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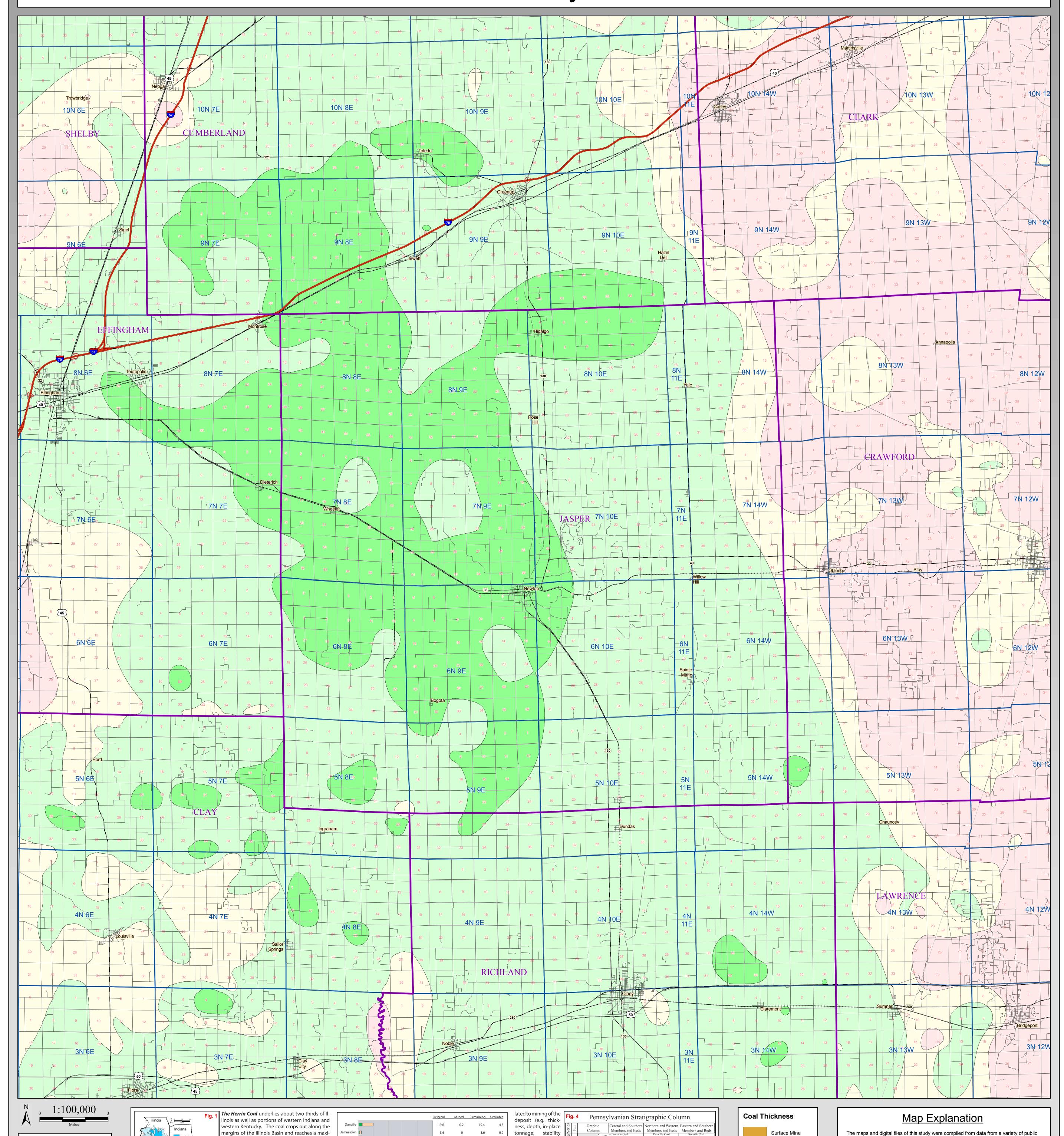
Herrin Coal Thickness **JASPER** County

County Coal Map Series Andrew Louchios, Scott Elrick, Chris Korose, David Morse

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County coal maps and select quadrangle maps available as downloadable PDF files at: http://www.isgs.illinois.edu/maps-data-pub/coal-maps/county-index.shtml



Excello Shale Houchin Creek Coal Excello Shale
Houchin Creek Coal
Breezy Hill Limestone
Kerton Creek Coal
Pleasantview Sandstore much as 100 feet thick over- lies the coal principally in parts of Williamson, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, ISGS Pub. IM 120, lies the Herrin Coal. Associ- St. Clair, eastern Macoupin, and S. Vermilion. Generally, however the Herrin Treworgy, et al) ated with this shale is a chan- Coal is overlain by either the Anna Shale Member (black fissile shale) or the nel sandstone commonly as Brereton Limestone Member. (Hopkins, 1968 - B95, See Fig 4.) much as a mile wide and 60-

Avail. w/ potential restr

60 80

contemporaneous with the Herrin Coal resources, 51 billion tons, are considered available for mining. (See

coal. In areas where the coal Fig 3.) Available means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions re-

Sandstone Member. In parts is overlain by relatively thick bodies of the gray shale of up to a few tens of greater than 66 inchof Illinois, silty gray shale as feet it has a much lower sulfur content than elsewhere. The gray shale over- es. (Modified from

12.5

of bedrock overbur-

den) are comparable

to other coals cur-

rently being mined

in the state. Of these

resources, 21 billion

tons occur in coal

42 to 66 inches thick

and 30 billion tons

occur in thicknesses

mum depth in Illinois of about 1,300 feet. (See Fig

I. and Fig 2.) The Herrin Coal is a normal bright-

banded coal. Its lower portion contains a promi-

nent claystone parting (the "blue band") that nor-

mally is 1-3 inches thick. It averages more than 6

feet thick in extensive areas and locally reaches

15 feet. It is thin in much of central Illinois but has

been extensively mined in western, west-central,

southern, and northern Illinois, as well as in the southern part of the Danville region of

eastern Illinois. In some places the coal is cut out by channels filled with the Anvil Rock

80 feet thick mapped as Anvil The original resource of Herrin Coal in the State of Illinois totals 88.5 billion References: Rock Sandstone and may be tons, of which 9.4 billion have been mined. Approximately 58% of the original - Handbook of Illinois Stratigraphy, 1975, Illinois State Geological Survey Bulletin 95, 261p. - Treworgy, C.G., C.P. Korose, C.A. Chenoweth, and D.L. North, 1999a, Availability of the Herrin Coal for mining in Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 120, 54 p.

Galum Limestor
Allenby Coal

vil Rock Sandstone

Anvil Rock Sandston

Conant Limeston

Brereton Limeston Anna Shale

Herrin Coal

Briar Hill Coal Canton Shale

Lawson Shale

Anna Shale

Canton Shale

Insufficient data <28 inches 28 to 42 inches 42 to 66 inches >66 inches Channel

Split Coal

Underground Mine

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