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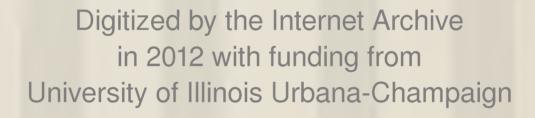
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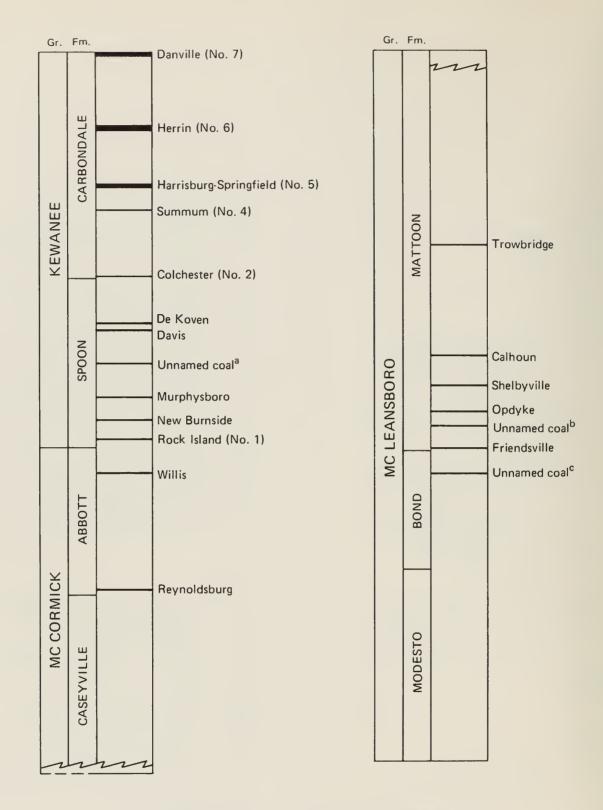
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Generalized stratigraphic section of selected coal members in Illinois

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^CFound near Bristol Hill, Crawford County

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ABSTRACT

Surface mining accounts for nearly 50 percent of recent coal production in Illinois. In previous publications, the Illinois State Geological Survey reported that over 20 billion tons of coal in Illinois were potentially strippable; however, current economic and environmental issues associated with surface mining have created a need for estimates of the amount of strippable coal that can be recovered economically under present conditions. In estimating strippable reserves, the criteria used were (1) reliability of data, (2) overburden and coal thicknesses, (3) the size of the block of coal, and (4) proximity to manmade and natural obstacles.

On the basis of the criteria, Illinois was determined to have 6 billion tons of surface-minable coal in the ground. This reserve is made up of 185 blocks of 6 million tons or more. The amounts of strippable reserves are large in western Illinois and especially in southwestern and southern Illinois, which are more attractive for surface mining because land costs are lower, the heating value of the coal is higher, and the tonnage recoverable per acre is greater. The southwestern and southern Illinois deposits are and will continue to be the major sources of surface-mined coal in the state; however, in view of current rates of production, the remaining reserves in this area are relatively small, and opportunities for new acquisitions and long-term development are limited. Only 38 percent of the strippable reserves mapped exceed 4 feet in thickness, and most of those reserves have overburden in excess of 50 feet.

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INTRODUCTION

The amount of Illinois coal that is potentially recoverable by surface mining (also called strip mining) was first estimated by Culver (1925) to be 1,407 million tons. Although Culver included coal as thin as 24 inches in his estimate, he reported that many mining companies considered 48 inches the minimum thickness for economical surface mining. As data became available, the potential for surface mining in southwestern, southern, western, northern, and central Illinois was reported (Cady, 1925 and 1937, and Henbest, 1932).

Cady (1952) established criteria for evaluating strippable coal deposits and summarized the general geologic features of the known surface-minable coals. Since 1955, the Illinois State Geological Survey has mapped over 20 billion tons of coal considered to be potentially strippable, i.e., all coal 18 or more inches thick and not more than 150 feet deep (Smith, 1957, 1958, 1961, and 1968; Smith and Berggren, 1963; Reinertsen, 1964; and Searight and Smith, 1969). These deposits constitute 13 percent of all coal in Illinois. The numbered areas shown in figure 1 correspond closely to those studied for the early reports.

In 1969, Risser suggested that surface mining had reached a peak and that increased thickness of overburden and scarcity of large blocks of coal were putting pressures on the industry's growth. After rising to more than 50 percent of the state's coal production in the early 1960s, the percentage of coal that is surface-mined has declined to about 47 percent.

ESTIMATE OF STRIPPABLE RESERVES

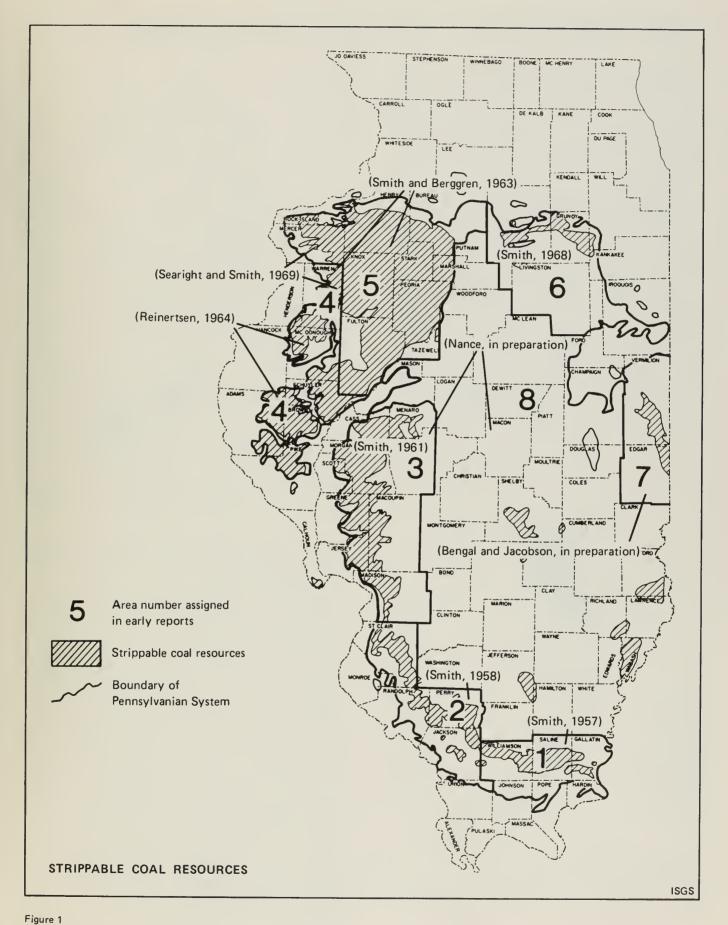
Although the technology exists to surface-mine all coal less than 150 feet deep, a large amount of the coal cannot be economically or legally recovered. Much of this coal is thinner and deeper than that currently surface-mined in the state, in deposits too small to justify development and rendered unminable by proximity to man-made and natural obstacles. Because of the current focus on environmental and energy issues involving surface mining, we have re-evaluated the original data on resources to estimate

the amount of coal economically and legally surface minable. This study is not intended to replace earlier resource estimates, but to supplement them with an evaluation of the current minability of deposits.

In this report, strippable coal resources refers to the coal classified in earlier reports to be potentially strippable. Strippable coal reserves refers to that portion of the strippable coal resources which is economically and legally minable according to the criteria used for this study: (1) reliability of data, (2) overburden and coal thicknesses, (3) the size of the block of coal, and (4) proximity to manmade and natural obstacles. We have determined the amount of coal reserves in Illinois to be 6 billion tons, or about 30 percent of strippable coal resources. In this study we report the location, extent, and thickness of the coals and the characteristics and thickness of overburden. No attempt has been made to assess impact of laws controlling surface mining of prime agricultural land, and no recovery factor has been applied to the reserves.

This report is an overview and should be used only as a guide to more detailed investigation for specific areas. Because the scope of the study is broad, the criteria we have used to classify reserves are generalized, and we did not take into account local factors such as composition of the overburden, quality of the coal, transportation facilities, local ordinances, and land ownership, which would have eliminated some areas classified as reserves and would have included some areas that have been eliminated. Nevertheless, we believe our criteria provide a reasonable overall estimate of the magnitude, characteristics, and locations of strippable coal reserves in Illinois.

The criteria used to classify reserves were applied on the basis of the economic conditions and mining practices prevailing during the study. A sharp rise in coal prices, a technological breakthrough in development of equipment, or the passage of new, more restrictive mining laws could significantly change the criteria used for judging economical minability. It should be noted that companies anticipate future conditions when they buy coal lands; exploration and leasing activities in areas classified as unminable by this report are not unusual.



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LOCATIONS OF RESERVES

Coal resources farther than 4 miles from an outcrop, mine, or drill-hole datum point have been considered insufficiently proven to constitute a reserve and have been excluded from our estimates. For some parts of the state which are believed to contain strippable coal, no data are available. Coal in these areas may be of local significance, but probably would not change the statewide coal-reserve picture to any great extent.

Coal in small or irregularly shaped blocks, or underlying topographic features that would make mining difficult or illegal, has been excluded from our estimates. Primarily involved are small areas in steep-walled, narrow stream valleys or sandwiched between abandoned mines, areas of thick overburden, or areas of cultural development.

Coal underlying densely populated areas, interstate highways, parks, reservoirs, lakes, and large cemeteries is considered to be impractical or is illegal to mine and has been excluded from estimates of reserves. State and county highways, railroads, pipelines, high-voltage transmission lines, and widely scattered buildings are hindrances to surface mining, but are not always serious barriers. Because the impact of these features must be judged on a site-by-

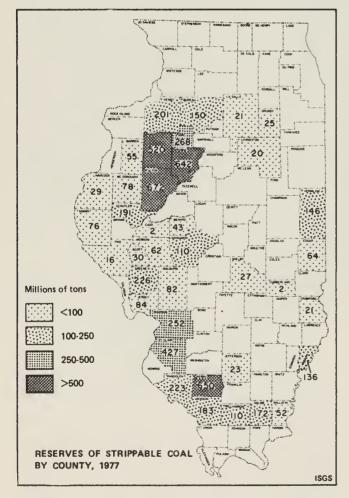


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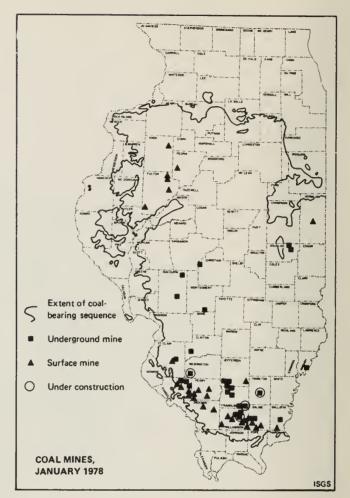


Figure 3

site basis, it has not been considered in this report. Appendix 2 includes indication of areas where these features may be a serious problem.

Strippable coal reserves are found in 38 counties. Fulton, Perry, Peoria, Knox, and St. Clair Counties have the largest reserves (fig. 2 and table 1). Large reserves are also found in Stark, Madison, and Randolph Counties. Twenty of these counties have never been surface-mined on a large scale, and, in 1978, only 12 counties had active surface mines (fig. 3). The reserves in those counties that do not have active surface mines are generally thinner than average of the coals now being mined. About 75 percent of the state's surface-mine production currently comes from southwestern and southern Illinois; the other 25 percent comes from Fulton, Peoria, and Knox Counties in western Illinois. In general, southwestern and southern Illinois are more suited for surface mining than other areas because land values are lower, coal heating value is higher, and the number of tons recoverable per acre is greater. These southern reserves will probably continue to be the major sources for surface-mined coal in the state in the near future; however, large parts of the remaining strippable reserves in these counties are probably committed to existing or planned mines. Therefore, oppor-

TABLE 1. Reserves of strippable coal in counties of Illinois, by coal member, in millions of tons ^a

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NOTE: Columns do not total because of rounding.

^aData collected July 1975.

tunities for developing new reserves may be more favorable in other parts of the state.

SIZE OF RESERVE BLOCKS

Contiguous areas of coal or noncontiguous but nearly adjacent areas that are not separated by obstructions such as rivers, towns, or interstate highways are termed *blocks*. In order to be considered economically minable, coal must be in blocks of sufficient tonnage to justify an investment in mining equipment. In 1975, the production of the 36 surface mines in Illinois ranged from 1,100 to 4,532,466 tons per year. Although only 47 percent of these mines produced more than 500,000 tons per year, they accounted for 97 percent of that year's strip-mine production. On the basis of these data, 500,000 tons per year has been defined in this study as the minimum size for a mine in Illinois. Assuming a minimum mine life of 10 years at 80 percent recovery, the minimum block of coal required to support such a mine is 6 million tons in place.

Effort was made in this study to group all areas of minable coal within blocks of at least 6 million tons (fig. 4); however, no effort was made to combine larger blocks together into a single mine block. Depending on its size, a block can supply one or more mines, or several nearby blocks could be combined to support one mine. Coal that could not be reasonably combined into a block of 6 million tons was excluded from the estimate of reserves. This coal and some of the coal excluded because of natural barriers may be economically mined by small operators and thus may represent a valuable local resource

The 6 billion tons of strippable reserves are composed of 185 reserve blocks in 38 counties. Figure 5 shows the distribution of tonnage by block size. The average block size is 33 million tons; however, if the 10 largest blocks are excluded, the average size is reduced to 22 million tons. Because many small blocks are near one another and could easily be mined by one operation, block size is not necessarily an indication of the potential size of future strip mines.

THICKNESSES OF COAL AND OVERBURDEN

An important determinant of the amount of overburden that can be removed economically is the thickness of the overburden as compared to the thickness of the coal to be mined. A stripping ratio of the thickness of overburden to thickness of coal is often used as a means of determining the economic limit of mining. Removing 50 feet of overburden to mine 2 feet of coal is different from removing 150 feet of overburden to mine 6 feet of coal, however, even though the stripping ratio (25:1) is the same in each case. Mining greater thicknesses of overburden requires large, expensive machinery that may not be more efficient to operate than smaller, less expensive machinery (Mal-

hotra, 1975). As the depth of mining increases, the percentage of consolidated material requiring blasting in the highwall is likely to increase, and highwall instability and ground water may be encountered. For these reasons, we have not used a constant stripping ratio to determine the economic limits of mining. All coal that did not fall within the overburden limits shown in table 2 has been excluded from our estimate of reserves. Although there may be many exceptions to these overburden limits because of local conditions, we believe the tonnages and acreages involved in the exceptions would not significantly change our estimate of reserves.

In general, we have not considered the effect of consolidation of overburden on the expense of removing it. Exceptions were made for the Colchester (No. 2) Coal Member in western Illinois, where several large areas of coal are less than 30 inches thick and have 50 to 60 feet of overburden. Because much of the overburden in this area is soft and unconsolidated, the limit of maximum overburden was raised to 60 feet. Other exceptions have been noted in appendix 2.

Most of the areas of thick shallow coal have been mined out. Only 38 percent of the coal classified as reserves is greater than 4 feet thick (fig. 6 and tables 3 and 4); however, in 1975, 69 percent of surface-mined coal came from seams greater than 4 feet thick. If surface-mining production continues at the present level or expands, companies will eventually mine the thinner reserves or mine thick coal at depths exceeding those used to define surface-minable reserves. A substantial amount of coal has less than 50 feet of overburden (fig. 7 and tables 3 and 4); however, 80 percent of this coal is less than 5 feet thick and 56 percent is less than 4 feet thick.

COAL MEMBERS

On a seam-by-seam basis, the percentage of total resources that is included in the estimate of reserves ranges from none for the Rock Island (No. 1) Coal Member and some miscellaneous coals to 92 percent for the Opdyke Coal Member (table 5). The largest tonnages of reserves are in the Herrin (No. 6), Harrisburg-Springfield (No. 5), and Colchester (No. 2) Coals (fig. 8).

The relationship between coal thickness and depth of the reserves in each seam is shown in figures 9 through 13. The No. 6 and No. 5 Coals have the most favorable conditions of thickness and depth. No other coals have significant tonnages of coal 4 feet or greater in thickness. About 90 percent of the strippable coal produced in 1975 came from the No. 6 and No. 5 Coals, and, barring other factors, these two coals will probably continue to be most favored for strip mining. As the best blocks of these coals become mined out or unavailable, there will be an increasing shift to surface mining other coals, which in general are thinner.

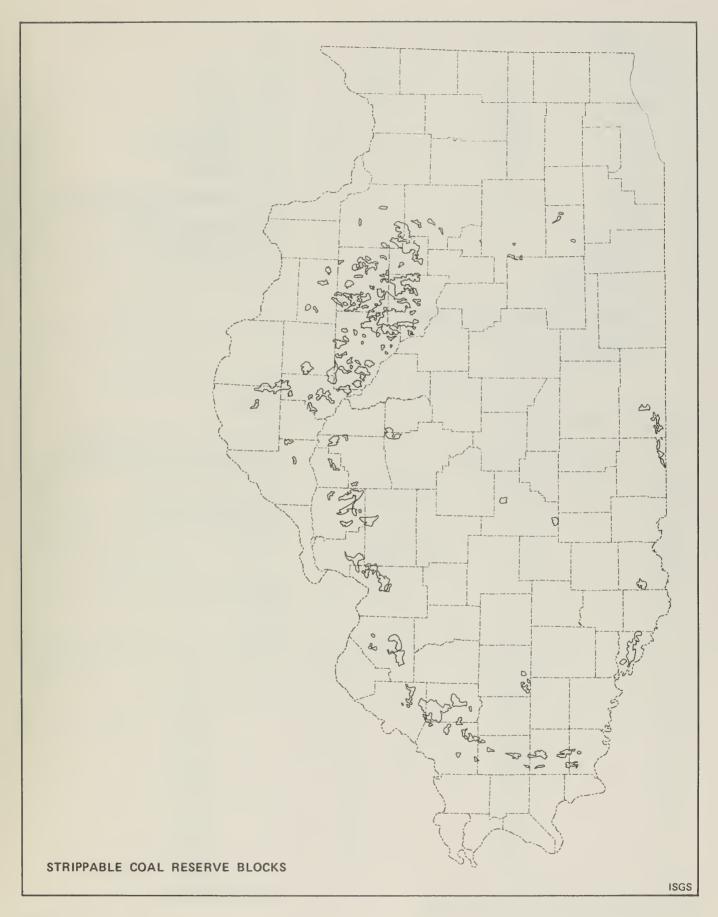


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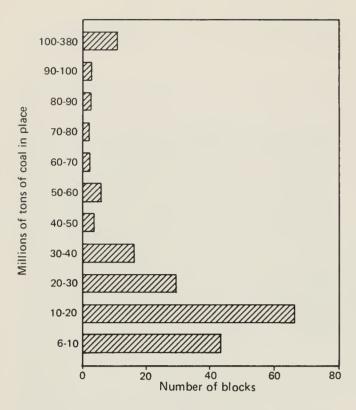


Figure 5. Sizes of strippable reserve blocks.

TABLE 2. Maximum thickness of overburden for strippable coal reserves

Coal thickness (in.)	Maximum overburden limit (ft)	Stripping ratio
18 to 29	50	33:1 to 20:1
30 to 47	75	30:1 to 19:1
48 to 71	100	25:1 to 17:1
72 or more	125	<21:1

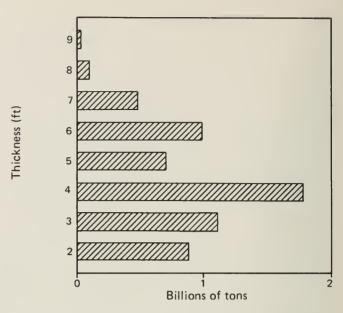


Figure 6. Average thickness of strippable coal reserves in Illinois

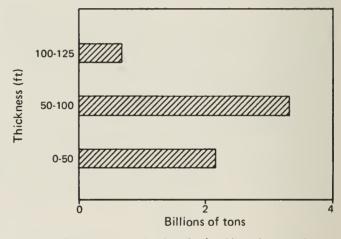


Figure 7. Thickness of overburden of strippable coal reserves in Illinois.

TABLE 3. Distribution of reserves by thickness

Thickness (in.)	Number of tons (millions)	Percentage of total reserves	Acreage	Percentage of total acreage
18	107.858	2	39,170	4
24	319.011	5	85,490	9
30	1,134.646	19	252,110	27
36	247.675	4	45,700	5
42	409.234	7	64,820	7
48	1,290.698	21	179,270	19
54	553.366	9	68,320	7
60	417.195	7	46,360	5
66	21.087	0	2,130	0
72	985.553	16	91,250	10
84	485.208	8	38,510	4
96	105.096	2	7,300	1
108	14.956	0	920	0
Total	6,091.583		882,770 ^a	

NOTE: Column does not equal total because of rounding.

^aExcludes overlapped acreage of 38,580.

TABLE 4. Distribution of reserves by thickness of overburden

Overburden thickness (ft)	Number of tons (millions)	Percentage of total	Acreage	Percentage of total acreage
0-50	2,123.654	35	396,590	43
50-60	49.013	1	13,000	1
50-75	872.887	14	175,730	19
50-100	2,388.366	39	279,090	30
100-125	657.662	11	56,920	6
Total	6,091.583		882,770 ^a	

NOTE: Column does not equal total because of rounding.

TABLE 5. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in Illinois, by coal member, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves ^b	Reserves as a percentage of resources	Production in 1975
Trowbridge	19,138	16,369	05.5	0
Shelbyville	70,370		85.5	
Opdyke		13,539	19.2	0
	24,609	22,616	91.9	614
Friendsville	167,232	136,306	81.5	0
Coal near Bristol Hill	43,161	21,305	49.4	0
Danville (No. 7)	1,446,766	313,754	21.7	15
Herrin (No. 6)	6,935,819	3,149,816	45.4	18,376
Harrisburg-Springfield (No. 5)	3,987,305	1,167,742	29.3	7,097
Summum (No. 4)	62,222	7,408	11.9	0
Colchester (No. 2)	7,164,105	1,139,608	15.9	687
De Koven	72,459	12,749	17.6	407
Davis	49,699	14,465	29.1	458
Rock Island (No. 1)	204,756	0	0	0
Coal near Campbell Hill	11,882	9,801	82.5	0
Murphysboro	165,866	66,105	39.9	
Miscellaneous coals	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•		0
The second secon	18,548	0	0	3
Total	20,443,937	6,091,583	29.8	27.657

^aAs of January 1, 1976. ^bAs of July 1, 1975.

^aExcludes overlapped acreage of 38,580.

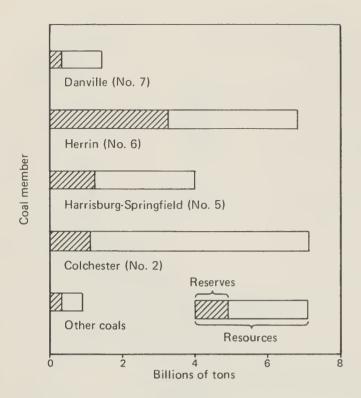


Figure 8. Reserves and resources of strippable coal in Illinois.

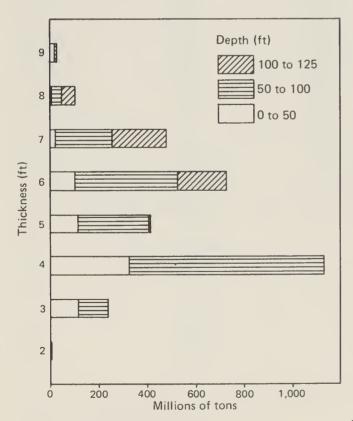


Figure 9. Strippable reserves of Herrin (No. 6) Coal.

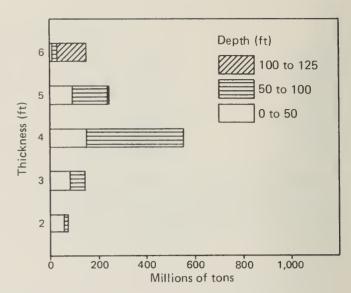


Figure 10. Strippable reserves of Harrisburg-Springfield (No. 5) Coal.



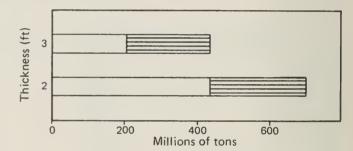


Figure 11. Strippable reserves of Colchester (No. 2) Coal.

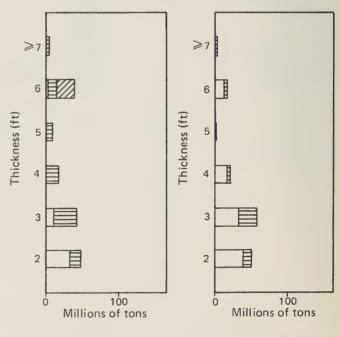


Figure 12. Strippable reserves of Danville (No. 7) Coal.

Figure 13. Strippable reserves of other coals.

ADDITIONS TO RESERVES

In the future, additional surface-minable reserves will come from two sources—new discoveries of coal and coal that is now considered uneconomical to mine. The amount of additional strippable coal that will be discovered is probably not very great and will be of only local significance. The outcrops of all the major seams have been mapped, and the areas along the outcrops for which we have no data are not large.

Of the 14 billion tons of strippable coal resources that was not included in the estimate of reserves, about 7 percent (1 billion tons) were overlain by man-made obstacles and will probably never be mined. The remaining 13 billion tons are mostly coals that have been considered too deep to be economically minable. Some of this coal will undoubtedly be mined as new technology and increased demand for coal improves the economics of surface mining. How much of this 13 billion tons will be mined by surface methods is difficult to predict and depends on many interrelated variables, including availability of western coal, development of alternate forms of energy, restrictive legislation, and the economics of underground mining.

DESCRIPTIONS OF AREAS CONTAINING RESERVES

For earlier studies of strippable coal resources, Illinois was divided into eight areas. This classification, with slight modification (fig. 1) is used here to summarize the nature of strippable reserves and resources throughout the state. More detailed information on the distribution, stratigraphy, and chemical quality of strippable coals in a particular area can be found in the original studies. For each area, we have included a table showing (1) the coal seams for which strippable resources have been mapped, (2) the estimated 1976 strippable resources for each seam, (3) the strippable reserves for each seam, (4) the percentage of strippable reserves

sources that have been classified as reserves, and (5) the number of mines that were operating in 1975 and produced more than 500,000 tons per year. Smaller mines are mentioned in the text, but are not indicated in the table. Because they usually have short-term contracts or sell their coal on the spot market, the number, location, production, and ownership of these small mines change frequently. Their contribution to the percentage of the state's total coal production is too small to have been considered within the scope of this study.

With the exception of the Rock Island (No. 1) Coal, the coals of the Abbott and Spoon Formations are strippable only in areas 1 and 2. The coals of the Bond and Mattoon Formations are strippable only in area 8. One or more of the coals in the Carbondale Formation are strippable in all areas except area 8.

Area 1. (Gallatin, Hardin, Johnson, Pope, Saline, and Williamson Counties)

The strippable reserves in area 1 comprise 22 blocks in 6 seams. Because a large percentage of the overburden in this area is greater than 100 feet thick, excessive thickness of overburden is the primary reason for excluding resources from strippable reserves (table 6). Total production in 1975 from the 4 operating mines in the area was 2,823,968 tons, or about 10 percent of the total production of surface-mined coal in Illinois.

The area has long contained a number of small strip mines, i.e., those producing less than 500,000 tons per year. In 1975 ten small mines in area 1 produced a combined total of 426,392 tons, or about 1.5 percent of the state's total strip-mine production.

The Danville (No. 7) Coal (formerly called the "Cutler Coal") averages 18 to 24 inches thick throughout area 1 and is generally greater than 50 feet deep. Only one block

TABLE 6. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 1, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Danville (No. 7) ^b	135,444	8,471	6.3	0
Herrin (No. 6)	629,362	238,230	37.9	3
Harrisburg (No. 5)	401,479	54,887	13.7	0
De Koven	72,459	12,749	17.6)
Davis	49,699	14,465	29.1	} 1
Murphysboro	36,412	4,641 ^c	12.7	0
Total	1,324,855	333,443	25.2	4

^aData from Smith, 1957.

^bFormerly "Cutler Coal" (Smith, 1957).

^CThe remainder of this block is in area 2.

of Danville Coal has been classified as a reserve. No strippable resources of reserves of Danville Coal have been mapped in Gallatin County, even though that county may contain coal, because of insufficient data.

The thickness of the Herrin (No. 6) Coal in this area ranges from 36 to 108 inches, but is generally 48 to 60 inches. About 38 percent of the strippable resources of the Herrin (No. 6) Coal has been classified as strippable reserves and comprises 12 blocks ranging from 9 million to 93 million tons in place. In some parts of area 1, the Herrin Coal has a relatively low sulfur content.

The thickness of the Harrisburg (No. 5) Coal averages 48 to 60 inches throughout this area. The Harrisburg Coal is in four reserve blocks, which range from 6 million to 18 million tons. The Harrisburg Coal is low in sulfur in some parts of area 1.

The De Koven Coal is generally 36 inches thick; the Davis Coal ranges in thickness from 36 to 48 inches. The Davis Coal is 15 to 25 feet beneath the De Koven and has usually been mined with the De Koven in a single operation. The two reserve blocks mapped in the De Koven Coal completely overlap the two reserve blocks mapped in the Davis Coal. Since both coals would undoubtedly be mined together in these blocks, the overburden limit for the Davis Coal has been extended somewhat in order to match that of the overlying De Koven block, and their tonnage combined to meet the minimum block size. For large parts of Gallatin, Williamson, and Saline Counties, available data are insufficient to map the De Koven and Davis Coals. Future exploration may disclose significant reserves in these places. A large strip mine in one such place in Gallatin County has mined the Davis and De Koven Coals for several years.

The Murphysboro Coal has been mapped only in extreme western Williamson County, where its thickness ranges from 36 to 96 inches. Much of the mapped resources of this coal lie within the Crab Orchard Lake Wildlife Refuge and cannot be mined.

Because of a lack of data, no resources or reserves of the New Burnside, Reynoldsburg, or Willis Coals have been mapped. These coals are mined locally, and further exploration may reveal additional reserve blocks.

Area 2. (Jackson, Monroe, Perry, Randolph, and St. Clair Counties)

The thick, relatively flat-lying coals in area 2 represent some of the best surface-mining conditions in the state. Of the coal resources in area 2, 21 blocks of coal ranging from 9 million to 374 million tons have been classified as reserves (table 7). Heavy urban development in the Belleville area and excessive overburden thickness of some resources have excluded them from reserves. Many small blocks of coal below the minimum size, sandwiched between abandoned mines and other obstacles, have also been excluded. Area 2 contains the largest surface mines in the state. Each of seven mines produces more than 1 million tons per year. and three of these produce more than 3 million tons per year each. The combined production of the seven mines represents 67 percent of the total strippable coal production in the state. In 1975 three small surface mines operated in this area, but their combined production amounted to just over 100,000 tons.

With the development of large stripping equipment in the last 15 years, several companies have been mining the Herrin (No. 6) together with the Harrisburg (No. 5), which are well-suited for multi-seam mining because the interval between them is only 20 to 30 feet in this area. Multi-seam mining may permit economic recovery of coal with overburden thicknesses greater than the maximums set for this study.

The thickness of the Herrin (No. 6) Coal ranges from 42 to 96 inches, but averages between 72 and 84 inches over most of the area. The 12 reserve blocks in the Herrin Coal, among the largest in the state, are currently being mined, and reserves are sufficient to support production

TABLE 7. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 2, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Herrin (No. 6)	2,118,877	1,172,385	55.3	} 4
Harrisburg (No. 5)	433,711	239,663	55.3	} 4
Unnamed coal near Campbell Hill,				
Jackson County	11,882	9,801	82.5	0
Murphysboro	129,454	61,464	47.5	0
Total	2,693,924	1,483,313	55.1	8

^aData from Smith, 1958.

for many years. Because the roof sequence of the Herrin Coal in Randolph and St. Clair Counties contains several thick limestones, several companies have developed underground mines in what has been mapped in this area as strippable coal. The Herrin Coal is low in sulfur in a small part of area 2.

The Harrisburg (No. 5) Coal, which ranges from 28 to 54 inches thick, is currently being mined in conjunction with the Herrin Coal, which lies about 20 feet above. The Harrisburg Coal has not been mapped in large parts of Jackson, Randolph, Perry, and St. Clair Counties, where the Harrisburg Coal is believed to be thin or absent.

A coal near Campbell Hill (Cady, 1952) averaging 48 inches thick has been mapped in a small part of Jackson County. W. H. Smith (1958) referred to it as the "Seahorne Coal," which may be correlative with the Wise Ridge Coal further to the southeast (Nance, personal communication). This coal has not been extensively mapped because of a lack of sufficient data.

The Murphysboro Coal, which has been mapped in scattered places in Jackson County, ranges from 24 to 96 inches thick. In some places the Murphysboro Coal has been reported to have a relatively low sulfur content. Exploration may reveal additional reserve blocks.

Area 3. (Madison, Macoupin, Jersey, Greene, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Menard, and Cass Counties)

The strippable coal reserves mapped in area 3 comprise 18 blocks ranging in size from 10 million to 137 million tons. Cultural development in the Collinsville-Edwards-ville-Alton urban belt is responsible for the exclusion of much of the coal in Madison County from reserves (table 8). Several large industrial pipelines pass through the reserve blocks in this area, and a detailed evaluation of these blocks may prove them uneconomical to surface-mine. North of Madison County, the primary factors causing exclusion of coal are excessive thickness of overburden or insufficient data. No strip mining has taken place in area 3.

The thickness of the Herrin (No. 6) Coal averages 60 to 72 inches in central and southern Madison County,

where it lies at strippable depths, but thins northward. No data are available for large parts of Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, and Cass Counties, where the Herrin Coal may lie at strippable depths. Where data are available, the Herrin Coal varies in thickness from 24 to 84 inches, but generally it is 30 to 36 inches. The overburden appears to be fairly thick (75 to 150 feet) over most of the area, so any coal discovered would have to be proportionally thick to be classified as a strippable reserve.

One reserve block is delineated in the Springfield (No. 5) Coal in northwestern Sangamon and southwestern Menard Counties. Here the Springfield Coal averages 72 inches thick at depths from 50 to 125 feet below the surface. The overburden is greater than 100 feet thick over 81 percent of the block. The Springfield Coal has not been mapped west or north of this block because of a lack of data; significant reserves may exist there.

The Colchester (No. 2) Coal ranges from 24 to 36 inches throughout the area. A large part of Jersey and Greene Counties has been mapped as having 50 or less feet of overburden, but data on thickness is insufficient. Most of the Colchester Coal has been excluded from reserve estimates because the thickness of overburden is excessive. The overburden is generally greater than 50 feet thick, and over large areas it is more than 100 feet thick.

Area 4. (Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, Schuyler, Warren, and Henderson Counties)

With the exception of the Peabody Key Mine, which operated in Schuyler County from 1958 to 1966, mining activity in area 4 has consisted entirely of small local operations (table 9). In recent years the Colchester (No. 2) Coal has been actively prospected by several companies.

The Springfield (No. 5) Coal is found only in a very small part of Warren County and in a large outlier in Schuyler County. In Schuyler County, the thickness of coal ranges from 18 to 60 inches and averages 60 inches over a large area.

The Colchester (No. 2) Coal covers a large part of area 4. It ranges in thickness from 18 to 36 inches, but is generally less than 30 inches thick. Of the 19 reserve blocks of

TABLE 8. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 3, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Herrin (No. 6)	1,346,703	394,701	29.3	0
Springfield (No. 5)	1,064,679	152,612	14.3	0
Colchester (No. 2)	1,605,781	344,368	21.4	0
Total	4,017,163	891,681	22.2	0

^aData from Smith, 1961, and Nance, in preparation.

this coal. one has 118 million tons, but the rest have less than 40 million tons. Blocks in several parts of the area are less than the minimum size required to be classified as reserves; nevertheless, these blocks may be of interest to small operators or to large operators with equipment already in the area.

Excessive thickness of overburden is the reason for classifying only a small amount of Colchester Coal as a reserve. Because most of the coal is less than 30 inches thick, 50 feet is the maximum overburden thickness for the reserves, according to our criteria; however, some exceptions to this limit were made where large blocks of coal less than 30 inches thick lie at depths of 50 to 60 feet. The overburden in this area is relatively unconsolidated and contains little or no limestone; even greater stripping depths may prove economical.

The Rock Island (No. 1) Coal ranges in thickness from 0 to 52 inches over a short distance. Data are insufficient to map strippable reserves for this coal.

Area 5. (Fulton, Henry, Knox, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Bureau, Marshall, Mercer, and Rock Island Counties)

Area 5 has the largest strippable resources (7,644 million tons) and the largest strippable reserves (2,453 million tons) of any area in Illinois (table 10). Strip mines have been active in this area since 1924; however, in 1975 there were only seven mines producing a total of 5 million tons, 18 percent of the state's total coal production. Only one

small (less than 500,000 tons per year) mine operated in this area in 1975. In addition to excessive thickness of overburden, urban developments around Peoria, Galesburg, and along I-74, which either overlie the coal or divide it into small blocks, led to exclusion of large amounts of resources from reserves.

Clay-filled intrusions, called horsebacks or clay dikes, have been found in all coals in this area. In some cases, these features are so abundant that they reduce the quality of coal significantly and make the coal less desirable for mining.

The Danville (No. 7) Coal is present in the eastern half of area 5. It ranges in thickness from 18 to 30 inches and in most cases is too deep to be a strippable reserve. Data on thickness are insufficient to assess reserves in several large parts of the Danville Coal in Henry, Stark, and Peoria Counties, where additional small reserve blocks may be found. The eight reserve blocks mapped range in size from 6 to 68 million tons, but are generally less than 10 million tons. Several blocks are too small to constitute a reserve, but could be mined in conjunction with the underlying Herrin (No. 6) Coal or by a small, mobile operation.

There are several large outliers of Herrin Coal in this area. This coal ranges in thickness from 18 to 54 inches (averaging 48 inches) and is the most extensively mined coal in the area. There is a large area of Herrin Coal in Stark, Marshall, and northeastern Peoria Counties which has not been mapped because of insufficient data.

TABLE 9. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 4, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Springfield (No. 5)	107,895	84,663	78.5	0
Colchester (No. 2)	2,801,058	359,547	12.8	0
Rock Island (No. 1)	39,000	0	0	0
Total	2,947,953	444,210	15.0	0

^aData from Smith and Berggren, 1963; Reinertsen, 1964; and Searight and Smith, 1969.

TABLE 10. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 5, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Danville (No. 7)	763,921	140,901	18.4	0
Herrin (No. 6)	2,520,811	1,257,776	50.4	4
Springfield (No. 5)	1,979,541	635,917	32.1	2
Colchester (No. 2)	2,213,782	418,236	18.9	1
Rock Island (No. 1)	165,756	0	0	0
Total	7,643,811	2,452,830	32.1	7

^aData from Smith and Berggren, 1963, and Searight and Smith, 1969.

The 34 reserve blocks of Herrin Coal range from 6 million to 228 million tons. Although many of the blocks contain less than 35 million tons, they are close to each other and could be mined in a single operation.

The Springfield (No. 5) Coal is present over the eastern two-thirds of this area. The Springfield Coal is not mapped in Marshall, Bureau, Henry, and northern Stark Counties because of a lack of data, but is believed to be thin. What little data are available in northern Knox and southern Stark Counties indicate that the coal is less than 18 inches thick. In the rest of this area, the Springfield Coal ranges in thickness from 18 inches in Knox County to 72 inches in southern Fulton County.

Most of the 23 reserve blocks of Springfield Coal contain less than 20 million tons of coal. As with the Herrin Coal, the reasons for exclusions are primarily excessive thickness of overburden and the obstacles caused by cultural development. The Springfield Coal is 50 to 80 feet below the Herrin Coal. Although it represents an uncommon practice in this area, at least one mine has produced both coals in a dual-seam operation.

The Colchester (No. 2) Coal averages 24 to 30 inches thick and underlies most of area 5, but is shallow enough for stripping only in the western part. The primary reason for exclusion of Colchester Coal resources from strippable reserves is excessive thickness of overburden; however, as was noted for area 4, the composition of the overburden may permit economical strip mining at greater depths. For some parts of Henry County which may contain potential reserve blocks of Colchester Coal, data are insufficient.

Although the largest reserve block of Colchester Coal has reserves of 52 million tons, most blocks contain 20 million tons or less. Many of these blocks are sufficiently close together to permit the mining of several blocks in one operation.

The Rock Island (No. 1) Coal crops out in the western part of this area. The coal is highly variable in thickness and is not identified in any area in sufficient quantity to constitute a strippable reserve block.

Area 6. (La Salle, Livingston, Grundy, Kankakee, and Will Counties)

Some of the earliest mining in the state took place in area 6. Strip mining has been generally restricted to the eastern part of the area where the overburden is thinnest. The best sites for strip mining have been mined out and no mines currently operate in the area (table 11).

The Danville (No. 7) Coal, although probably present over a large part of the area, is mapped only in a small part of the area south of Streator in Livingston County, where the coal ranges in thickness from 18 to 30 inches. Tonnage of Danville Coal is insufficient to be classified as reserves.

The Herrin (No. 6) Coal has been mapped only in a small part of area 6 near Streator. Although fairly shallow and only 48 to 60 inches thick, much of the Herrin Coal is rendered unminable by cultural features near Streator and terrain associated with the Vermilion River. Further exploration in this area could reveal additional strippable coal.

The Summum (No. 4) Coal is found in Grundy, Livingston, and Kankakee Counties in several small deposits, some of which were mined during the 1960s and early 1970s. The coal ranges in thickness from 18 to 60 inches, but in most of the area it is generally not of minable thickness. Only one block is of sufficient size to be classified as a reserve.

The Colchester (No. 2) Coal outcrops in an eastward-trending belt along the Illinois River. Most of this coal, which ranges from 18 to 36 inches thick, is too deep to be classified as a reserve. Cultural development and terrain limitations associated with the Illinois River also make this coal unattractive for strip mining.

Area 7. (Vermilion and Edgar Counties)

Area 7 has been the site of strip-mining activity since the mid-1800s. Since 1970, only an occasional small strip-

TABLE 11. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 6, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Danville (No. 7)	10,362	0	0	0
Herrin (No. 6)	99,248	40,557	40.9	0
Summum (No. 4)	62,222	7,408	11.9	0
Colchester (No. 2)	543,484	17,458	3.2	0
Total	715,316	65,423	9.1	0

^aData from Smith, 1968.

mining operation has produced coal. Danville and surrounding suburbs render some of the best remaining coal in the area unminable. Excessive thickness of overburden is also a major factor in eliminating resources from classification as reserves (table 12).

The Danville (No. 7) Coal varies greatly in thickness in the area. Its thickness averages 72 inches in the northern one-third of the area, 30 to 42 inches in the central portion, and 48 to 60 inches in the southern one-third. Nearly all of the blocks of strippable reserves are smaller than 25 million tons.

The Herrin (No. 6) Coal is classified here as a strippable reserve only in the central part of area 7 where the coal ranges from 36 to 84 inches thick at depths generally greater than 100 feet. Herrin Coal, which is relatively low in sulfur, has been mined northwest of these reserves; however, no data on the sulfur content of the coal in the reserve block are available. A few blocks northwest of Danville are too small to be classified as strippable reserves as defined in this study. Throughout the rest of the area, the Herrin Coal is too thin or too deep for strip mining. An area of several square miles in northern Edgar County has not been mapped because data are insufficient.

Area 8. (Crawford, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Richland, Shelby, and Wabash Counties)

Area 8 includes central and eastern portions of Illinois where thick coal seams of the Carbondale Formation are generally several hundred or more feet deep. The only strippable coals in this area are coals from the Bond and Mattoon Formations. These coals are characteristically thin, and limited data has prohibited extensive mapping. Most of the northern portion of area 8 contains unconsolidated surficial sediments (drift) in excess of 100 feet and has therefore been eliminated from study. Only small mining operations have produced coal in this area; however, a large strip mine, operated by Eads Coal Company, has been stripping the Opdyke Coal in Jefferson County since 1971. Because cultural development in this

area is not extensive and most of the coal mapped is less than 50 feet deep, a large percentage of the resources have been classified as reserves (table 13).

The Trowbridge Coal has been mapped only in a small area of southeastern Shelby and northwestern Cumberland Counties where the coal averages 28 inches thick and is generally less than 50 feet deep. One block of this coal has been classed as a strippable reserve. Additional reserves may exist north and south of the area.

The Calhoun Coal ranges from 12 to 30 inches in thickness where it is mapped in Richland County. The tonnage of resources mapped is insufficient to constitute a strippable reserve.

The Shelbyville Coal has been mapped in small areas of Effingham, Fayette, and Shelby Counties. The only block that met the criteria for strippable reserves is located in Shelby County, where the coal averages 18 inches thick.

The Opdyke Coal is the only seam in area 8 currently being strip-mined on a large scale. The mine and the reserve blocks are in eastern Jefferson County. The Opdyke Coal there averages 18 to 20 inches thick.

Near Belle Rive, an unnamed coal lies about 30 to 40 feet below the Opdyke Coal. Where it has been mined in the vicinity of Belle Rive in Jefferson County, it averages 18 inches thick. Resources are insufficient to constitute a strippable reserve.

An unnamed coal has been mapped in a very small part of Louden Township, Fayette County. The coal averages 18 inches in thickness. Tonnages of this coal are insufficient to constitute a strippable reserve.

The Friendsville Coal has been mapped in Wabash County, where the coal ranges from 30 to 48 inches thick. Three reserve blocks have been mapped, and several other places in Wabash County may contain additional reserves of strippable coal. Some reserves may be found to the north in Lawrence County; however, the coal is thought to thin northward and may be too thin outside of Wabash County to mine.

The Friendsville Coal is believed to lie near the base of the Mattoon Formation (see frontispiece); however, the coal may correlate with the coal near Bristol Hill in the Bond Formation (Nance, 1977, personal communication).

TABLE 12. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 7, in thousands of tons

Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	Number of large mines operating in 1975
Danville (No. 7)	537,039	164,383	30.6	0
Herrin (No. 6)	220,818	46,167	20.9	0
Total	757,857	210,550	27.8	0

^aData from Bengal and Jacobson, in preparation.

TABLE 13. Resources and reserves of strippable coal in area 8, in thousands of tons

				Number
Coal member	Resources ^a	Reserves	Percentage of resources	of large mines operating in 1975
Trowbridge	19,138	16,369	88.5	0
Calhoun	7,401	0	0	0
Shelbyville	70,370	13,539	19.2	0
Opdyke	24,609	22,616	91.9	1
Unnamed coal near Belle Rive, Jefferson County	9,747	0	0	0
Unnamed coal in Louden Township,				0
Fayette County	1,400	0	0	0
Friendsville Unnamed coal near Bristol Hill,	167,232	136,306	81.5	0
Crawford County	43,161	21,305	49.4	0
Total	343,058	210,135	61.3	1

^aData from Nance, in preparation.

The coal mapped in the vicinity of Bristol Hill in southern Crawford County varies from 12 to 36 inches thick. East of Flat Rock, a block of strippable reserves in which this coal is estimated to average 18 to 20 inches thick has been mapped. Additional strippable reserves may exist there.

CONCLUSION

Six billion tons of coal in the ground in Illinois have been classified as strippable reserves, i.e., coal considered to be economically and legally minable at the present time according to the criteria used in this report. This reserve represents about 30 percent of the 20 billion tons of potentially strippable coal in Illinois mapped by previous studies of the Illinois State Geological Survey.

Large strippable reserves have been found in western, southwestern, and southern Illinois. The reserves in southwestern and southern Illinois are generally more suited for surface mining than other regions because land costs are lower, the heating value of coal is greater, and coal tonnage recoverable per acre is higher. These reserves are and will continue to be the major source of surface-mined coal in the state throughout the near future. Because a large part of these reserves are probably committed to existing or planned mines, opportunities for new acquisition of strippable reserves are limited and are more likely to be available in other parts of the state.

Seventy-one percent of the state's surface-minable reserves are in the No. 6 and No. 5 Coals, which are currently the largest sources of the state's production of coal by strip mining (90 percent in 1975). Because these two coals con-

stitute large reserves of strippable coal that is of favorable depth and thickness, they will probably continue to be the major surface-mined coals. As the best blocks of No. 6 and No. 5 Coal become unavailable or mined out, mining will ultimately shift to other coals that are generally thinner and have larger stripping ratios.

Thirty-eight percent of the strippable reserves are coals greater than 4 feet thick. This reserve contrasts sharply with production of coal by strip mining in 1975, when 69 percent of the tonnage came from coals greater than 4 feet thick. In the future, limited availability of reserves may force surface mining of the thinner coal reserves or of thicker seams at greater depths than projected in this report.

How future political, economic, and technical developments will affect the conclusions of this report is difficult to assess. New reclamation laws and high land values may cause areas of strippable reserves in western and central Illinois to be less desirable than reserves in southern Illinois. New technical developments and increasing demands for sources of energy may make strip mining of thinner or deeper coal profitable. As major developments take place, new evaluations of strippable coal reserves in Illinois will be necessary.

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APPENDIXES

Reserves of strippable coal were delineated by using the base maps constructed by previous resource studies. The mined-out areas on these maps were updated to July 1, 1975, and some minor corrections of subcrop lines were made. The original base maps showed only 50-foot, 100-foot, and 150-foot overburden thickness lines; 75-foot and 125-foot thickness lines were added where needed. The criteria determined for this study were then used to outline reserve blocks.

The accuracy of the coal outcrop lines and overburden lines and the coal thicknesses indicated on these maps depends on the number and distribution of drill holes, mines, and outcrops; the local topography; and the degree of glaciation the area has undergone. In some areas these lines are generalized and outcrop lines may be inaccurate by several hundred feet, or even a mile or more in extreme cases. These inaccuracies will not alter the regional picture of surface-minable coal, but are important considerations for evaluating individual blocks.

An example of one of the work maps used is shown in figure A. The coal in the lower right is not reliably substantiated by data and so is excluded from the estimate of reserves. Boundaries of excluded cultural areas, in this case the town of Atkinson and Interstate 80, were taken from plat books. No coal was excluded where the railroad might be an obstacle, because the line is not an insurmountable barrier to surface mining and the amount of coal directly beneath it cannot be accurately calculated at the scale of this study. In this example, the coal is 30 inches thick, so the maximum thickness of overburden allowed by the reserve criteria is 75 feet. The areas of limiting terrain are too small and irregular for recovery of coal by large mining operations and have been excluded from our estimate of reserves.

All 185 blocks classified as strippable reserves by this study are shown on work maps similar to figure A and are available on open file for reference at the Illinois State Geological Survey in Urbana.

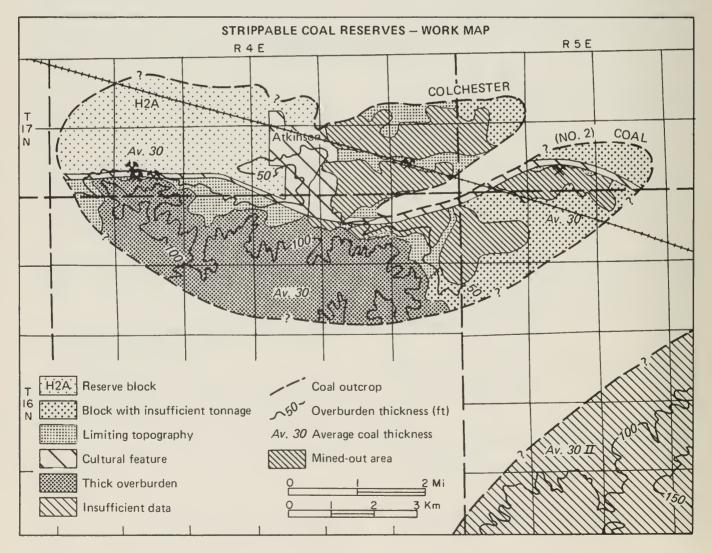


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Jackson	Jackson County—Continued	ontinued								
159	Unnamed coal near Campbell Hill	9.801	1,360	48	100	0-50	2 2		4	41
160	Murphysboro 35.254	0 35.254	3,630	48	22 78	0-50	3		41	abandoned mines. The Murphysboro Coal has not been mapped in the area around block 160 because of insufficient data.
161	Murphys- boro	13.278	1,890	36	54	0-50	76 24		41	1 Block 161 is adjacent to Murphysboro.
162	Murphys- boro	17.573	1,720	48 60 72 84 84	22 8 33 21	0-50	32	Jackson 74 Williamson 26	41	1 Block 162 is adjacent to Carbondale and Crab Orchard Lake Wildlife Refuge.
Jefferso 177	Jefferson County 177 Opdyke	16.296	5,640	18	100	09-0	100		4	44 Active surface mine; large areas of untested Ondvike Coal surround block 177
178	Opdyke	6.320	2,340	18	100	0-20	100		4	untested Opdyke 78.
Jersey County 144 No. 6	No. 6	30.765	4,850	24 36 48 60	4157	0-50	39		4	42 Piasa Creek divides block 144. A large area of untested No. 6 coal lies north of block 144.
83	No. 2	29.357	6,520	3 8	100	0-50	80		m	38
8 8 8 8 8	No. 2	23.627 5,250 30	5,250	90	100	0-20	59		m	38 Some small areas of cultural development lie within block 84.
Knox County 14 No. 7	ounty No. 7	See Peoria County.	a Count							
118	No. 6	11.328	1,800 42	42	100	0-20	97		4	40
119	No. 6	58.349	9,260	42	100	0-50	48		4	40 Active surface mine.
120	No. 6	39.734	6,310	42	100	0-50	35		4	40
121	No. 6	25.545	4,050 42	42	100	0-20	56		4	40 A major railroad bisects block 121.

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Knox (County—Continued No. 6 7.2	ntinued 7,271	1,160 42	42	100	0-50	100				40	
132	No. 6	See Peoria County.	a County									
133	No. 6	20.708	2,560	72	100	0-50	15 85	Fulton	9		40	
=	No. 5	See Peori	See Peoria County.			200	3		-			
15	No. 5	80.453	80.453 11,180 48	48	100	0-20	28	Fulton	44		39	Active surface mine.
						50-100	72	Knox	56			An 8-in, pipeline passes through the south edge of block 15.
16	No. 5	26.451	5,880	30	100	0-50	54				39	A 12-in. pipeline passes through block 16.
17	No. 5	11.733	2.610	30	100	0-20	31	Knox	92		39	
						50-75	69	Peoria	വ			
18	No. 5	15.036	3,350	24	-	0-20	98				39	
				30	66	20-75	14				;	
19	No. 5	6.195	2,290	18	100	0-20	66				39	Areas of untested No. 5 coal lie north and
ć	0	11 572	0100	2	00	50-60	- 6				30	west of block 19.
27	2 2	9.814	0,2,0	24	8	200	9 5				o 6	Block 21 is adjacent to Galeshura
7			2,0,4	36	9	3	2				3	Dioch 21 is adjacent to datestary.
22	No.5	26.645	5,700	30	78	0-20	100				39	Block 22 is adjacent to Galesburg and
				36	22							Five pipelines
31	No. 5	10.863	1,720	36	42	0-20	100				39	
				48	58							
23	No. 2	6.624	1,620	24	40	0-20	45	Knox	97		39	
0	:		0	30	09	50-75	Z 3	Warren	ကျ		ć	
97	No. 2	12.163	3,380	74	100	0-20	99 -	Knox	51 40		ر د	A small creek runs through block 26.
29	No. 2	6.930	1,930	24	100	0-20	. 66	Knox	88		39	A small creek runs through block 29.
						20-60	-	Warren	12			
30	No. 2	8.573	2,380	24	100	0-20	91				39	
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25	No. 2	9.047	2,430	24	833	0.50	94				39	
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La Salle 105	La Salle County 105 No. 6	See Livingston County	ston Co	unty.									
106	9. 0.	20.350	2,510	48	45 55	0-50	32	La Salle Livingston	56 44			£	Block 106 is adjacent to Streator; three large crude-oil pipelines pass through block 106. An area of untested No. 6 coal lies to the south.
107	No. 6	7.208	820	48 60 96	24 67 9	50-100	100					43	
Livings1	Livingston County 105 No. 6	12.999	1,550	48	29	0-50	98	La Salle Livingston	16 84			43	Block 105 is adjacent to Streator; three pipelines pass through the block. An area of untested No. 6 coal lies to the east.
106	No. 6	See La Salle County.	le Coun	ty.									
McDon 50	McDonough County 50 No. 2	See Fulton County.	County	٠.									
61	No. 2	36.728	8,160 30	30	100	0-50	60 40	Fulton McDonough Schuyler	31 gh 67 2			36	
62	No. 2 No. 2	See Schuyler County. 10.399 2,440 24	ler Coun 2,440	24.	75	0-20	91					36	
24	No. 2	35.881	8,570	30 30	25 98 2	50-75 0-50 50-60	9 71 29					36	
Macoup	Macoupin County												
143	No. 6	97.220	12,790	48 60 72 84	8 - 8 2	0-50	38	Greene Macoupin	25 75			42	A large area of untested No. 6 coal lies south of block 143.
145 Madisor	Madison County	See Madison County.	on Cour	ıty.									
145	No. 6	53.024	7,810	36 48 60	33 19 3	0.50	45 56	Macoupin	17 83			42	
146	No. 6	11.919	1,450	36 48 60 77	2 9 9 ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° ° °	0.50	92					42	
147	No. 6	136.983	13,560 48 60 72	48 60 72	1 32 67	0-50 50-100 100-125	14 56 30					42	Block 147 is adjacent to Bethalto and Edwardsville; six major pipelines pass through the block.

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		Remarks	Five major pipelines pass through block	148. Riock 85 horders Alters	block of bolders Alton.	Block 86 borders Alton.										Areas of untested No. 7 coal lie to the	north, south, and southwest.				Four pipelines—one 8-in., two 12-in., and	one 20-in pass through block 123.						Adjacent to Peoria suburbs; contains some	small areas of culture. An 8-in, gas pipeline	passes through the block.		Active surface mine.	Active surface mine.		Active surface mine.
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		Coal	County –(No. 2	1	No. 2	Sounty	No. 5	Sounty	No. 6		No. 2		No. 2	ounty	No. 7		No. 7	No. 7		No. 6			No. 6	No. 6	9	0.0	No. 6		No. 6		No. 6	No. 6		No. 6
		Block Coal number member	Madison County 148 No. 6	85		98	Menard County	73	gan	140		74		75	Peoria County	10			14		123			124	125	126		127		128		129	130		131

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1	2		2	5	3	50-100	20 8	Peoria	2 %	14	No. 7	3,730	5	Active surface traile.
134	No. 6	See Fulton County.	Count	· ·										
136	No. 6	53.189	7,39(7,390 48	100	0-20	21			13	No. 7	4,700	40	
137	2	19 503	2 710	48	100	50-100	79						ç	Adjacent to Dania cuburbe
2		2		2	3	50-100	77						P	
138	No. 6	6.349	1,180	96 0	100	0-20	50						40	
139	N S	10 603	1 310	54	100	50-75	80 9						6	Adjacent to Glasford and to Kington Mines
3					3	50-100	94						P	
11	No. 5	194.278	30,090	0 30	က	0-20	33	Knox	30	131,	No. 6	2,280	39	Block 11 surrounds Elmwood; a large area of
				36	50	50-100	99	Peoria	20	132				
				42	19									surface mines. One 12-in, and two 8-in, gas
	:	1			57	;								pipelines pass through block 11.
12	No. 5	9.986	1,390	0 48	100	0-50	- 6						39	Two 6-in, and two 8-in, gas pipelines pass
17	2	See Knox County	70110			201-06	SS SS							through block 12.
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Perry County	unty													
154	No. 6	374.533	35,040		Ξ	0-20	œ	Perry	82	88, 89,	88, 89, No. 5	6,930	41	A 20-in.
				72	82	50-100	7 5	Randolph		06				Pipeline passes through the west edge of
				96		22	-							
155	No. 6	160.890	14,300		, œ	0-20	S						41	Active surface mine. Three large gas pipelines
					53	50-100	71							pass through block 155.
				84	37	100-125	24							
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156	No. 6	38.207	3,340		37	0-50 50-100	36	Jackson Perry	7 3				14	
					-									
157	No. 6	13.999	1,370		53	0-20	100			06	No. 5	1,350	41	Active surface mine.
					71									
158	No. 6	10.072	950		7	50-100	9/						41	
				72	93	100-125	24							
83	No. 5	See Randolph County.	Iph Cou	unty.		1	;				,	1		
06	No. 5	107.592	14,300 36	0 36	ω (0-50	25	Jackson	- ;	154,	No. 6	7,500	37	Active surface mines; the No. 5 coal has not
				8 1	29	50-100	75	Perry	66	157				been mapped north and east of block 90
				24	63									because of insufficient data.
Pike County	unty				!								c	
9/	No. 2	6.861	2,190		45	0-20	92						80	
;	4	1000	000		55	20-60	ω (20	
:	No. 2	8.897	3,300	18	90	0-20	93						0	

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Randolpl	Randolph County			,									
153	No. 6	88.088	8,220 36		0-20	15			87	No. 5	099	41	Two active surface mines.
			84 8 0	19	100-125	33							
			22	2 2	000)							
			84	27									
154	No. 6	See Perry County.	County.										
87	No. 5	28.539	3,730 48	47	0-20	42			153	No. 6	099	37	Active surface mine. An area of untested
				53	20-100	28							No. 5 coal lies north of block 87.
88	No. 5	37.377	5,730 36	13	0-20	24			154	No. 6	029	37	Active surface mine. An area of untested
			42	09	50-100	9/							No. 5 coal lies to the northeast.
			48	က									
			54	24									
83	No. 5	25,530	3,150 54	100	0-20	49	Perry	34	154	No. 6	110	37	
					50-100	51	Randolph	99					
St. Clair County	County												
149	No. 6	19.591	1,550 84	100	0-20	=						41	Block 149 is in the highly developed East
					50-100	64							St. Louis-Belleville area.
					100-125	24							
150	No. 6	32.985	3,120 60	11	0-20	100						41	Block 150 contains small areas of culture and
				88									numerous small abandoned mines.
151	No. 6	359.206	28,630 72	10	0-20	- !						41	Kaskaskia River
			84	ω	50-100	47							end of block 151. The block is adjacent to
			96	o 7	100-125	23							mine and contains an operating surface
L	(i i			1	1						•	rilline and an underground mille.
152	No. 6	15.351	1,260 72	19	0-50	^ 00						41	Block 152 is adjacent to Freeburg and to an
			04	<u>-</u>	100-100	3 00							operating underground mine:
Saline County	unty				1001	2							
92	No. 7	8.471	2,350 24	100	0-20	100			171	No. 6	1,890	38	A fault lies in block 95; displacement un-
171	No	93 048	10 200 48	10	0-50	5	Saline	95	20	No 7	1 890	44	Active surface mine
				99	50-100	92	Williamson	2.5))		
			72	24	100-125	22		ŀ					
172	No. 6	See Gallati	See Gallatin County.										
173	No. 6	10.476	1,340 36	10	0-20	27						44	
			48	35	50-100	72							
			09	55									
174	No.6	14.387	1,760 48	39	0-20	31						44	
			09	61	50-100	69							
175	No. 6	See Gallat	See Gallatin County.										
97	No. 5	18.807	2,160 48	14	0-20	10	Gallatin	16				38	A fault lies in block 97; displacement un-
			8	98	20-100	06	Saline	\$					determined.
86	No. 5	6.653	850 48	09	0-20	52	Galatin	40				38	
	:		09	40	50-100	84	Saline	09				;	
0/1	De Kov	De Koven 7.707	1,430 36	100	0-50	43			96	Davis	1,430	44	Active surface mine.
96	Davis	10.120	1.610 42	100	0-50	76			170	De Koven 1.430	1.430	38	Active surface mine.
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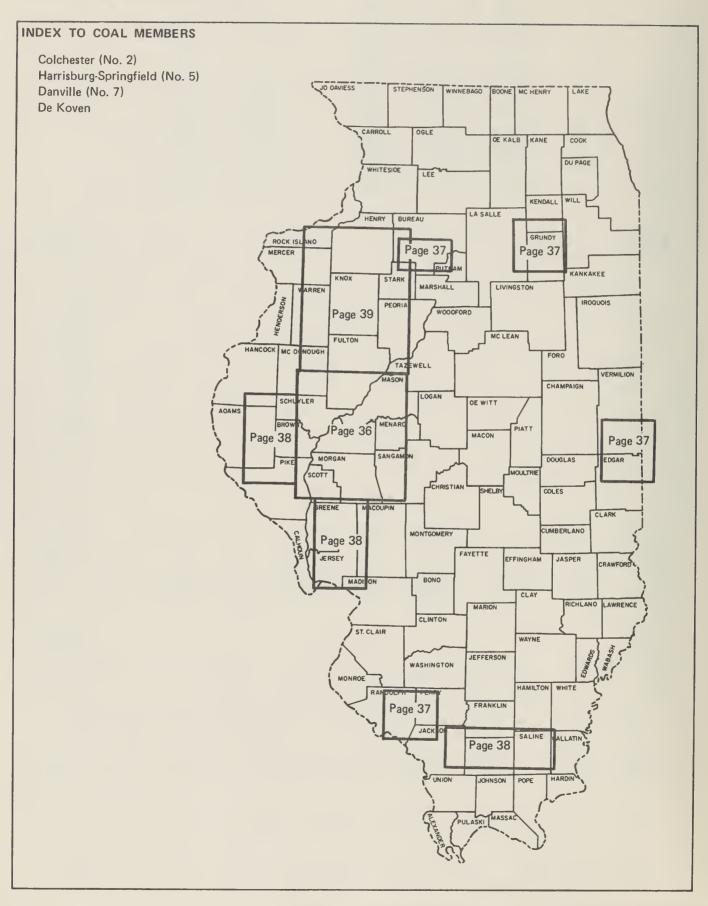
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Sangam	Sangamon County	>								
73	No. 5	152.611	14,250 60	96	50-100	19	Sangamon 72 Menard 28		36	An 8-in, gas pipeline passes through block 73. Large areas of untested coal border block 73
Schuyle	Schuyler County									in Cass and Morgan Counties.
71	No. 5	27.929	5,890 18 36	32	0-50	90			36	Adjacent to Rushville. 22-in. crude-oil pipeline passes through the north edge of
72	No. 5	56.734	09 008'9	100	0-50	69			36	block 71.
59	No. 2	37.517	8,370 24	7	0-50	23 3	Fulton 48		36	
61	No. 2	See McDor	See McDonough County		6/-06	/4	Schuyler 52			
62	No. 2	36.602	8,130 30	100	0-20	44	Fulton 22		36	
					50-75	56	McDonough10 Schuyler 68			
65	No. 2	See Hancock County	See Hancock County.							
89	No. 2	8.703	2,070 24	100	0-50	86			38	
69	No. 2	6.889	1,910 24	100	0-20	100			36	About 11 mi ² of No. 2 coal beneath 50-75
70	No. 2	12.376	3,440 24	100	0-50	93			36	feet of overburden lie north of block 69. A 12-in. gas pipeline passes through block 70.
Scott County 78 No.	ounty No. 2	29.619	6,580 30	100	0-50	17 83			36	Adjacent to Winchester.
Shelby 185	Shelby County 185 Trow- bridge	16.369	3,900 24	100	0.50	97	Cumberland 15 Shelby 85		43	Block 185 is bisected by the southwestern edge of Lake Mattoon.
183	Shelby- ville	Shelby- 13.539 ville	5,020 18	100	0-20	100			43	Block 183 is bisected by a small creek.
Stark County 7 No. 10 No.	No. 7 No. 7 No. 6	See Henr See Peori	See Henry County. See Peoria County. See Bureau County							
112	No. 6	292.671	292.671 40,010 42 48	6 73 21	0-50 50-100	1 88 V	Stark 84 Henry 16		40	The Spoon River passes through block 115. A 16-in. gas pipeline passes through the west
			r o	17	1001	-				6 coal borders the southeast side of the

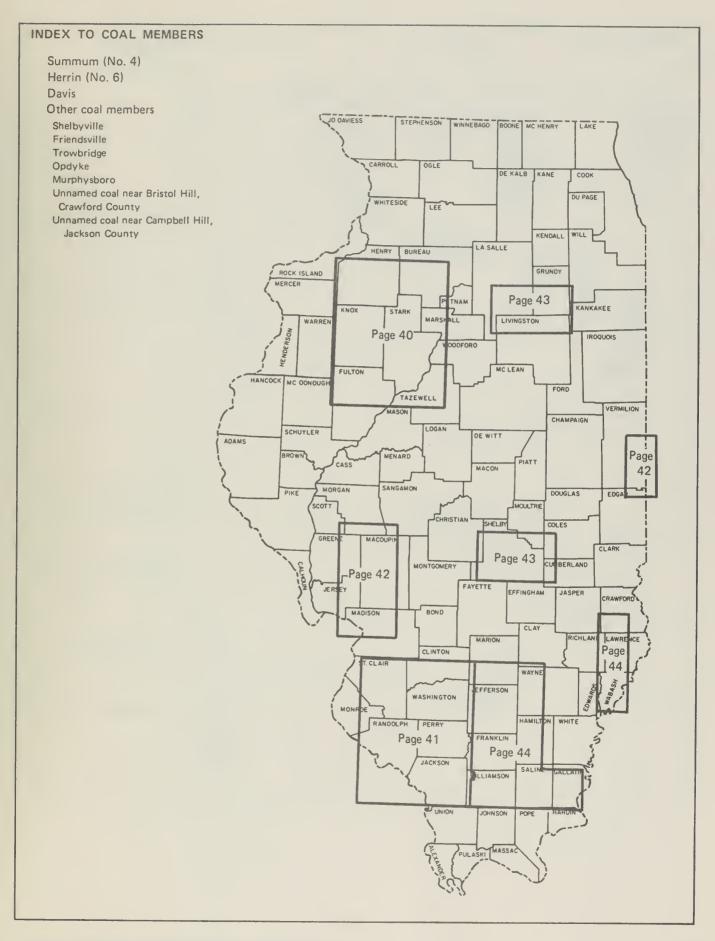
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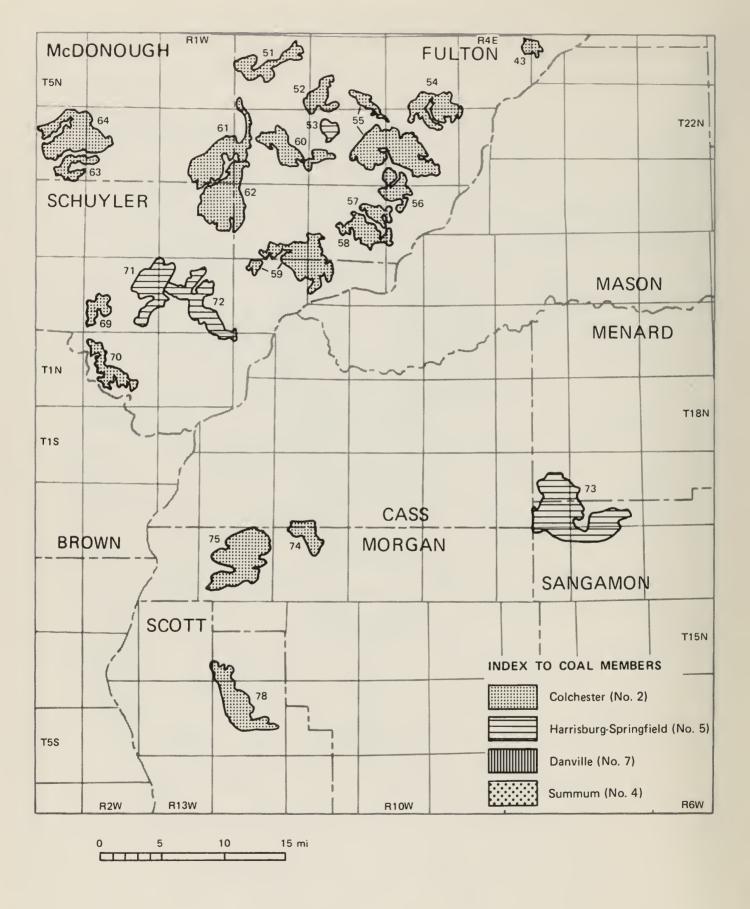
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Stark (116	Stark County—Continued 116 No. 6 10.7	ntinued 10.710 See Peoris	inued 10.710 1,700 42 See Peoria County	100	0-20	100					40	
Vermili 102	Vermilion County		1.580 36	100	0-20	α					37	Block 102 is adjacent to Georgetown; two
103	No. 7	18.591	2,870 36	14	50-75	92 6					37	12-in. gas pipelines pass through the block. Block 103 is adjacent to Westville; two 12-
			48	46 13	50-100	93						in, gas pipelines pass through the block.
104	No. 7	73.224	6,920 60 72 84	112 86 2	0-50 50-100 100-125	24 4 71					37	Block 104 is adjacent to Catlin and Danville; it is pocketed by numerous small underground mines and part is separated by
												an abandoned strip mine.
2	No. 6	46.167	5,290 36 48	43 2	0-50 50-100	21 46					42	
			60 72 84	11 34 10	100-125	33						
Wabash	Wabash County											
179	Friends- ville	19.529	3,390 36	89	0-50	48 52					44	Areas of untested Friendsville Coal border block 179. The block is adjacent to Belmont.
180	Friends-	92.018	19,140 30	71	0-50	17 %					44	Some small oil fields are within block 180. Untested areas of Friendsville Coal lie west
	p = >		36 42 48	19 8 2		8						and north of the block.
181	Friends- ville	24.759	4,520 30 42 48	49 10	0-50	93					44	Some small oil fields are within block 181. An untested area of Friendsville Coal lie north of the block.
Warren 23 24	Warren County 23 No. 2 24 No. 2	See Knox 11.865	See Knox County. 11.865 3,300 24	100	0-20	66					39	
25	No. 2	16.168	4,490 24	100	0-50	1 90					39	Block 25 is adjacent to Monmouth.
26	No. 2	See Knox	See Knox County,		00-00	2						
27	No. 2	7.832	2,180 24	100	09-09	95					39	Block 27 is adjacent to Roseville. Four-in. and 7-in. gas pipelines pass through the

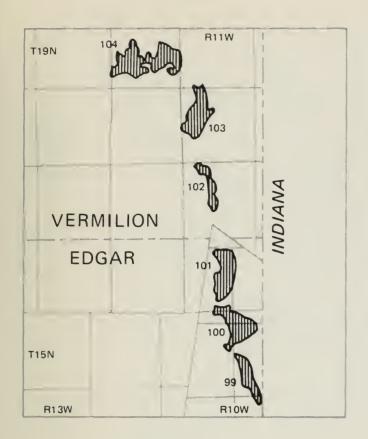
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Block	Coal	(in millions	5	Percentage		Percentage	Percentage	ntage Block	k Coal		to map	
number	number member	of tons)	Acreage (in.)	.) of total	(ft)	of total	County of total		number member Acreage	Acreage	(app. 3)	Remarks
Warren (Warren County-Continued	ntinued										
28	No. 2	11.672	3,240 24	4 100	0-20	77					39	Block 28 is adjacent to Roseville.
	;				20-60	23						
59	No. 2	See Knox County.	County.									
Williams	Williamson County											
164	No. 6	15.164	1,050 96	95	50-100	32					41	This block is sandwiched between the Bio
			108	8	100-125	89						Muddy River and a large abandoned under-
	,											ground mine.
165	No. 6	See Jacks	See Jackson County.									
166	No. 6	14.005	870 108	001 80	0-20	74		93	No. 5	099	44	This block is adjacent to the communities
					50-100	26						of Energy and Carterville.
167	No. 6	11.632	1,290 60	90 100	0-20	က					44	Active surface mine in this block.
					50-100	97						
168	No. 6	9.706	980	66 100	0-20	100					44	
171	No. 6	See Saline	See Saline County.									
93	No. 5	12.525	1,740 48	8 100	0-20			166	No. 6	099	38	Block 93 borders Energy and Carterville;
					50-100	49						active surface mine.
94	No. 5	16.902	2,350 48	8 100	0-20						38	Block 94 is adjacent to Marion.
					50-100	63						•
169	De Koven	n 5.042	930 36	001 9	0-20	72		92	Davis	810	44	
					50-75	46						
92	Davis	4.345	810 36	001 9	0-20	33		169	De Koven 810	en 810	38	
					50-100	67						
162	Murphys-											
	boro	See Jacks	See Jackson County.									

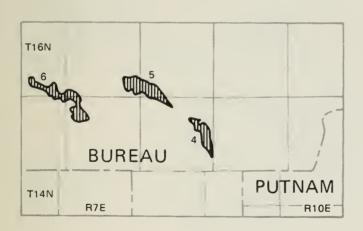


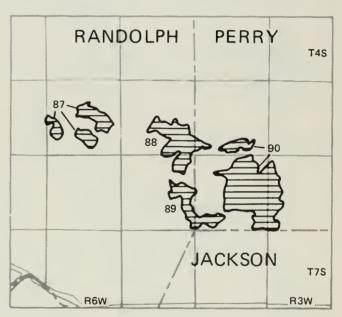


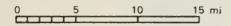


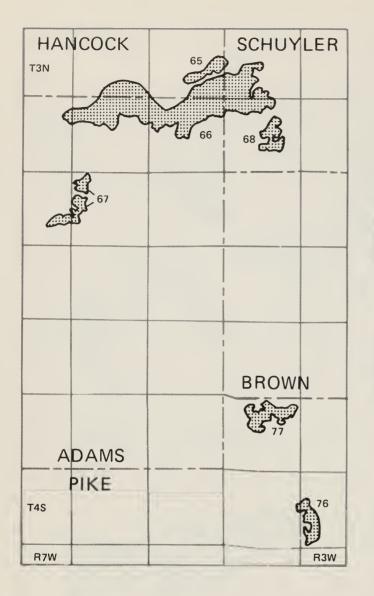


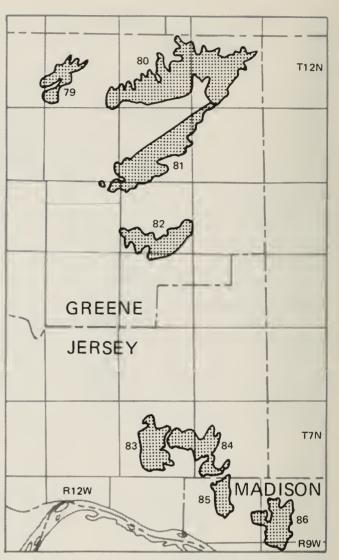


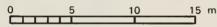


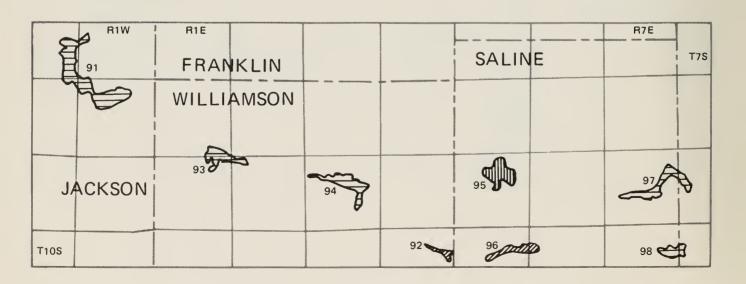


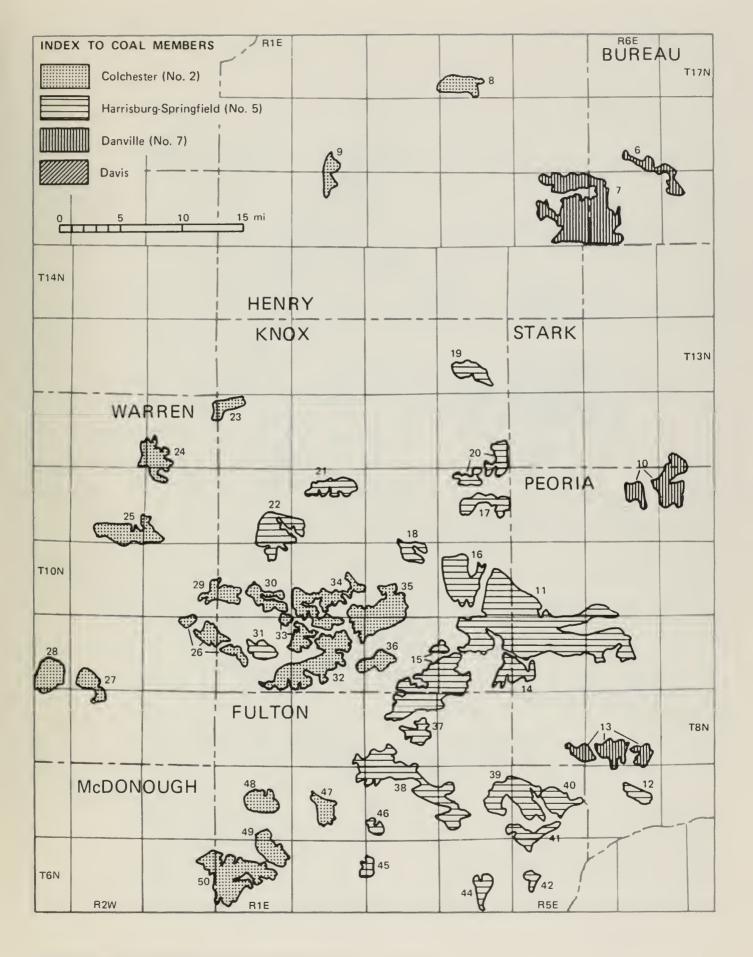


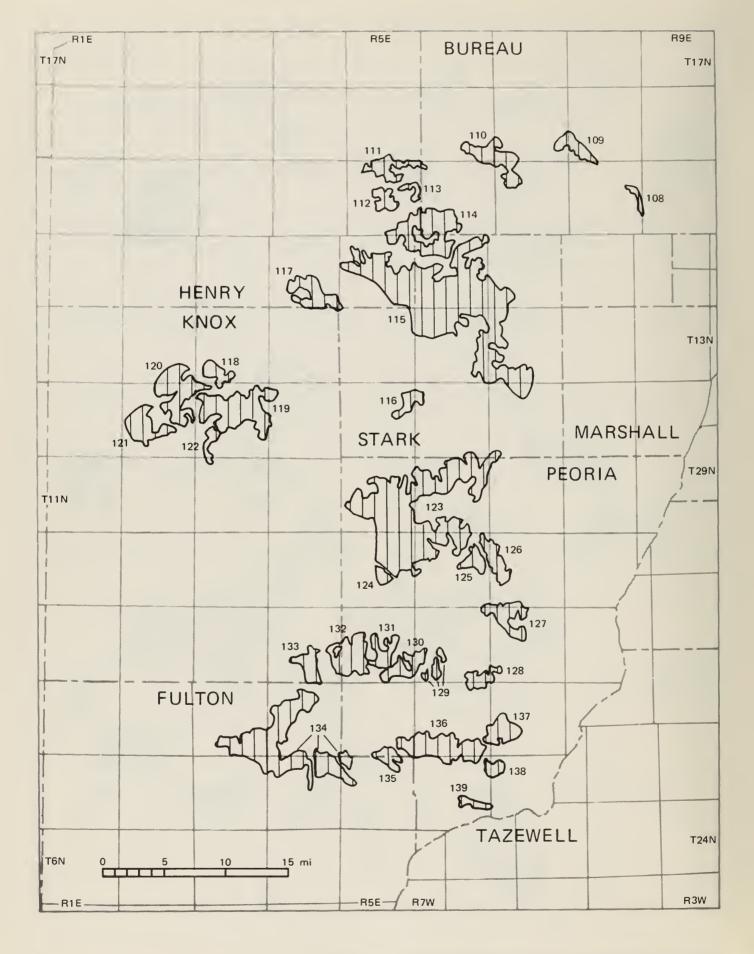


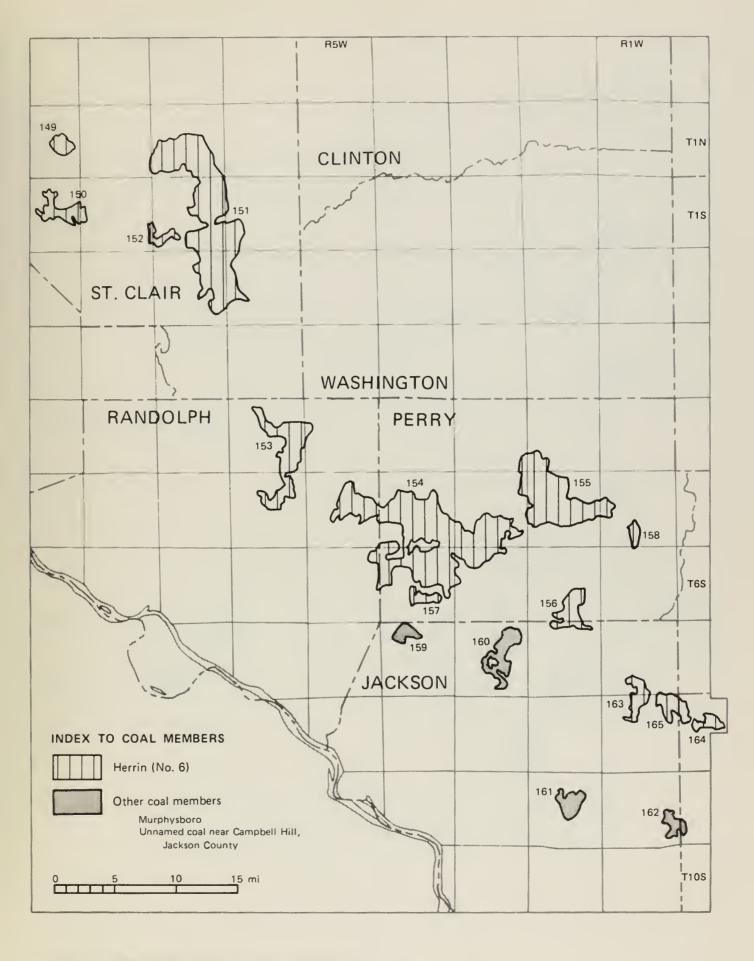


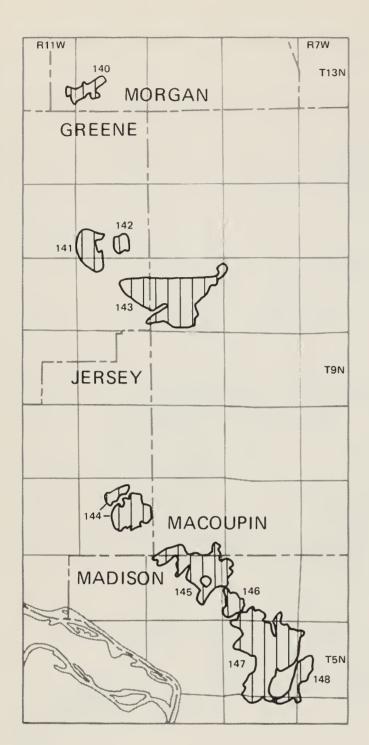


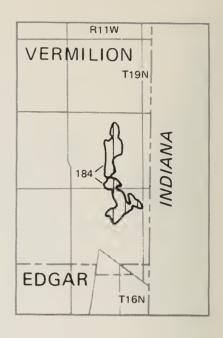


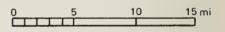


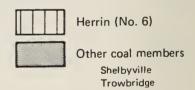












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