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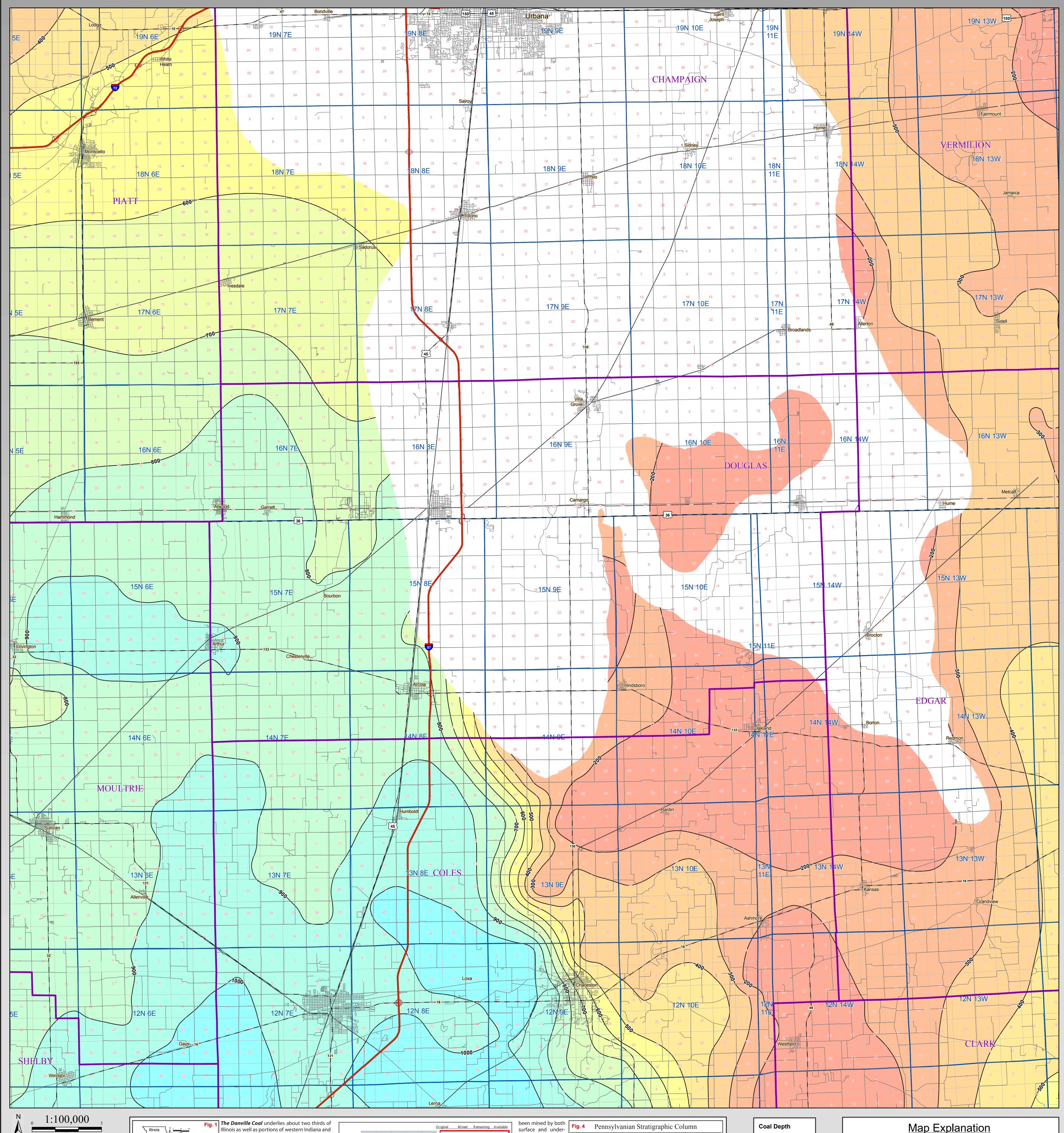
Danville Coal Depth DOUGLAS County

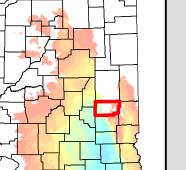
County Coal Map Series Andrew Louchios, Scott Elrick,

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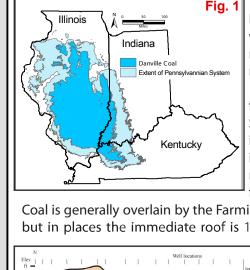


Fig. 1 The Danville Coal underlies about two thirds of Illinois as well as portions of western Indiana and western Kentucky. The coal crops out along the margins of the Illinois Basin and reaches a maximum depth in Illinois of about 1,200 feet. (See Fig 1. and Fig 2.) The Danville Coal is in the Shelburn formation which is part of the Desmoninesian Series. The Danville Coal has been mined in Livingston, McLean, La Salle, and Marshall Counties in addition to Vermilion County. In most of the remainder of the state it is a thin coal, generally a few inches to less than 3 feet thick. The Danville

Coal is generally overlain by the Farmington Shale Member of the Shelburn Formation, but in places the immediate roof is 1-2 feet of black fissile shale. It is underlain by a kins, 1968 - B95). (See Fig 4.)

relatively thick underclay. At mined. Approximately 23% of the original Danville Coal resources, 4.5 billion the type locality in Vermillion tons, are considered available for mining. (See Fig 3.) Available means that to be too thin or too county, the Danville Coal is 6 the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit poor in quality to jusfeet thick and occurs 20 feet (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock overburden) are tify recovery and was above the Herrin Coal. (Hop- comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these reoccur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches. The original resource of Dan-

Original Mined Remaining Available 12.5

sources, 4 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 0.4 billion tons

ville Coal in the State of Illi- **T**he Danville Coal has been mined in Illinois for over 100 years, but only about nois totals 19.6 billion tons, 1% of the original resource has been depleted. The most extensive area of of which 0.2 billion have been mining was in east-central Illinois near the city of Danville where the coal has of Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 124, 44 p.

surface and under-Central and Southern Northern and Western Eastern and Southern Members and Beds Members and Beds Members and Beds ground methods. Except for mines in east-central Illinois, most large surface mines recover the Lonsdale Limestone Danville Coal only as Gimlet Sandstone Rock Branch (SW)/ DeGraff (S) Coal part of their opera-Farmington Shale Danville Coal tion to remove overburden to mine the underlying Coal. In many cases, Anvil Rock Sandstone the Danville seam Herrin Coal Spring Lake Coal Bed Big Creek Sandstone Herrin Coal

simply discarded in the spoil pile with other rock overburden. (Modified from ISGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al) - Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p. - Christopher P. Korose, Colin G. Treworgy, Russell J. Jacobson, and Scott D. Elrick, 2002, Availability of the Danville, Jamestown, Dekoven, Davis, and Seelyville Coals for mining in Selected Areas

The maps and digital files of this study were compiled from data from a variety of public 200 to 300 ft 300 to 400 ft

< 200 ft

400 to 500 ft

500 to 600 ft

600 to 700 ft

700 to 800 ft

800 to 900 ft

900 to 1000 ft

1000 to 1100 ft

1100 to 1200 ft

1200 to 1300 ft

1300 to 1400 ft

1400 to 1500 ft

1500 to 1600 ft

and private sources and have varying degrees of completeness and accuracy. They present interpretations of the geology of the area and are based on available data. However, these interpretations are based on data that may vary with respect to accuracy of geographic location, type, quantity, and reliability, as they were supplied to the Illinois State Geological Survey. Consequently, the accuracy of the interpreted features shown in these files is subject to the limitations of the data and varies from place to place.

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