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#### INTRODUCTION

In June 1988, the Florida Geological Survey (FGS) and the south Florida Water Management District (District) entered into a contract (#88-188-0675) to conduct a joint project in Lee, Hendry and Collier Counties. The objectives of this project were: to increase the geologic/hydrogeologic well data available in these counties, to translate existing lithologic descriptions of wells within the district to computer format and to add this data to the District computer data base. These objectives were met by the translation of over 180 existing well logs to computer format, by drilling and evaluating the data for six cores, and merging all of this data with the existing FGS and District computer data bases.

Six cores were drilled by the FGS at locations specified by the District (Figure 1). Geophysical logs were run on each core by District personnel. After completion of drilling and logging, five of the coreholes were plugged by District contractors. The remaining corehole was reamed and a monitor well constructed. The cores are listed below:

Lee County

W-16242; South Seas Plantation #1, 760' TD, monitor well

(T45S, R21E, S26)

W-16523; Koreshan #1, 822' TD

(T46S, R25E, S33A)

Hendry County

W-16329; Hilliard Brothers #1, 740' TD

(T44S, R32E, S16B)

W-16387; U.S. Sugar #1, 662' TD

(T44S, R34E, S09B)

Collier County

W-16434; Collier Corp. #1, (Immokalee), 715' TD

(T47S, R30E, S03B)

W-16505; Fakahatchee Strand #1, 702' TD

(T50S, R30E, S06C)

Detailed stratigraphic columns for each core are included as Figures 2-7 (Attached).

LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY

Suwannee Limestone

The Oligocene-age Suwannee Limestone underlies all of Lee, Hendry and Collier Counties, consisting of white to beige recrystallized limestone containing abundant microfossils, quartz sand and trace amounts of phosphate. The top of the Suwannee Limestone is encountered between 550 and 1000 feet below National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), with the shallowest occurrences being in northwest Lee County and the deepest in central Hendry County (Wedderburn et al., 1982; Peacock, 1983 and Klein et al., 1964). Sediments of the Suwannee Limestone form part of the Floridan aquifer system. The Suwannee was encountered in both Lee County cores (W-16242 and W-16523) (Figures 2, 7-9). The pick for the top of the Suwannee Limestone was based upon an overall

decrease in quartz sand and phosphate, an overall increase in fossil content, and a general increase in carbonate lithology from a mudstone or wackestone to a packstone or grainstone.

Hawthorn Group

The Miocene-Pliocene age Hawthorn Group unconformably overlies the Suwannee Limestone. Scott (1986, 1988) raised the Hawthorn Formation to Group status and erected new formations within the Group statewide. The Hawthorn Group in south Florida consists of two formations: the Arcadia Formation (Hawthorn carbonate unit and Tampa Limestone of previous usage) and the Peace River Formation (Hawthorn siliciclastic unit of previous usage).

#### Arcadia Formation

The Arcadia Formation consists predominantly of white, light gray and yellowish gray, poorly to well indurated, calcilutitic and very finely crystalline limestone (wackestone to mudstone), dolomitic limestone and dolostone. The Arcadia contains variable amounts of clay, silt, quartz and phosphate sand with occasional phosphate gravel. Beds of clay, silt-sized dolomite and quartz sand are common. The Arcadia is commonly fossiliferous (primarily oysters, pectens and bryozoans, with diatoms and foraminifera in The top of the Arcadia is found at some clayey intervals). approximately 150 feet below NGVD in northwestern Lee County and dips to the southeast to over 400 feet below NGVD in southeastern The Arcadia Formation was Collier County (Scott, 1988). encountered in all six of the cores drilled for this project (Figures 2-10). The top of the Arcadia Formation in these cores was picked based upon a change from predominantly siliciclastic sediments to predominantly carbonate sediments.

#### Peace River Formation

The Peace River Formation (Scott, 1988) consists of the "upper usage as well siliciclastics" of prior siliciclastics previously placed in the Tamiami Formation (Parker, 1951, Parker et al., 1955) and the Murdock Station and Bayshore Clay Members of the Tamiami Formation (Hunter, 1968). River Formation consists primarily of white, light gray and light olive, interbedded, poorly to moderately indurated sands, silts, clays and carbonates. The siliciclastic components are dominant. Carbonate material is primarily calcilutite or silt-sized dolomite. All lithologies typically contain variable amounts of quartz and The top of the Peace River Formation phosphate sand. encountered at approximately 0 feet NGVD in northern Lee County dipping slightly to the south-southeast in Lee and Hendry Counties then to the southwest in Collier County where it is found predominantly between 100 and 150 feet below NGVD (Scott, 1988). The Peace River Formation was encountered in all six cores. three of the cores (W-16242, W-16387, and W-16523) (Figures 2, 3, 6-10) the top of the Peace River Formation was picked as a change from sandy limestones of the Tamiami Formation to very fine to fine sands, silts, and clays with minor phosphate and carbonate. In the three remaining cores (W-16329, W-16434, and W-16505) (Figures 3-5, 8, 10), the presence of thick sequences of coarse siliciclastics made the picking of the top of the Peace River Formation difficult.

In general, the Peace River Formation pick in these cores was made based upon a decrease in grain size from the medium to very coarse sands of the "Miocene coarse clastics" to very fine to fine sands with minor phosphate and carbonate. This pick is made more difficult in these three cores due to the fact that the recovery of sediments in this interval was generally poor, with most of the samples consisting of bags of cuttings which represented five feet or more of samples.

sediments of the Hawthorn Group form the both intermediate aquifer system and intermediate confining unit which includes the mid-Hawthorn aquifer and sandstone aquifer, and the lower, mid- and upper Hawthorn confining zones (Wedderburn et al., 1982; Smith and Adams, 1988). The confining characteristics of the Hawthorn Group sediments also serve to confine the Floridan aquifer system. Water from the producing zones in the Hawthorn is better quality in general than the underlying Floridan aquifer system (Wedderburn et al., 1982).

#### Undifferentiated Coarse Siliciclastics

A thick sequence of coarse quartz sand and gravel is present in Hendry and Collier Counties which, in the past, has been informally called the "Miocene coarse clastics" and placed in the upper part of the Hawthorn Formation (Peacock, 1983) or Peace River Formation of the Hawthorn Group (Knapp et al., 1986; Smith and Adams, 1988; Campbell, 1988). In addition to being informal, the term "Miocene coarse clastics" is misleading as at least part of this unit is probably Pliocene in age. Three cores (W-16329, W-

16434, and W-16505) (Figures 3, 5-6, 8, 10), all had a thick sequence of coarse siliciclastic material present overlying the Peace River Formation. These siliciclastics are uncharacteristically coarse for the Peace River Formation, and have been referred to as undifferentiated sands, clays and shells until further information becomes available for the area.

Smith and Adams (1988) report that these coarse siliciclastics form a northeast-southwest trending trough on top of the fine sands and silts of the Peace River Formation in Hendry and Collier These three cores fall along the axis of this trough. Counties. The top of the coarse siliciclastics in these three cores range from approximately 50 to 70 feet below NGVD, with a thickness of These thicknesses are 290 to 300 feet (Figures 8 and 10). considerably greater than the ones shown by Smith and Adams (1988). This may be due to the fact that large portions of the recovery in the coarse siliciclastic section consists of cuttings which have been homogenized and have potentially had fine grained matrix material washed out during drilling, thus making the contact between the base of the coarse siliciclastic material and the top of the Peace River Formation difficult to pick with certainty. Tamiami Formation

The Tamiami Formation of Parker (1951) and Parker et al. (1955) has been restricted by later authors (Hunter, 1968; Hunter and Wise, 1980 a and b; Scott, 1988). The Tamiami as used in this report reflects these changes and consists of the Ochopee and Buckingham Limestone Members and the Pinecrest Sand Member. Some

difficulty arises in identifying the Tamiami where sand sediments are devoid of shell material and recognizable limestone units are not present.

The Tamiami consists primarily of yellowish gray, shelly, quartz sandy, slightly phosphatic limestone with calcilutite or recrystallized calcite matrix. Molds of aragonitic fossils are common. Quartz sand, shell content and induration are variable.

The top of the Tamiami Formation in the area ranges from a high of approximately 25 feet above NGVD in eastern Lee County to as much as 45 feet below NGVD along the coastal portions of Lee County (Wedderburn et al., 1982), and as much as 60 feet below NGVD in southeastern Hendry County. Elsewhere the Tamiami is found primarily between 0 feet NGVD and 20 feet above NGVD (Knapp et al., 1986; Smith and Adams, 1988). The Tamiami Formation is missing in the northwest and northeast corners of Hendry County (Smith and Adams, 1988). The Tamiami Formation was encountered in all of the cores except for W-16329 (Figures 2, 4-10), where it is apparently The top of the Tamiami Formation was picked as being a moderately sandy to very sandy yellowish gray shelly limestone with numerous fossil molds. In W-16523, the Tamiami Formation was much In this core, the Tamiami sandier than in the other cores. Formation is a very calcareous, slightly phosphatic, fine grained quartz sand.

Caloosahatchee and Fort Thompson Formations

The Caloosahatchee and Fort Thompson Formations of previous usage are undifferentiated in this report due to the lack of

lithologic characteristics on which to differentiate the units. These units were originally defined based on the fossils they contain. The fossiliferous sands and carbonates of these units are often less than 10-feet thick. The undifferentiated Caloosahatchee and Fort Thompson Formations are present in two of the cores from the study (W-16387 and W-16505) (Figures 4, 6, 8 and 10). formations are poorly represented in these cores. The tops of formations picked moderately to highly these were as а recrystallized, slightly sandy, fine-grained limestone.

Undifferentiated Sands, Clays and Shells

Undifferentiated Pleistocene-Holocene age sediments overlie the Caloosahatchee-Ft. Thompson sediments or the Tamiami Formation in each of the cores from this study. These sediments vary from unfossiliferous quartz sands to very fossiliferous sands and shell beds, thin "marl" beds and organic-rich sediments. The undifferentiated sediments generally occur as thin beds less than 10-feet thick. However, along the coast these units can exceed 20-feet thick.

Sediments belonging to the undifferentiated coarse siliciclastics, Tamiami, Caloosahatchee and Ft. Thompson Formations and the undifferentiated sands and clays comprise the surficial aquifer system (Wedderburn et al., 1982; Knapp et al., 1986; Smith and Adams, 1988). The surficial aquifer system contains two aquifers, the water table and lower Tamiami which are separated by a leaky confining zone (Tamiami confining beds).

CORE AND CUTTINGS DESCRIPTIONS

Lithologic descriptions utilizing the Well Log Data System were made for the six cores drilled for this study and entered in the Florida Geological Survey's wellfile data base. A binocular describing the lithologic utilized in was The major characteristics characteristics of each of the cores. described and recorded included sample color, porosity, lithology, induration, cement type, accessory minerals, and fossils. Formation tops were determined based primarily on lithologic Rock colors were based on the Geological Society of criteria. America's Rock Color chart (Geological Society of America, 1984). Appendix I contains complete lithologic descriptions of each of the six cores described in this study.

# RADIOCHEMISTRY AND X-RAY DIFFRACTION STUDIES

In addition to the microscopic description of the cores, selected samples from one of the cores, W-16242, are currently being analyzed for their uranium concentration and U<sup>234</sup>/U<sup>238</sup> activity ratio as part of the research for a Master's thesis at Florida State University. As part of this thesis, it was decided to analyze the bulk mineralogy of these samples in order to determine what relationship, if any, the mineralogy has with the distribution of uranium within the sediments. For this reason, each of the twenty-six samples chosen for uranium work was analyzed for bulk mineralogy by means of an x-ray diffractometer (XRD). The claysized fraction from each of these samples will be analyzed in order to determine the specific clay minerals present.

Selected intervals from the remaining five cores from this

study were also sampled for XRD analysis of their bulk mineralogy. Due to the presence of thick intervals of coarse siliciclastic material in three of the cores, (W-16329, W-16434 and W-16505) there are large gaps in the intervals chosen for XRD analyses of bulk mineralogy. In general, the intervals chosen for XRD analysis were those in which the mineralogy was uncertain based upon visual inspection of the core under a binocular microscope. studies are useful for the identification of the diffraction various minerals in a sample, but are semi-quantitative, at best, for determination of the mineral abundance or percentage. In order to analyze the bulk mineralogy of the samples, approximately 20-30 grams of the sample was ground to a fine powder. This procedure insured homogeneous mixing of the sample and reduced the chance of preferential orientation of certain minerals during analysis. split from the sample was then placed in a planchet (sample holder) The diffractometer and placed into the x-ray diffractometer. records the x-ray reflections as peaks, both in digital and analog Every mineral exhibits a characteristic series of peaks, which are used to determine the presence of the mineral. ray pattern for each sample begins at a 2-theta angle of four degrees so that all major mineral peaks could be identified.

The results of the XRD analysis are listed in Table 1. The sample depth is listed in the first column of each table. The subsequent columns are for the minerals identified. Mineral abundances were determined from the relative peak heights. When possible, estimates of relative abundances were made, with 1, 2,

3... representing abundance in descending order. Two forms of calcium carbonate  $(CaCO_3)$ , calcite and aragonite, are common, and dolomite, a calcium-magnesium carbonate,  $(CaMg(CO_3)_2)$  is also common. Phosphate minerals are present in numerous samples. The type of phosphate abundant in sediments from the Hawthorn Group in the area is carbonate-fluorapatite,  $(Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(F, OH, CO_3)_2, Commonly$  known as francolite (Cathcart, 1989). This mineral is a form of apatite in which fluorine and carbonate ions partially substitute for hydroxyl groups.

#### CONCLUSIONS

This project has resulted in the addition of over 180 additional lithologic descriptions to the computer data bases of the FGS and the District. The cores drilled provide much needed "anchor points" for stratigraphic and hydrogeologic projects and fill critical gaps in the geologic data base. These sample sets will be utilized in future studies, providing an ongoing benefit. The Hendry County cores drilled for this project are the only cores in Hendry County at the present time. Additional core drilling projects are needed in this and other portions of the District to fill the gaps in the geologic data base and provide a better understanding of the geohydrologic framework of southern Florida.

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TABLE 1
BULK X-RAY DATA FOR SELECTED INTERVALS

Well 16242 SOUTH SEAS #1 CORE

Depth (feet)	Quartz	Calcite	Aragonite	Dolomite	Francolite	Clay
41.5	2	1		tr		
47.0	2	1	•	•		
52.0		1				
60.0	2	1				
63.0	3	1	2.			
70.0	2	1	3			
80.0		1			•	•
85.0	3	1 1		2		
90.0	1	2			3?	
100.0	tr ·	1		3?		
115.0	tr	1		•		2?
159.0	2	3		. 1	•	
252.5	2	1		3	tr	
291.0	1	2	-		tr	tr?
354.0	2	1		3 -	4	
400.0	tr	1		2.	tr	
436.0	2			1		3
515.0	2			1	tr?	
546.0	tr			, 1	2	
553.0	2	tr	**	1		•
575.0		tr		1		
639.0		1		2		
727.0		1				

## KEY

The numbers 1,2,3,4... refer to the relative abundances according to the relative intensities of the XRD pattern in the bulk analyses.

Well 16329 HILLIARD #1 CORE

Depth (feet)	Quartz	Calcite	Aragonite	Dolomite	Francolite	Clay
77.5	1			2.	tr	3
415.0	1	2			4 .	
438.0	2	1			tr?	
470.0	2			3	tr?	1
550.0	2		·	3	tr?	1
596.8				1		. 2
645.0	2			1	3?	

# Well 16387 U.S. SUGAR #1 CORE

Depth (feet)	Quartz	Calcite	Aragonite	Dolomite	Francolite	Clay
32.0	1	2				
98.0	2	3		1		
141.0	1	2	tr			
204.0	1			2	tr	
262.0	1			2		3
316.0	1	2 ·		3		
378.5	2			1	4	3
443.7	1	5?	•	2	4	3
511.3	2	3		4	tr	.1
581.5						1
608.0	3			2		1
640.0		2		1	•	

# **KEY**

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# Well 16434 IMMOKALEE # 1 CORE

Depth (feet)	Quartz	Calcite	Aragonite	Dolomite	Francolite	Clay
` ,						
140.0	1			2	tr	
188.0	1			2	tr?	3
498.0	3			1	tr	2
510.0	3	1		2	tr	
573.0	2			1		3
631.0	$\frac{2}{2}$			1	tr	3

# Well 16505 FAKAHATCHEE STRAND # 1 CORE

Depth (feet)	Quartz	Calcite	Aragonite	Dolomite	Francolite	Clay
370.0	2	tr		1		·
400.0	1			2	tr	
590.8	2			1		. 3
673.0	1	3.		2	tr?	•
681.5	2	1		3		
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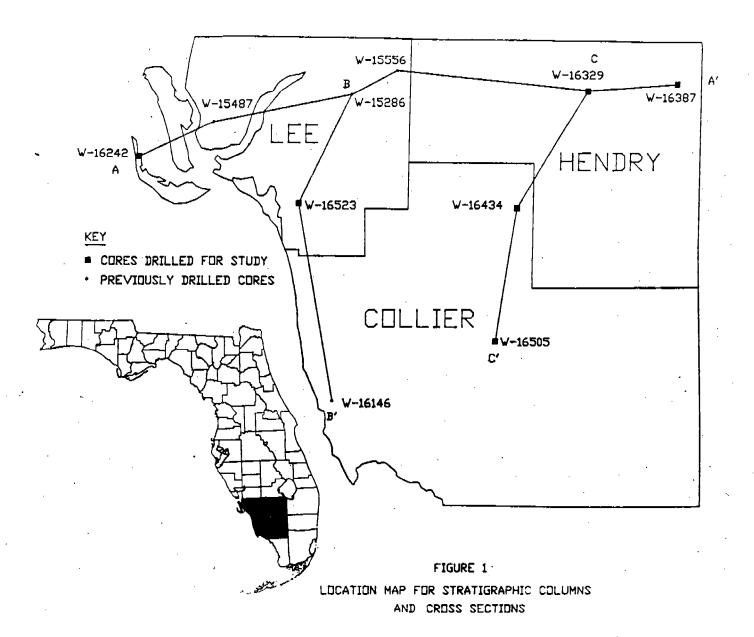
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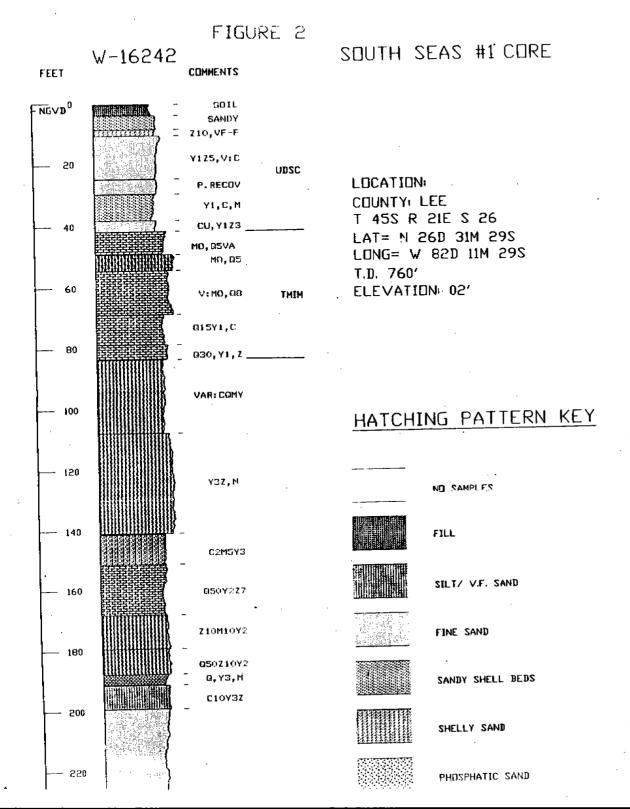
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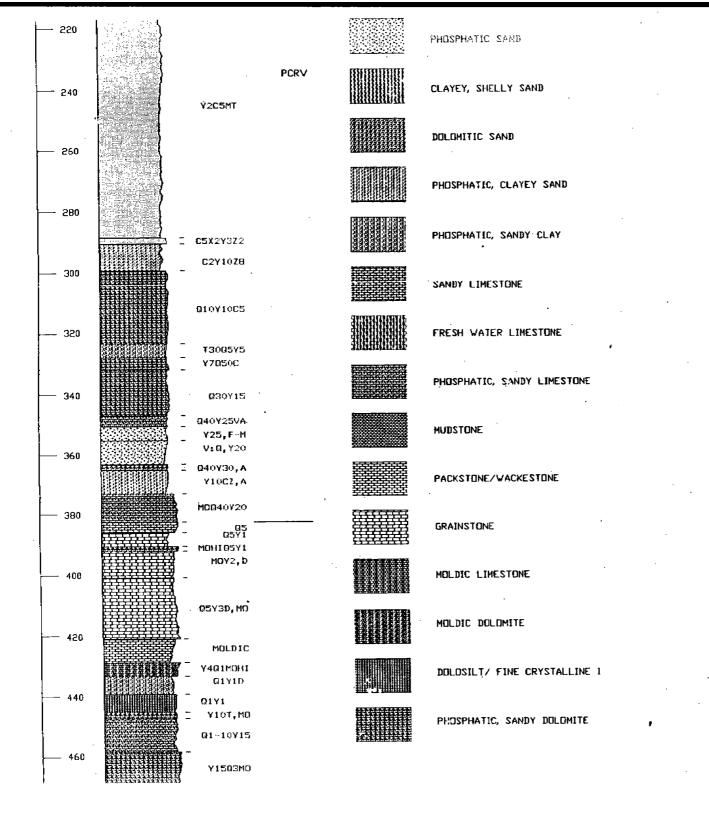
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336.5	2		•	3		1
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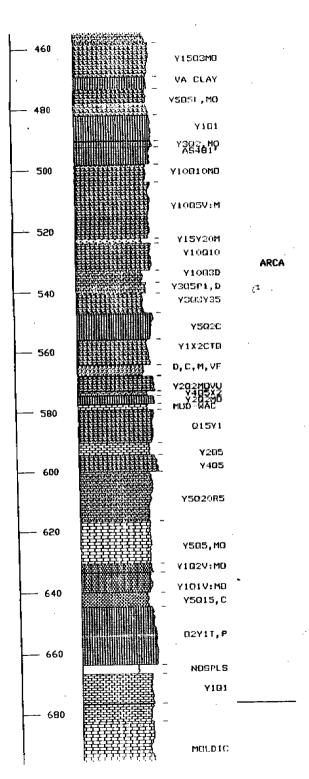
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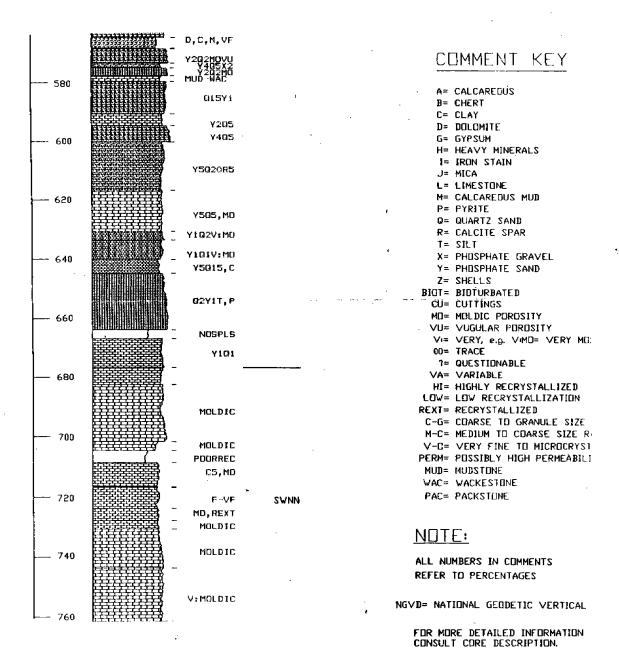
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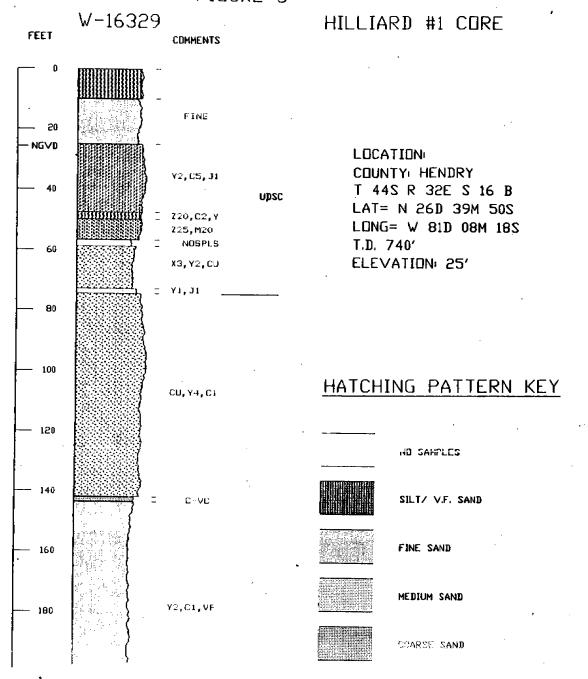
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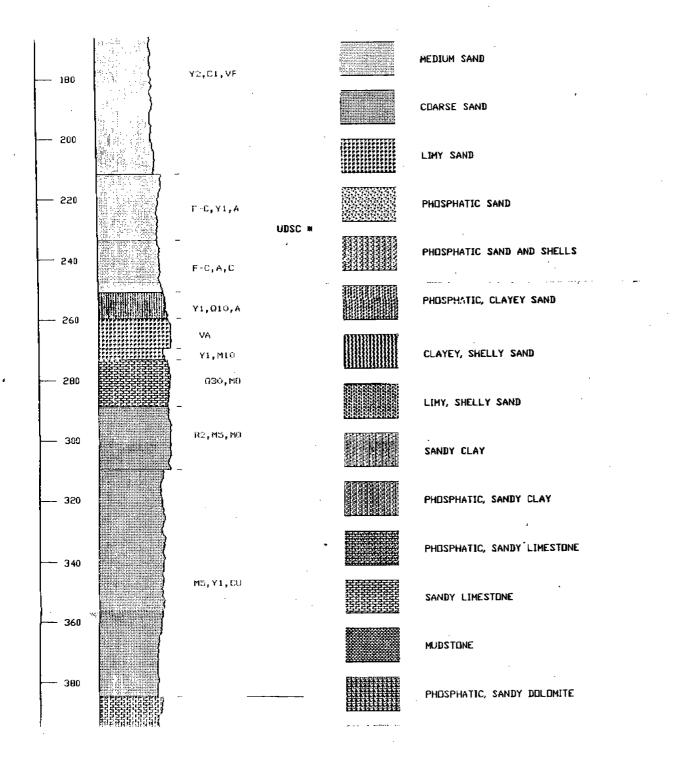
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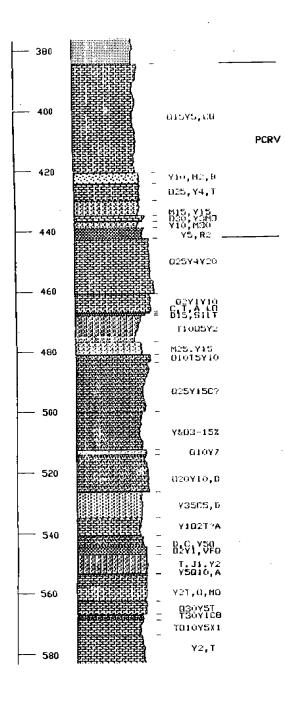
SVNN = SUVANNEE LIMESTONE













PHOSPHATIC, SANDY DOLOMITE,



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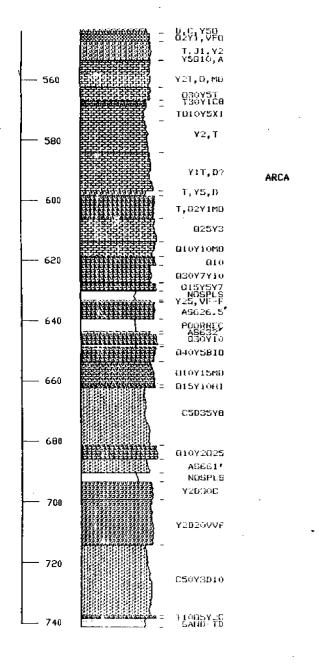
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### \* NOTE:

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### COMMENT KEY

A= CALCAREOUS

B= CHERT

C= CLAY

D= DOLOMITE

6= GYPSUM

H= HEAVY MINERALS

I= IRON STAIN

J= MICA

L= LIMESTONE

M= CALCAREDUS MUD

P= PYRITE

Q= QUARTZ SAND

R= CALCITE SPAR

T= SILT

X= PHOSPHATE GRAVEL

Y= PHOSPHATE SAND

Z= SHELLS

BIOT = BIOTURBATED

CU= CUTTINGS

MO= MOLDIC PORDSITY

VU= VUGULAR PORDSITY

V= VERY, e.g. VMD= VERY MOLDIC

00= TRACE

?= QUESTIONABLE

VA= VARIABLE

HI= HIGHLY RECRYSTALLIZED

LOV= LOV RECRYSTALLIZATION

REXT= RECRYSTALLIZED

C-G= COARSE TO GRANULE SIZE RANGE

M-C= MEDIUM TO COARSE SIZE RANGE

V-D= VERY FINE TO MICROCRYSTALLINE

PERM= POSSIBLY HIGH PERMEABILITY

MUD= MUDSTONE

WAC= WACKESTONE

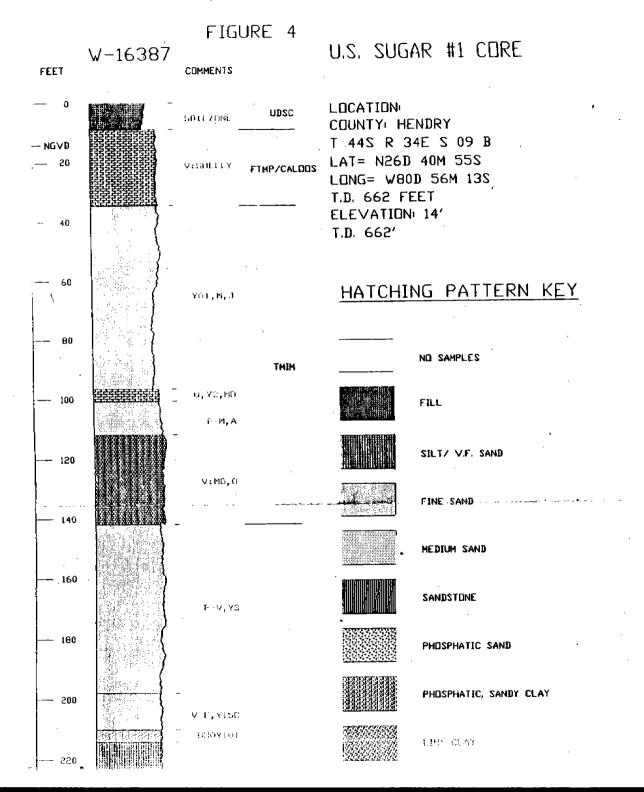
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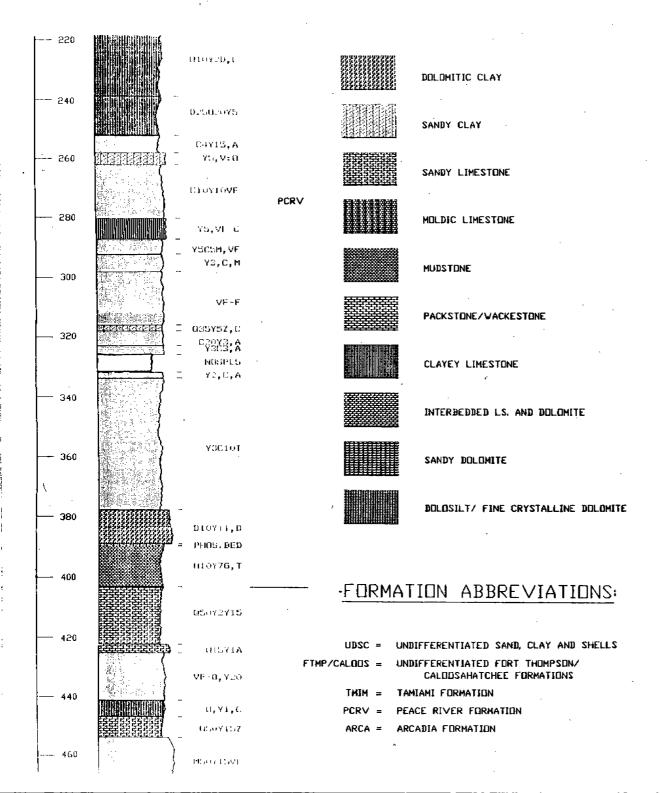
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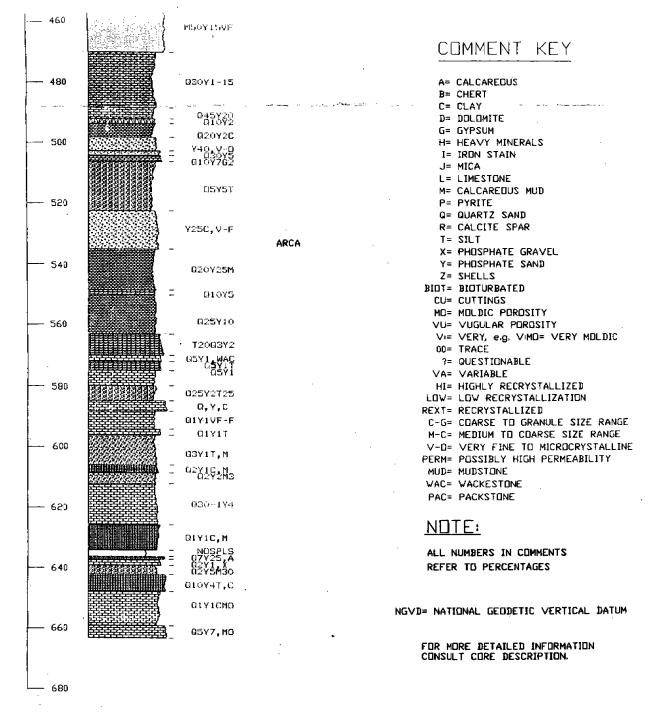
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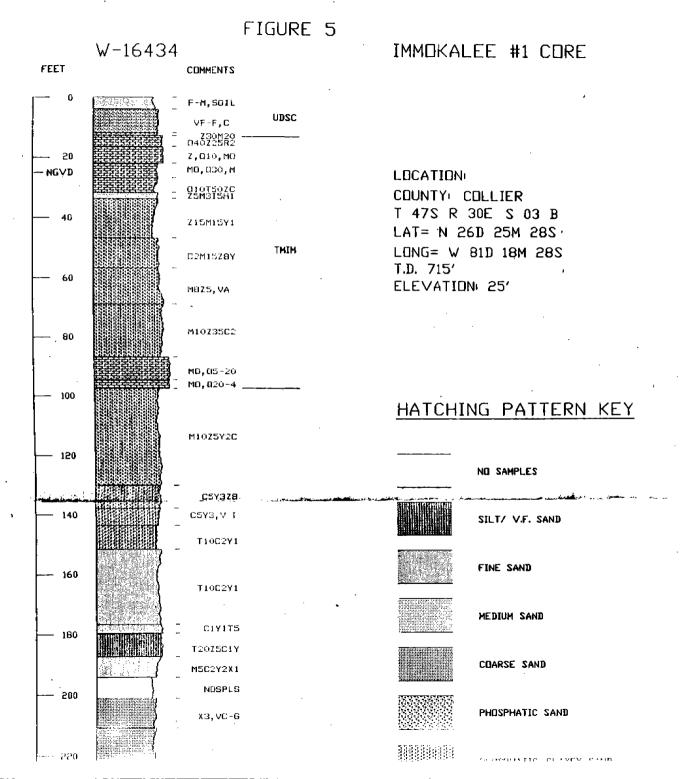
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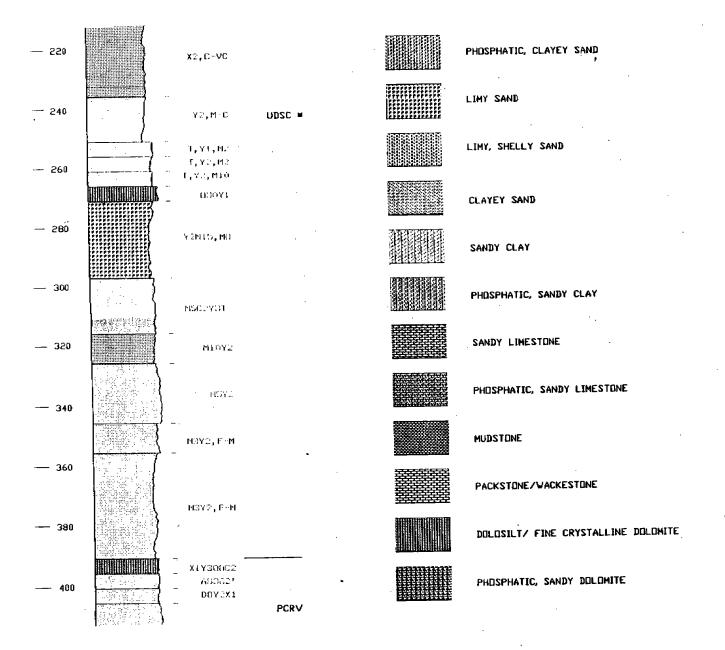
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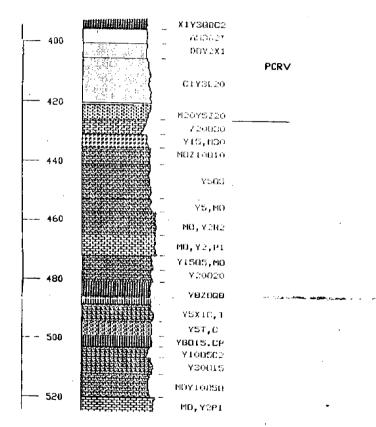














PHOSPHATIC, SANDY DOLOMITE

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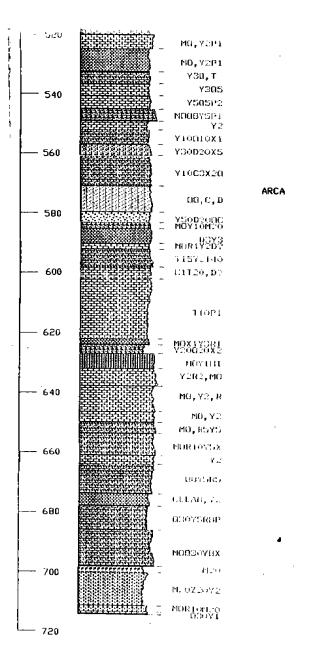
TMIM = TAMIANI FORMATION

PCRV = PEACE RIVER FORMATION

ARCA = ARCADIA FORMATION

## \* NOTE:

THE SEDIMENTS IN THIS INTERVAL THE SEDIMENTS IN THIS INTERVAL ARE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CHARSE FOR THE PEACE RIVER FORMATION. FOR THIS REASON, THEY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS UNDIFFERENTIATED SANDS, CLAYS AND SHELLS UNTIL MORE INFORMATION FROM THE AREA IS AVAILABLE.



## COMMENT KEY

- A= CALCAREDUS
- B= CHERT
- €= CLAY
- D= DOLOMITE
- G= GYPSUM
- H= HEAVY MINERALS
- I= IRON STAIN
- J= MICA
- L= LIMESTONE
- M= CALCAREGUS MUD
- P= PYRITE
- Q= QUARTZ SAND
- R= CALCITE SPAR
- T= SILT
- X= PHOSPHATE GRAVEL
- Y= PHOSPHATE SAND
- Z= SHELLS
- BIOT = BIOTURBATED
- CU= CUTTINGS
- MO= MOLDIC POROSITY
- VU= VUGULAR POROSITY
- VIE VERY, e.g. VIMD= VERY MOLDIC
- 00= TRACE
- 7= QUESTIONABLE
- VA= VARIABLE
- HI= HIGHLY RECRYSTALLIZED
- LOV= LOV RECRYSTALLIZATION
- REXT= RECRYSTALLIZED
- C-G= CDARSE TO GRANULE SIZE RANGE
- M-C= MEDIUM TO COARSE SIZE RANGE
- V-O= VERY FINE TO MICROCRYSTALLINE
- PERM= POSSIBLY HIGH PERMEABILITY
- MUD= MUDSTONE
- WAC= WACKESTONE
- PAC= PACKSTONE

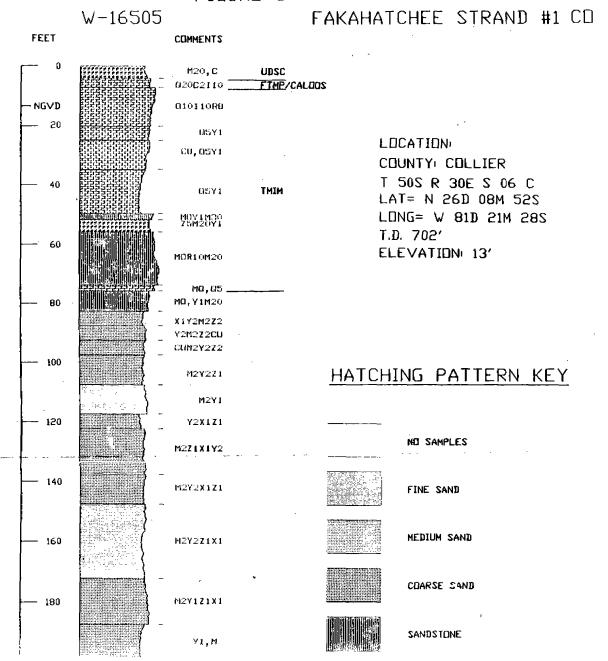
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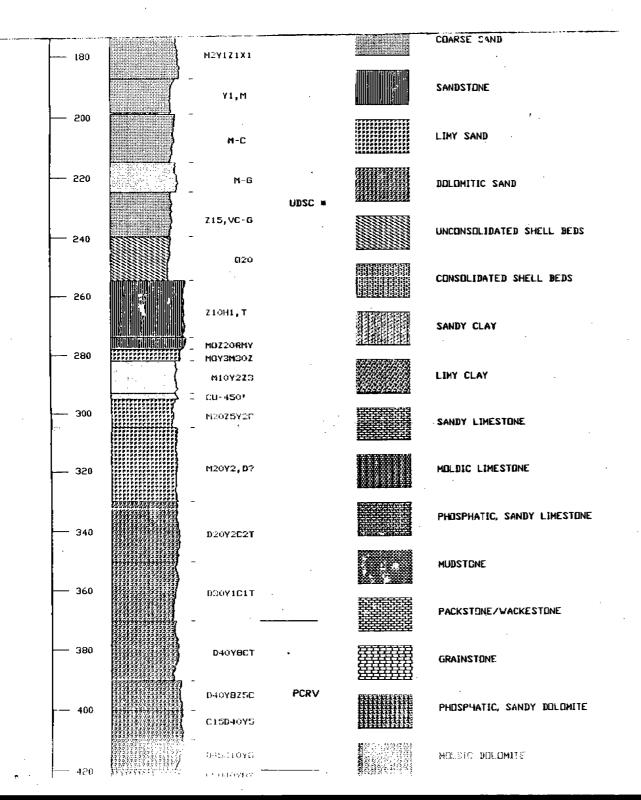
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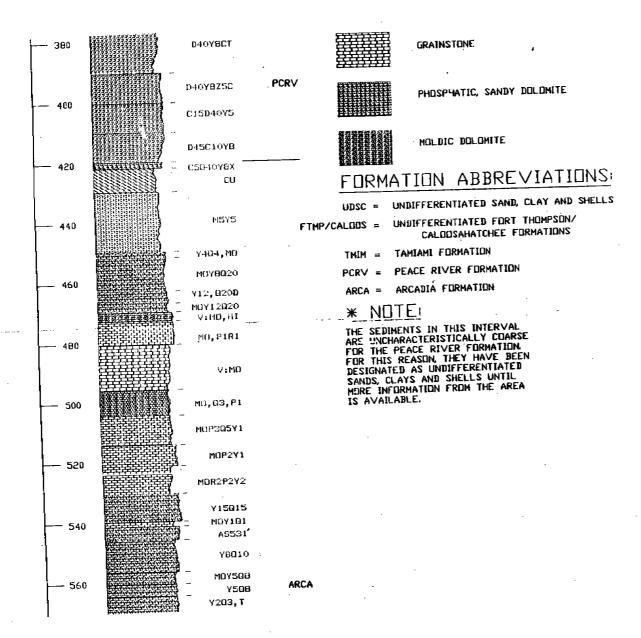
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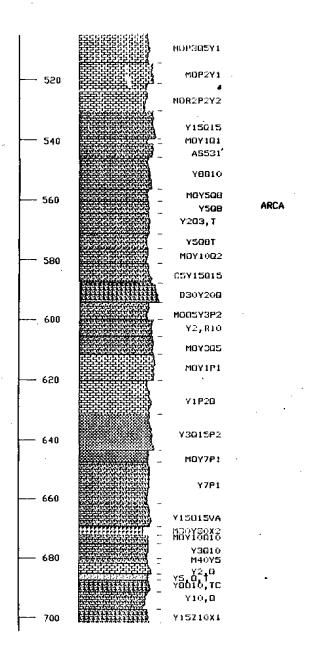
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FIGURE 6









### COMMENT KEY

A= CALCAREDUS

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I= IRON STAIN

J= M1CA

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HI= HIGHLY RECRYSTALLIZED

LOW= LOW RECRYSTALLIZATION

REXT = RECRYSTALLIZED

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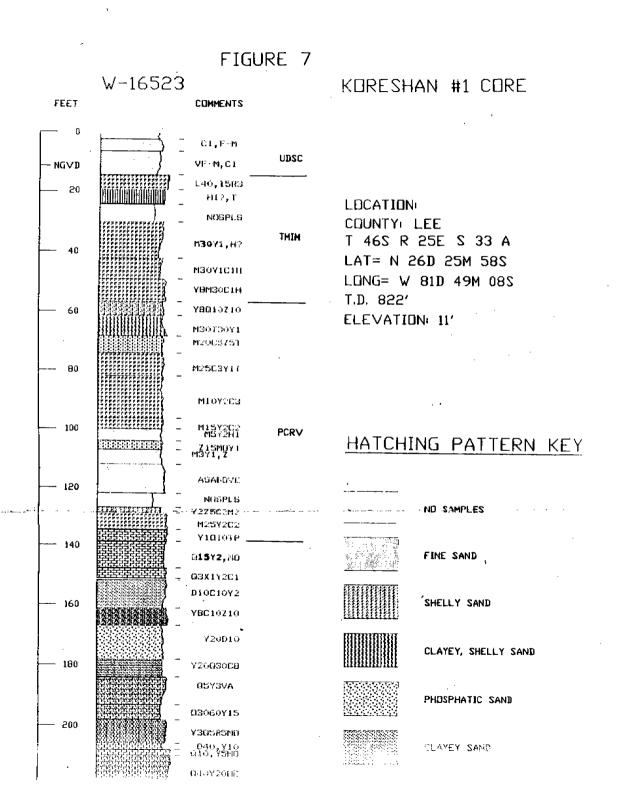
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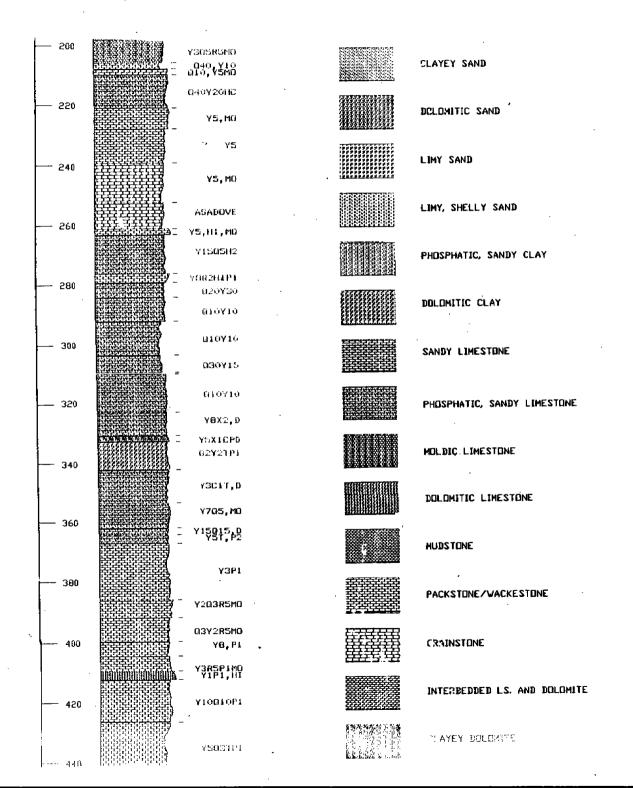
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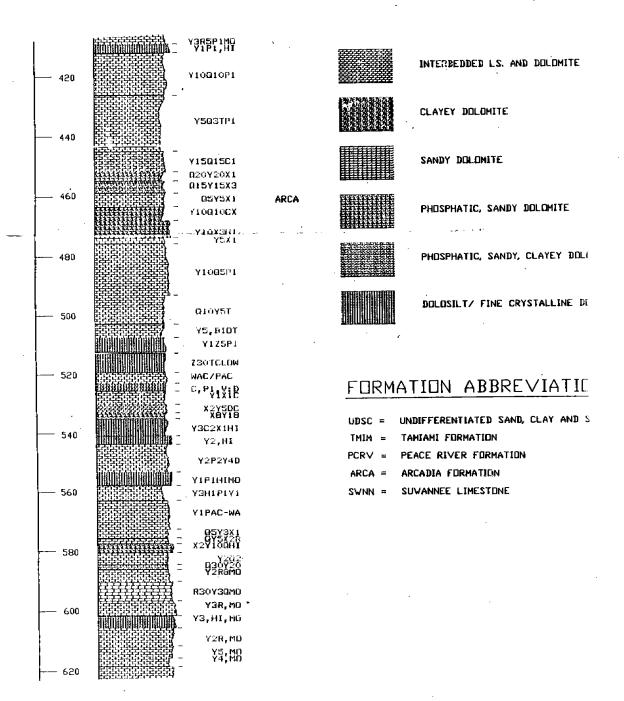
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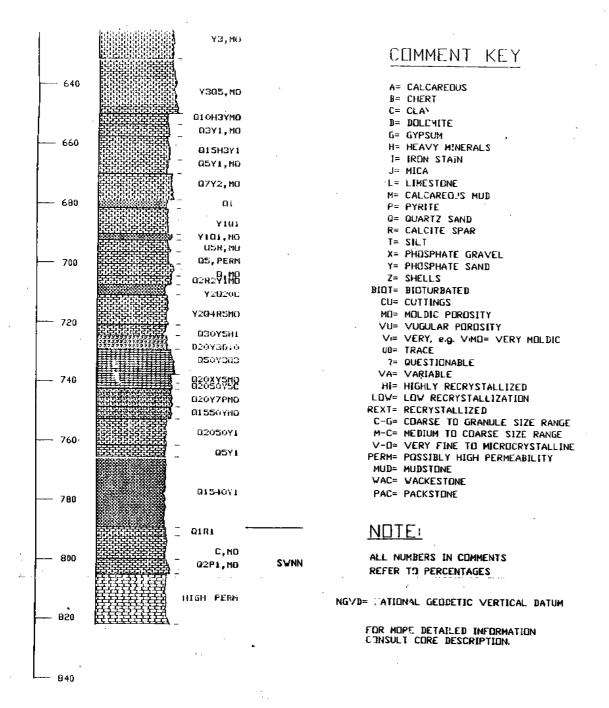
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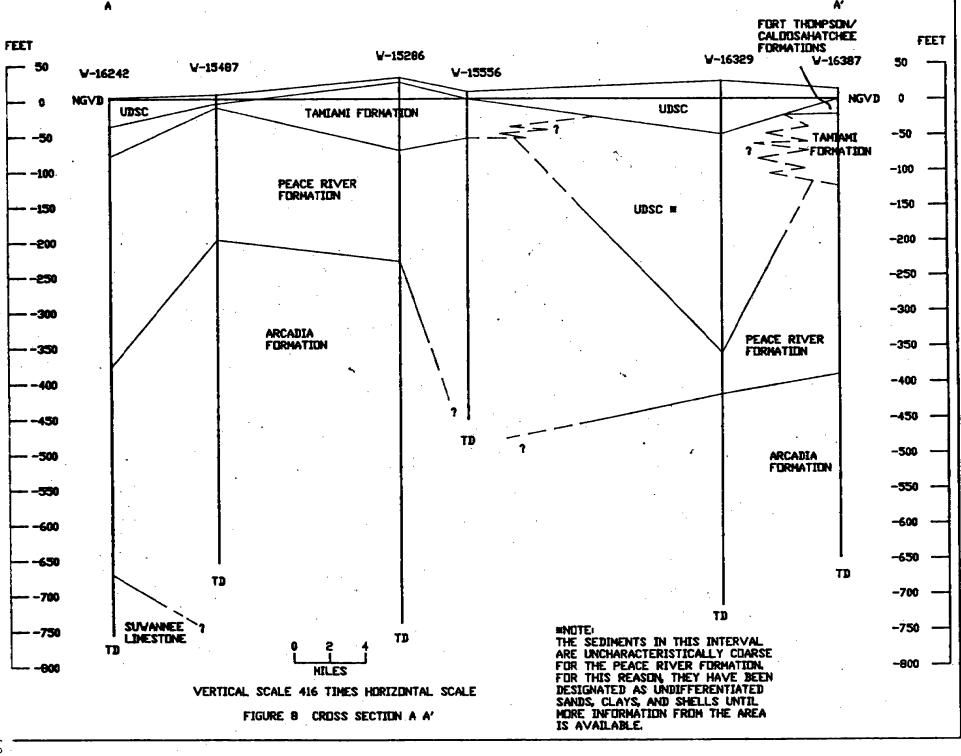
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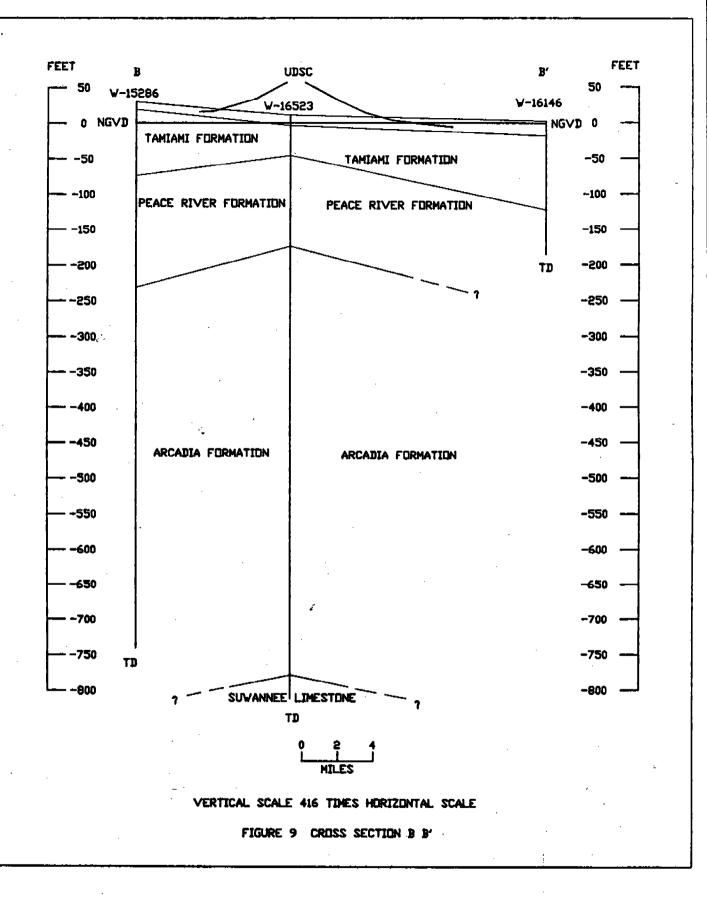












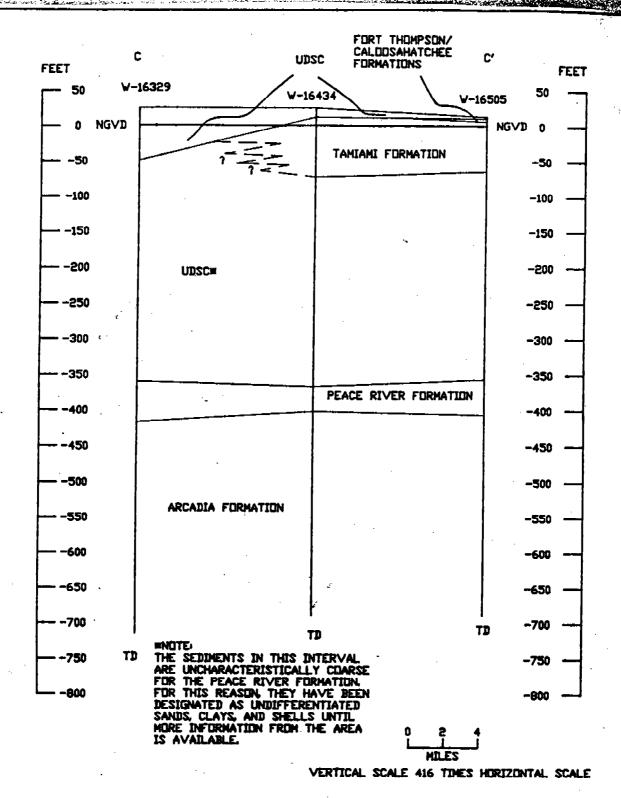


FIGURE 10 CROSS SECTION C C'