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## Herrin Coal Thickness KNOX

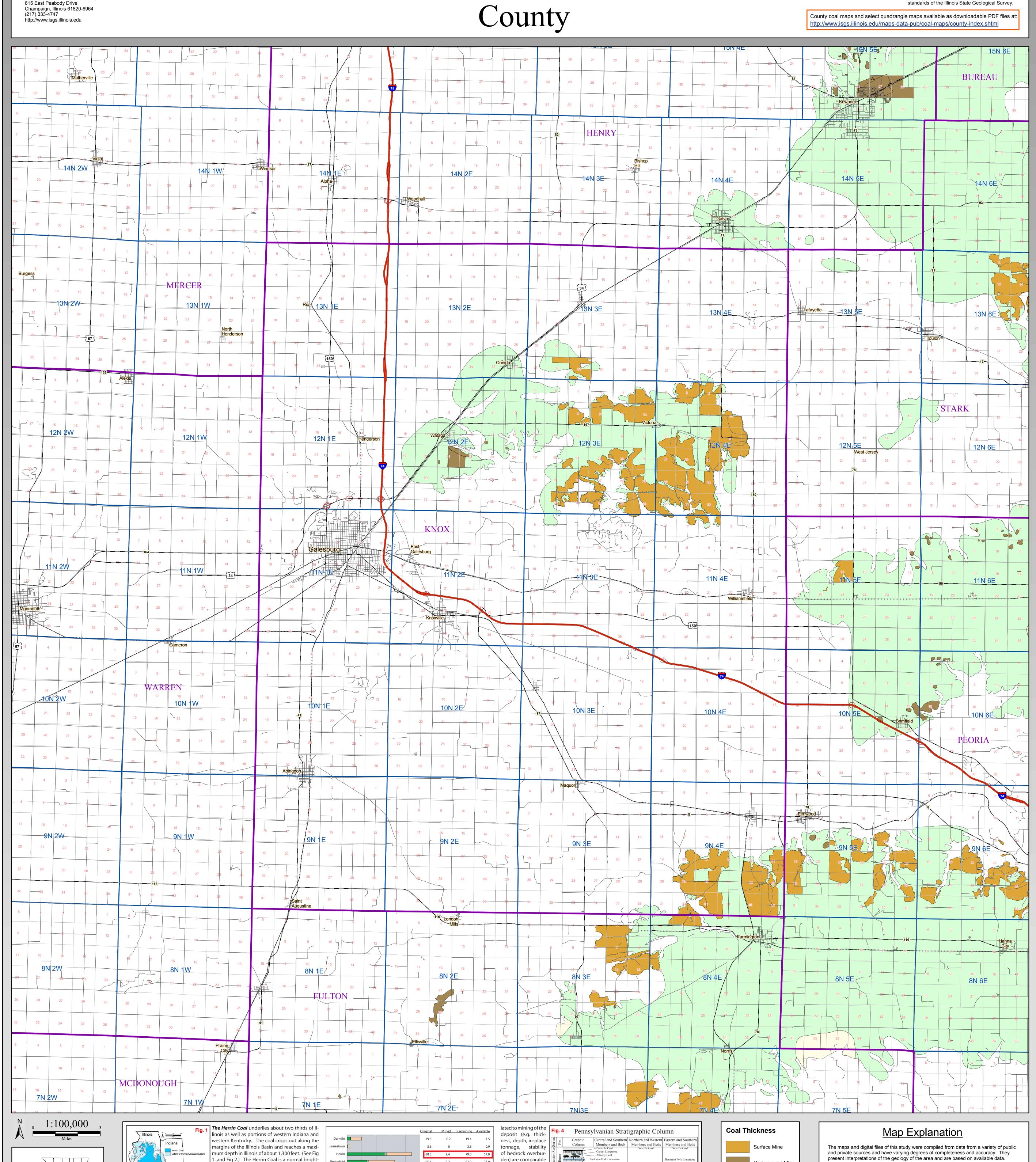
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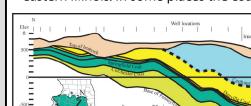
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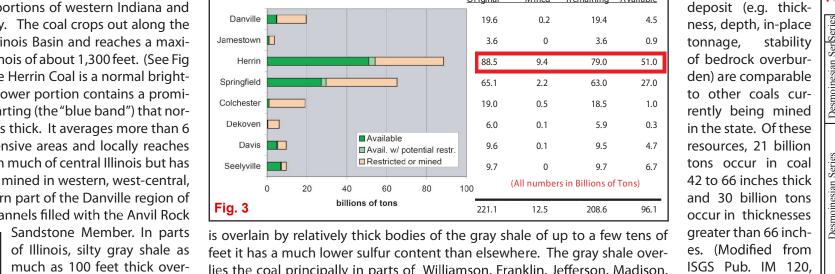
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I. and Fig 2.) The Herrin Coal is a normal brightbanded coal. Its lower portion contains a prominent claystone parting (the "blue band") that normally is 1-3 inches thick. It averages more than 6 eet thick in extensive areas and locally reaches 15 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 much as a mile wide and 60contemporaneous with the Herrin Coal resources, 51 billion tons, are considered available for mining. (See



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.)

80 feet thick mapped as Anvil The original resource of Herrin Coal in the State of Illinois totals 88.5 billion References: coal. In areas where the coal Fig 3.) Available means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions re-

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

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.

## **Underground Mine** Insufficient data <28 inches 28 to 42 inches

42 to 66 inches

>66 inches

Channel

Split Coal

Anvil Rock Sandston

Brereton Limeston Anna Shale

Briar Hill Coal Canton Shale

Excello Shale Houchin Creek Coal

Conant Limeston

Lawson Shale

Anna Shale

Canton Shale

Excello Shale
Houchin Creek Coal
Breezy Hill Limestone
Kerton Creek Coal
Pleasantview Sandstore

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Contoured features less than 7 million square feet (about 1/2 mile square) in area may not be accurately portrayed or resolved. This data set provides a large-scale conceptual model of the geology of the area on which to base further work. These data are not intended for use in site-specific screening or decision-making.

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