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Seelyville Coal Depth MOULTRIE County

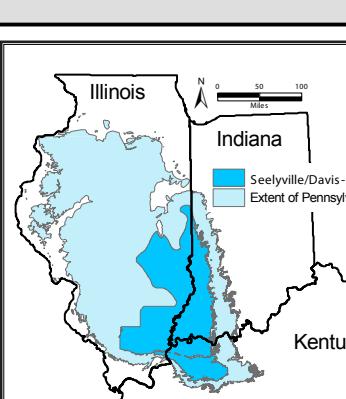
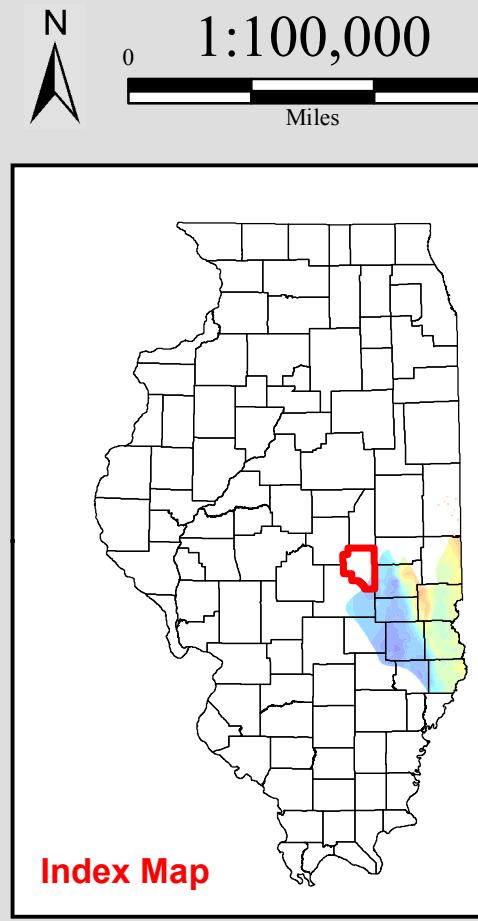
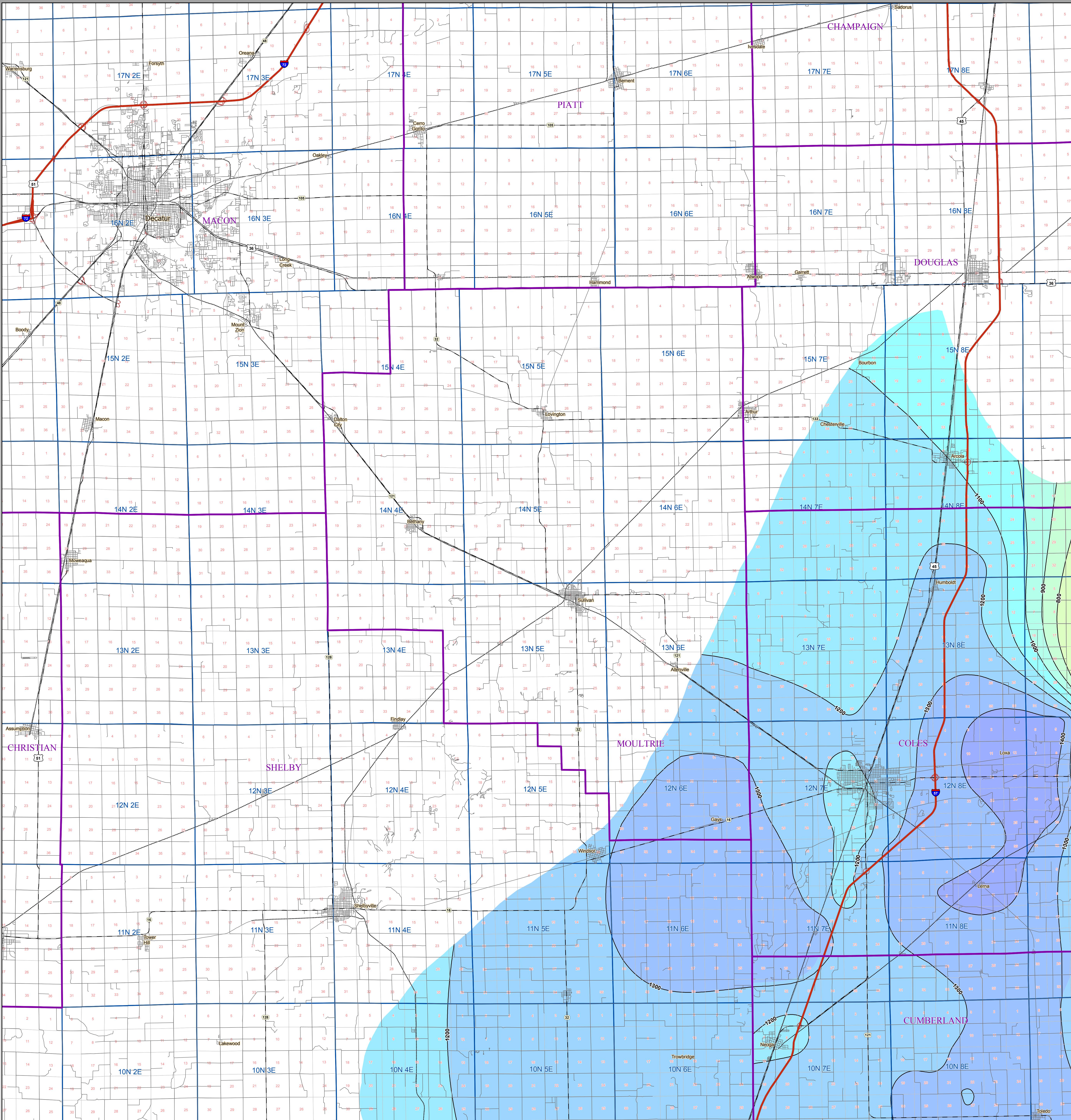


Fig. 1 The Seelyville Coal underlies east central Illinois as well as portions of western Indiana and southern Kentucky. The top of the Seelyville Coal has been mapped widely in Indiana and reaches a maximum depth in Illinois of about 1,500 feet in Jasper County. (See Fig 1 and Fig 2) The Seelyville Coal occurs near the base of the Carbonide formation which is part of the Desmonian Series (See Fig 4). In Indiana the Seelyville Coal has been extensively mined.

Jacobson (1987) found the Dekoven Coal and underlying Davis Coal to be equivalent to the upper and lower benches of the Seelyville Coal. The Dekoven and Davis coals are also thought to be correlative to the Wiley and Greenbush coals in North and Western Illinois (See Fig 4).

Fig. 2 The Dekoven Coal is typically overlain by gray silty shale and siltstone or in places by massive, thick sandstone. These units are laterally variable. The Davis Coal is usually overlain by about 5 feet of marine black shale, with some local areas being gray silty shale or siltstone. In southeastern Illinois, a parting occurs in the Dekoven Coal, producing a lower split called the lower Dekoven Coal that is usually less than 28 inches thick. This lower split lies a few inches below the main Dekoven Coal seam in the southern portion of mapped Dekoven Coal area and up to 40 feet below the north. (Modified from SGS Pub. IM 124, Korose, et al.)

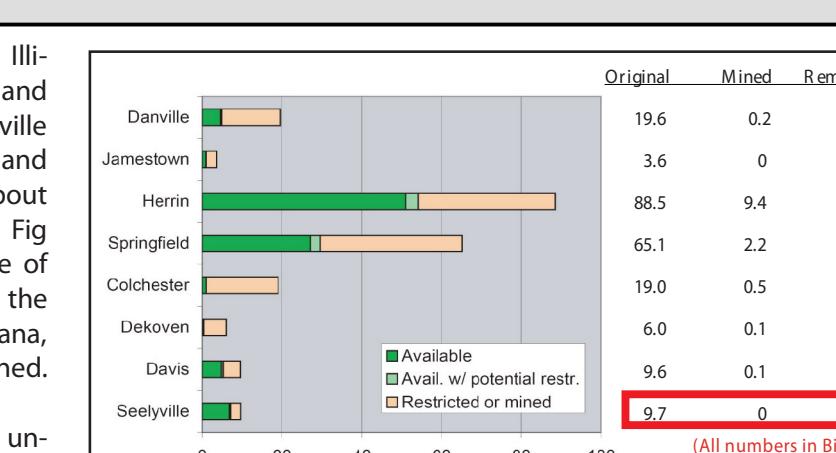


Fig. 3 The original resources of the Seelyville Coal in the State of Illinois totals 0.7 billion tons. Approximately 69% of the original resources, 6.7 billion tons, are considered available for mining (See Fig 3). Available means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit (e.g. thick-

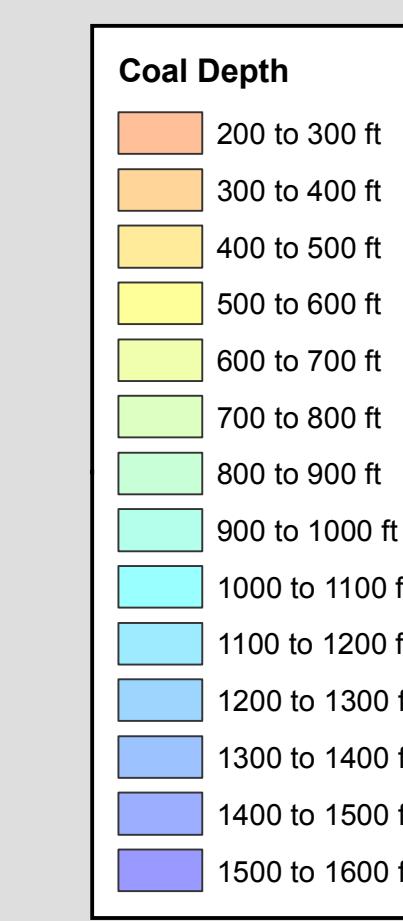
ness, depth, in-place tonnage,

of bedrock, occurrence of bedrock), and compatibility with other coals currently being mined in the state. Of these resources, 4.8 billion tons are 42 to 66 inches thick and 1.9 billion tons are greater than 66 inches thick. (Modi-

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Fig. 4: A stratigraphic column diagram for the Pennsylvanian System. It shows various geological formations and their thicknesses in meters. Key formations include the Mecca Quarry Shale, Colchester Coal, and Seelyville Coal.

Fig. 5: A map of the Pennsylvanian Stratigraphic Column showing the distribution of various coal seams across the state of Illinois. The map includes county boundaries and major cities.



Map Explanation

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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 planning or decision-making.

Data included in this map are suitable for use at a scale of 1:100,000.

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