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Springfield Coal Thickness COLES County

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

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conceptual model of the geology of the area on which to base further work.

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basis of the information presented here.

Insufficient data

<28 inches

28 to 42 inches

42 to 66 inches

>66 inches

Channel

Split Coal

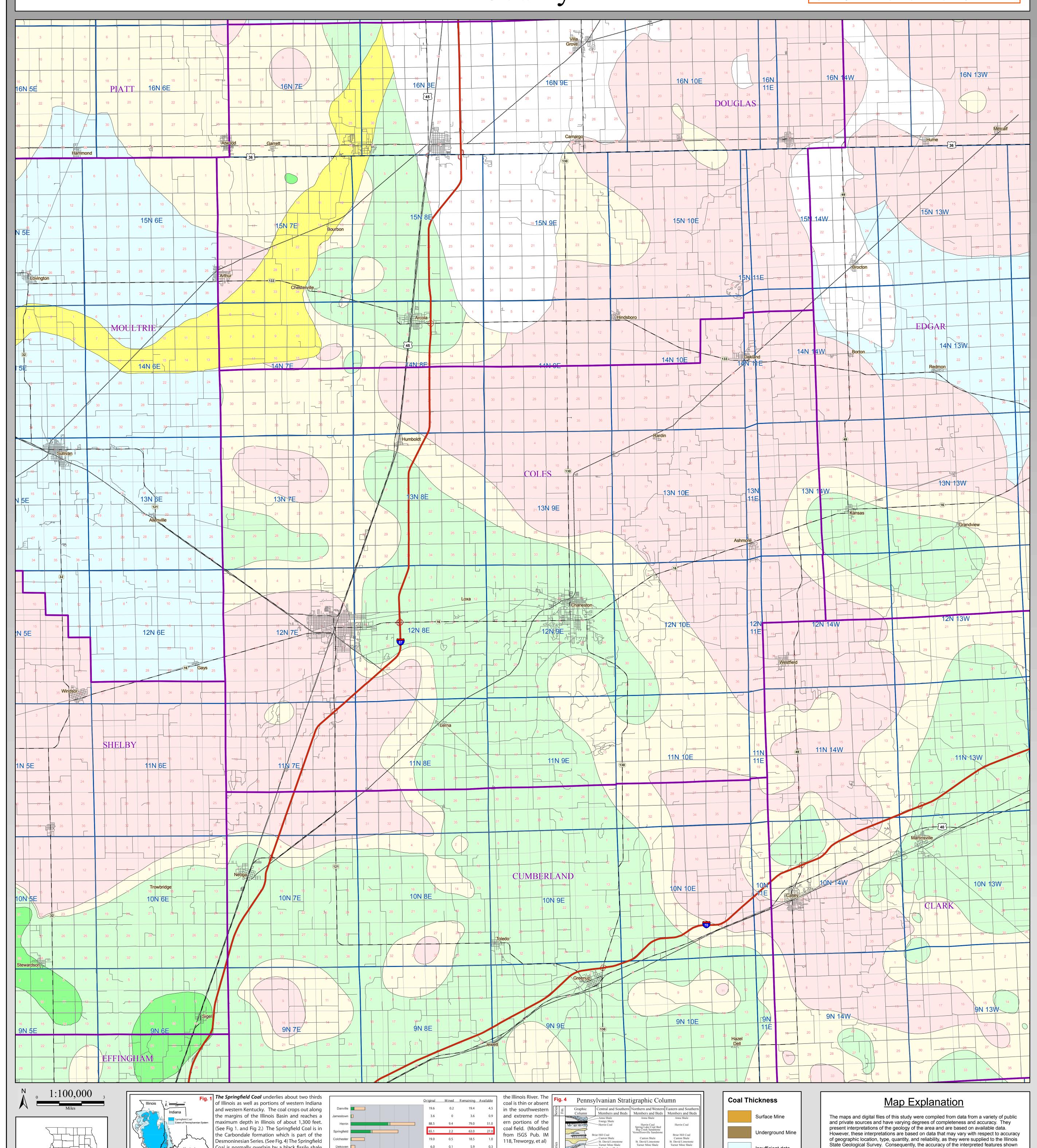
Hanover Limestone
Excello Shale
Houchin Creek Coal
Breezy Hill Limestone
Kerton Creek Coal
Pleasantview Sandstone

Lowell Coal

- 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 Springfield

Excello Shale Houchin Creek Coal

Colchester Coal



Coal is normally overlain by a black fissile shale

called the Turner Mine shale, but in southeastern

Illinois, in a belt several miles wide that trends

southwestward, the coal is thick and is overlain

tons, of which 2.2 billion have

by the gray silty Dykersburg Shale. In that belt the coal is commonly split by shale part-

ings, and contains less pyrite than where it is overlain by the black fissile shale (Hopkins,

Avail. w/ potential restr

The original resource of burden) are comparable to other coals currently being mined in the state. Of

Springfield Coal in the State these resources, 23 billion tons occur in coal 42 to 66 inches thick and 4 billion

been mined. Approximately **T**he Springfield Coal has been mined in Illinois for well over 100 years. The

41% of the original Springfield thickest resources of Springfield Coal in Illinois are found in the central part of

Coal resources, 27 billion tons, the state around the city of Springfield and in the southeastern part of the state

are considered available for along the Galatia Channel. Recent and historical mining of the coal has been

of Illinois totals 65.1 billion tons occur in thicknesses greater than 66 inches thick.

means that the surface land-use and geologic conditions related to mining of the deposit (e.g. thickness, depth, in-place tonnage, stability of bedrock over-

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mining (See Fig 3.). Available concentrated in these areas and in shallow surface minable deposits west of coal for mining in Illinois: Illinois State Geological Survey Illinois Minerals 118, 43 p.