set.

The mined-out area boundaries were taken directly from the mined-out area maps, which are produced at a scale of 1:62,500 (1 inch $\simeq 1$ mile) by the ISGS Coal Section. The boundaries are updated to 1980. The accuracy of the boundaries at that small scale is not as great as implied when the boundaries are plotted at the larger scale (1:24,000) of the topographic maps. In some cases, accurate mine maps were not available when the mined-out area maps were compiled, thus the boundaries and locations are only approximate. Also, the surface mine boundaries shown do not always coincide with those on the published topographic maps: surface mine boundaries on the mined-out area maps were derived from aerial photographs, and an attempt was made to show only mined-out areas rather than all disturbed areas. This fact, as well as the scaling problem, may explain most of the discrepancy between our mine outlines and those on the topographic maps. No field checking was done for this project.

The coal subcrop/outcrop lines were taken from published reports; no new mapping was done for this project. The lines were originally drawn on 15-minute topographic maps (1:62,500). Topography shown on newer 7.5-minute topographic maps often significantly differs from the older maps. No attempt was made to adjust the subcrop/outcrop lines to the new topography as that would have required substantial subsurface and field checking; however, coal subcrops/outcrops were adjusted to include all mined-out areas.

The geology of Illinois has been mapped at different times. As a result, the level of detail and locations of faults do not always match in adjacent quadrangles. A list of published reports used for these maps may be found at the end of this report.

Computerization of Data. Information derived from the sources listed was encoded by geologists and entered into an interactive data management system ("Cornerstone") on the ISGS PDP 11/34 computer. Computerization of the file permitted sorting of data records by map ID number (a unique number for each data record), quadrangle, location, or any other field desired. Computer programs were written, including one to convert locations given in latitude and longitude to UTM (universal

transverse Mercator) coordinates. Error-checking programs written specifically for this data set were run to insure the accuracy of the data.

Volume of Data. A total of 2,461 data records were collected (figs. 1-4). The number of records in each quadrangle is given in figure 1. Each record contained a minimum of 30 data fields (pieces of information) and sometimes as many as 90 data fields or more, depending on the number of coal seams reported.

Presentation of Coal Resource Data on Federal Lands

Tabular Data Set. An easy-to-read tabular format (table 1) was used to present the computerized data:

Basic data

- map ID number (unique number for each data record)
- county
- township, range, section, location within section
- latitude and longitude
- UTM coordinates
- surface elevation (ft), precision of elevation
- date of data collection
- type of data (e.g. coal test, outcrop, underground mine)
- type of log (e.g. core, driller's log, electric log)
- total interval logged (total interval described in stratigraphic part of this form)
- source of data (e.g. company, field notes and geologist, mine notes and geologist and mine name)
- comments (additional information)

Stratigraphic data

- elevation of the top of coal (ft)
- formation name
- coal seam name
- coal ID (internal use; no stratigraphic significance)
- thickness (ft)
 - whole coal (includes partings <6 in. thick)
 - clean coal (excludes partings >3/8 in. thick)
 - overburden/interburden (depth to coal for the first coal; interval between coals for the remainder)
- comments (additional information)

The map ID number is a unique number assigned by the geologist to each drill hole, outcrop, and mine note. This number is used in the tabular data file in the computer and on the topographic quadrangle maps adjacent to a plotted point.

The map ID numbering system has a number of options. Below is a breakdown of the elements included in the different types of map ID numbers:

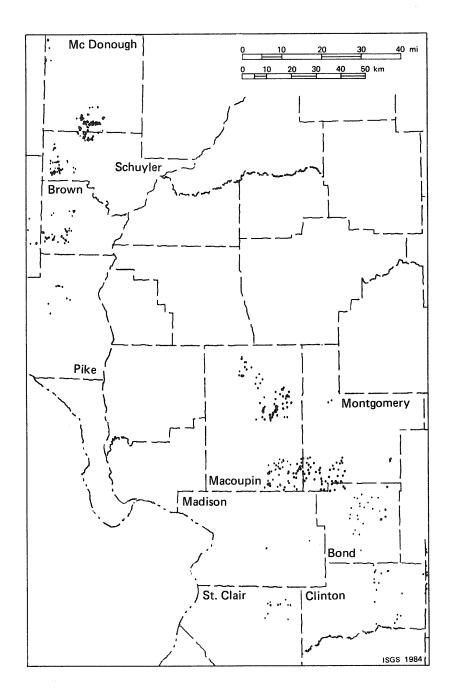


Figure 2. West-central area of Illinois showing distribution of datum points. A total of 562 points were used within this area. Scale is 1:1,500,000. County boundaries are shown.

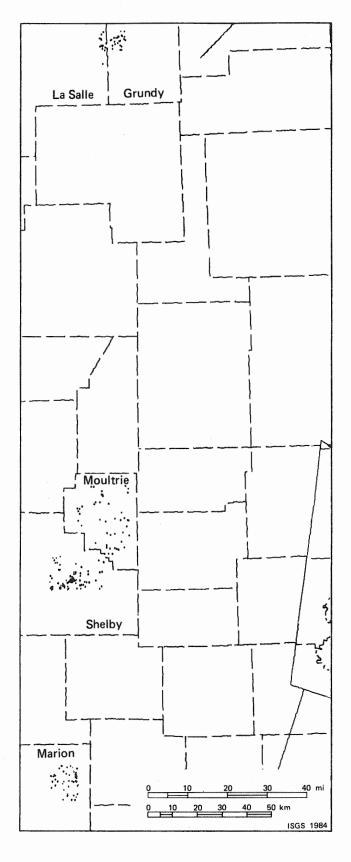


Figure 3. East-central area of Illinois showing distribution of datum points. A total of 240 points were used within this area. Scale is 1:1,500,000. County boundaries are shown.

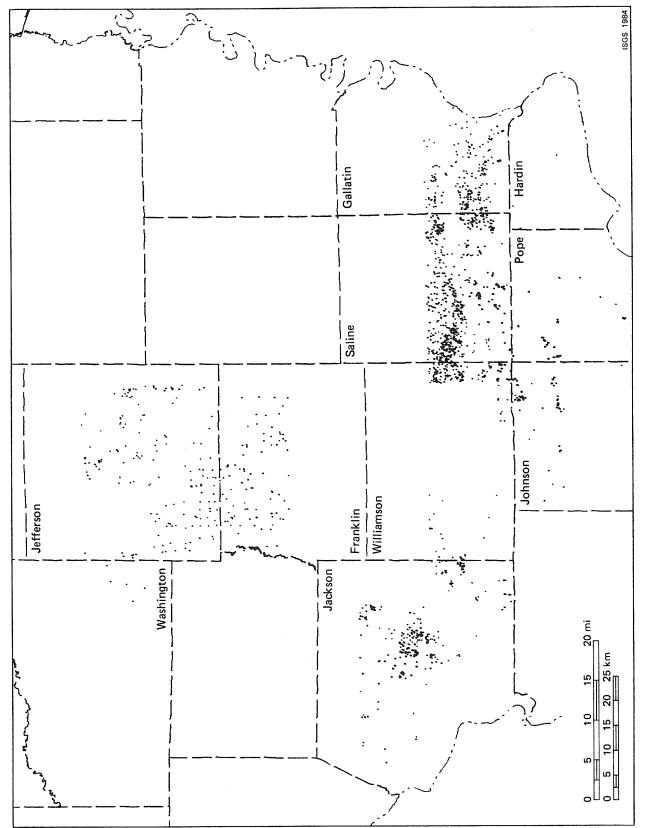


Figure 4. Southern area of Illinois showing distribution of datum points. A total of 1,659 points were used within this area. Scale is 1:750,000. County boundaries are shown.

Coal test

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Field note

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Mine note

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ELEVATION	INE NOTES-GLUS	COAL	COAL	COMMENT: THI WHOLE CL	: ICKNESS (FT.) LEAN OVERBURDS	 EN/ COMP				

Table 1. Examples of tabular data format for three types of data: coal test, field note, and mine note. See text for explanation of contents.

Core Description Coal Test Other Drill Holes $\frac{C}{}$ county code $\frac{C}{}$ county # Example: $\frac{C}{}$ 165 000277 Field Notes $\frac{F}{}$ map # sequential # Example: $\frac{F}{}$ 273A 040 Mine Notes $\frac{M}{}$ county code $\frac{F}{}$ sequential # Example: $\frac{M}{}$ 165 0801 01

Map ID numbers for drill holes start with a "C", which is followed by a 3-digit FIPS county code and then a 6-digit unique number (called a county number) assigned by the ISGS Geological Records Library. Map ID numbers for field notes begin with an "F" and include a 4-digit U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangle number (fig. 1) and then a 3-digit sequential number assigned by the geologist (beginning with 001). Map ID numbers for mine notes begin with an "M" and include a 3-digit FIPS county code and a 4-digit unique mine index number assigned by the ISGS Coal Section, plus a sequential number (beginning with 01) that is used if more than one mine note is available for a given mine. The 4-digit mine index number appears on the county mined-out area maps prepared by the Coal Section and distributed by the ISGS.

Quadrangle Map Data. Each data record in the tabular data set, including drill holes, field notes, and mine notes, was plotted with its map ID number on a mylar overlay for a 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map. Fourteen different symbols were used to designate the type of data available at that location (fig. 5). Other data shown on the maps are mined-out areas, coal subcrops/outcrops, base of the Pennsylvanian System, sandstone channels within coal seams, and faulted areas.

It should be emphasized that all data were plotted as indicated by our records, with only minimum adjustments. No field checking or remapping was undertaken for this project.

Geological Cross Sections. A number of cross sections available at the ISGS in published and unpublished form show the stratigraphic relations and facies changes of the Pennsylvanian rocks in the areas of the 67 topographic quadrangle maps. A set of these cross sections (fig. 6) was sent to BLM. Three previously unpublished cross sections by Paul Potter are included here (figs. 7-9); they are based on electric logs. The published cross sections included in the BLM set are available in the following ISGS publications:

Circular 228, Plate 4 - Gallatin, Saline, Williamson Counties
Circular 260, Plate 2 - Jackson, Perry, Randolph Counties
Circular 311, Plate 4 - Greene, Macoupin, Madison Counties
Circular 374, Figure 5 - Adams, Brown, McDonough, Pike, Schuyler,
Warren Counties
Circular 419, Plate 2 - Grundy, La Salle Counties
Circular 515, Plate 1 - Shelby County

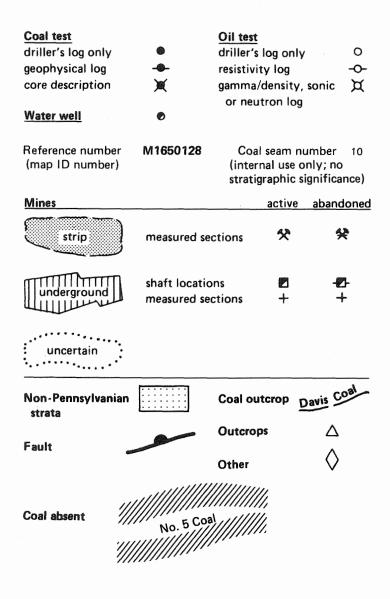


Figure 5. Example of key used on mylar overlays for topographic quadrangle maps.

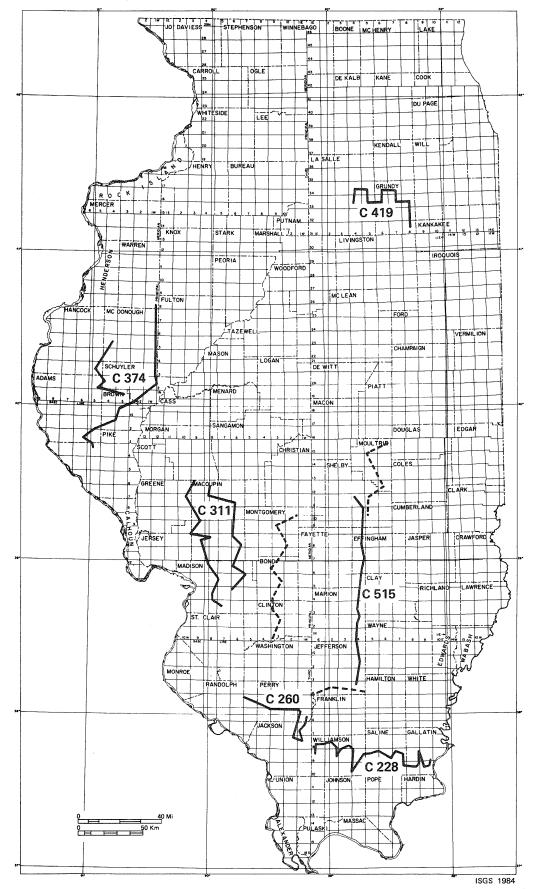


Figure 6. Location of cross sections sent to BLM. Dashed lines indicate previously unpublished sections by Paul Potter that are included as figures 7-9. ISGS Circular numbers are indicated adjacent to lines of published cross sections.

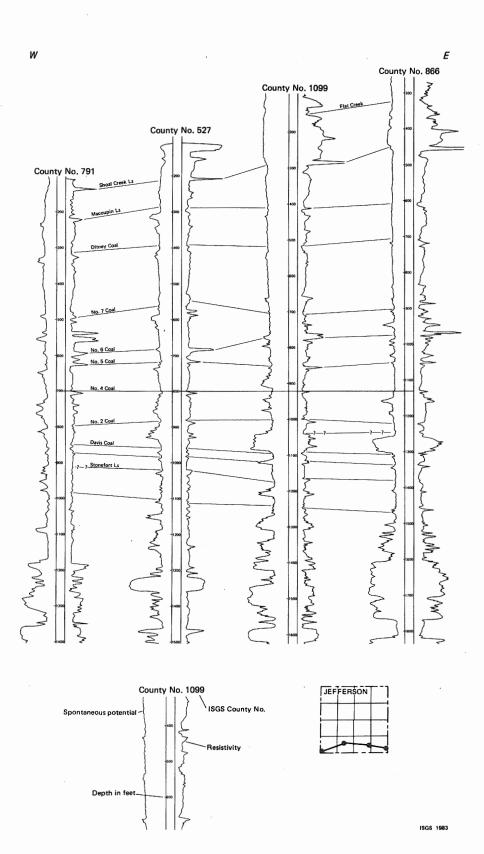


Figure 7. Cross section showing correlations of key Pennsylvanian members in Jefferson County, Illinois. Section by Paul Potter.

These cross sections can be used along with the tabular data to help correlate coal seams within and between quadrangle maps.

Chemical Analyses of Coals. Chemical analyses that have been run by the ISGS Chemical Group on different coals in Illinois were retrieved from the ISGS computerized chemical data file for the counties included in the study area. The following is a list of the counties and coal seams for which publicly available analyses were found:

County, Coal Seam

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Franklin
   Herrin (No. 6)
Gallatin
   Springfield (No. 5)
   Willis
Jackson
   Herrin (No. 6)
   Murphysboro
Jefferson
   Opdvke
Johnson
   New Burnside
Pope
   coal in the lower part of Abbott
   Bidwell
   Colchester (No. 2)
   Reynoldsburg
Saline
   Davis
   Dekoven
   Herrin (No. 6)
   Springfield (No. 5)
Shelby
   Shelbyville
Williamson
   Murphysboro
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A total of 167 analyses were retrieved and sent to BLM in tabular form; a sample is shown in table 2. The following is a brief explanation of the various abbreviations used in this table:

- basis: all analyses were reported on an "as received" basis
- mine index: unique ISGS number for mine in which samples taken; "O" means sample was not from a mine
- sample type:
 - FC face channel; vertical channel of seam excluding impurities >3/8 inches thick
 - CFC composite of 2 or more face channel samples
 (usually 3)
 - C column; vertical channel of seam including impurities
- lab number: unique ISGS chemical laboratory number
- remaining abbreviations refer to chemical properties expressed in units of weight percent:



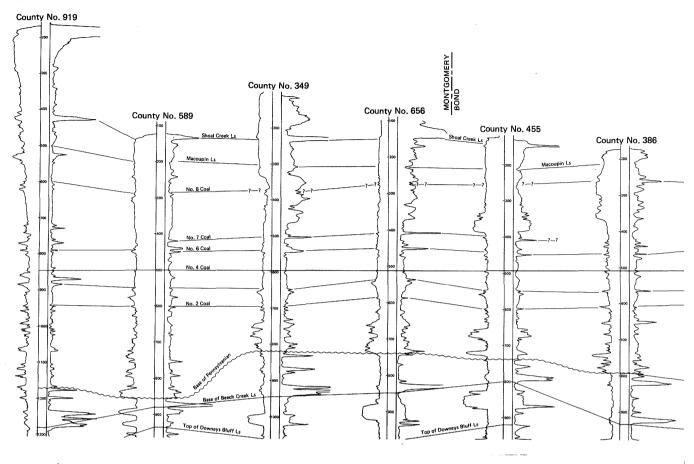
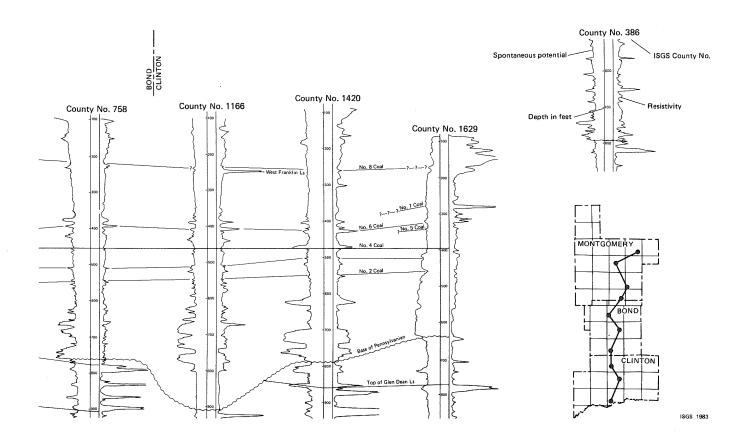


Figure 8. Cross section showing correlations of key Pennsylvanian members in Montgomery, Bond, and Clinton Counties, Illinois. Section by Paul Potter.

MOIS	689	moisture	TOS	404	total sulfur
V OL	co	volatile matter	CL	-	chlorine
FXC	wint	fixed carbon	BTU	422	British thermal units/lb
ASH		ash	Н	-	hydrogen
PYS	-	pyritic sulfur	С	_	carbon
ORS	400	organic sulfur	N	623	nitrogen
SUS	-	sulfate sulfur	0	-	oxygen

The chemical analyses should be used with caution. Laboratory techniques and methods of analyzing coal have changed over the years, so some of the older analyses may not be comparable to newer ones. Also the quality of the samples may vary enough to influence the analyses.

The method of sampling will also affect the results: a face channel sample, which excludes impurities >3/8 inches thick, will have lower ash and higher heating values than a column sample of the same coal in the same location. Caution also should be used in extrapolating analytical data of coal over some distance. Geological factors, such as conditions of burial, affect coal quality and must be considered. These factors are discussed in the ENR publication "An Inventory of Coal Resources of Illinois" (p. 13-15).



Part II. Statewide Coal Resource Maps

The second phase of this work included compilation of a series of five 4-color statewide coal resource maps at a scale of 1:500,000. The maps show general coal thickness, depth, and tonnage for 32 mapped coal seams in Illinois. Production of these maps has been supported in part by the Bureau of Land Management.

The data were compiled from the most recent published and unpublished maps prepared by members of the ISGS Coal Section. These maps show for the first time the known coal resources, including both deep- and surface-minable coal, for all mapped coals in Illinois in terms of thickness, depth, and tonnage. The maps will be valuable to industry, government, and land and mineral owners for resource assessment and management.

These coal seams are represented on the resource maps:

Map 1
Herrin (No. 6)

Map 2
Springfield (No. 5)

Map 3
Danville (No. 7)

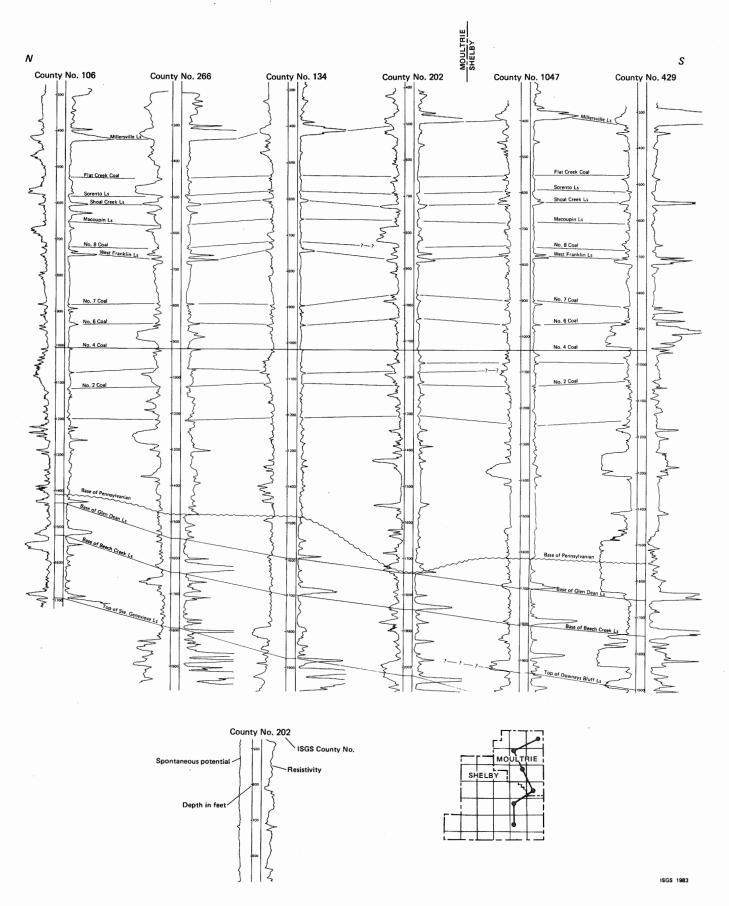


Figure 9. Cross section showing correlations of key Pennsylvanian members in Moultrie and Shelby Counties, Illinois. Section by Paul Potter.

MINE INDX	SMPL	TKNS (FT)	LAB NO	MOIS	VOL	FXC	ASH	PYS	PYS ORS SUS	SUS	T0S CL	CL	вти	ェ	O .	z	0
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SWSWSE 631	SWSWSE30 10S 631 FC	9E	C 1547	3.6	33.3	33,3 53,3	1.6	3,4	7.	0.	4.2		13094				
SWSWSE 631	SWSWSE30 10S 631 FC	36	C 1548	3.5	32.8	32.8 52.7	10.9	4.0	ထ္	0.	4.9		12852				
SWSWSE 631	SWSWSE30 10S 631 CFC	9E	C 1549	3.4	33.1	53.2	10.2	3.6	7.	0.	4.5		13069	4.8	71.9	71.9 1.2	7.1
631	10S FC	9E	C 8952	3.6	32.4	53.8	10.0				4.3		13007	5.0	72.1 1.2 7.1	1.2	7.1
631	10S FC	9E	C 8953	3.55	32.7	32.7 52.7	11.0				5,3		12856	4.8	12856 4.8 70.3 1.2 7.1	1,2	7.1

County: Gallatin Seam : Willis Basis : As Received

Table 2. Example of tabular format for chemical data. See text for explanation of contents.

Map 4

Belle Rive
Bristol Hill
Calhoun
Colchester (No. 2)
Dekoven
Friendsville

Jamestown Loudon Oconee Opdyke Shelbyville Trowbridge

Map 5

Assumption
Bell
Davis
Houchin Creek (formerly
Summum (No. 4))
Litchfield
coals near Makanda
Mt. Rorah (formerly)
Bald Hill)
Murphysboro

New Burnside
Reynoldsburg
Rock Island (No. 1)
"Seahorne"
Seelyville
Survant (formerly
Shawneetown)
Wiley
Willis
Wise Ridge

These coals, and other key stratigraphic members, are shown in stratigraphic order in figure 10.

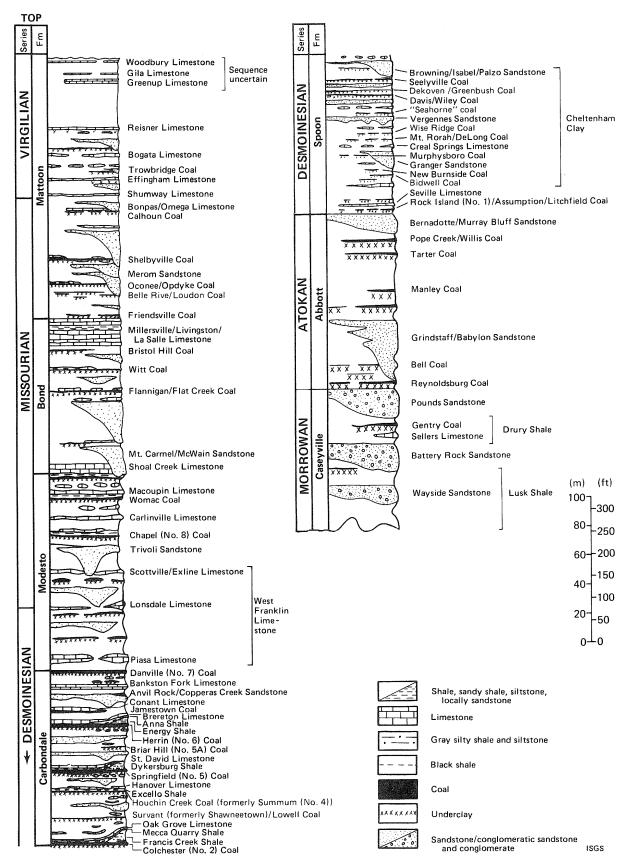
For some minor coals, the thickness is too variable and/or data are too sparse to permit mapping of coal thickness and tonnage at the scale of the maps. For these coals the subcrop/outcrop, 150-foot depth line, and any mined-out areas are shown where they have been identified.

Resources are shown on the basis of estimates calculated for ISGS Circular 527 for the deep coals and estimates given in the ISGS surface-minable coal resources series.

Products Available to the Public

Maps and Tables

A set of mylar overlays for all sixty-seven 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps used in this study and a set of the tabular data for each quadrangle map are available for public use in the ISGS Map Library. Tabular data are listed in numerical order by map ID number for each quadrangle map. Copies of individual mylar overlays, topographic quadrangle maps, and tabular data sets by quadrangle may be ordered from the ISGS for a fee. Also available for use in the ISGS Map Library is a set of the chemical analysis data.



Note: This is a composite of the commonly thickest sections for each formation; not all known units are shown, and not all units shown necessarily occur in the same section.

Figure 10. Generalized stratigraphic column of the Pennsylvanian System in Illinois. Coal seams and other key stratigraphic members are shown.

The five statewide coal resource maps are available as a set or individually.* To obtain copies please call or write

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Geological Report

As a supplement to the tabular and map data produced on this project, we recommend the recent publication, "Illinois Energy Plan, Volume IV, An Inventory of the Coal Resources of Illinois." The report was written by members of the ISGS Coal Section and published by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources in 1982. It summarizes much information on coal in Illinois. The contents of this publication include

The Nature and Origin of Coal Seams

Analysis and Quality of Coal Proximate Analysis
Heating Value
Ultimate Analysis
Sulfur
Chlorine
Coking Quality
Ash Properties
Coal Petrography

Geologic Factors that Affect Coal Quality Conditions During Peat Accumulation Conditions During Initial Burial Conditions of Maximum Burial Influence of Groundwater

Coal Seams in Illinois
General Description of the Coal-Bearing Rocks
Major Coal Seams of Illinois
Davis and Dekoven
Seelyville
Colchester (No. 2)
Springfield (No. 5)
Herrin (No. 6)
Danville (No. 7)
Other Coal Seams
Reynoldsburg
Bell
Willis
Rock Island (No. 1), Litchfield, and Assumption

^{*}These maps may not become available until fall, 1984.

New Burnside Murphysboro Mt. Rorah Shawneetown (now Survant) Summum (No. 4) (now Houchin Creek) Briar Hill (No. 5A) Jamestown Chapel (No. 8) Bristol Hill Friendsville Opdyke Trowbridge and Shelbyville Calhoun Coal Resources of Illinois Geologic Confirmation of Coal Resources; Economic Feasibility Resources Development potential Mining method Deep-Minable Coal Resources Thickness and depth Location of resources Quality of resources Size of mining block Restricted development potential of deep resources due to surface features Restricted development potential of deep resources located within oil fields Coal seams containing deep-minable resources Surface-Minable Coal Resources Thickness of coal and overburden Location of resources Quality of resources Size of mining block Restricted development of surface-minable coal due to surface features Surface-minable coal resources within oil fields Coal seams containing surface-minable resources Additional Resources History of Underground Mining History of Surface Mining Historic Trends of Coal Mining in Illinois Summary and Perspectives Principal Sources of Information and Additional Reading

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Colin Treworgy initiated Phase I of this project and was responsible for setting up the data collection process and the data presentation in tabular and quadrangle map formats. For the remaining two years, including all of Phase II, Janis Treworgy managed the project. Margaret Bargh and Janis Treworgy collected all the data and compiled the maps. Aravinda Kar wrote the computer programs for the project. Pamella Foster drafted all the mylar overlays for the topographic quadrangle maps and the statewide coal resource map of the Herrin Coal. Kate Hunter drafted the other four statewide coal resource maps.

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