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Abstract

Lower Eocene through probable upper Miocene sediments were recovered in a 945-foot core (ACGS #4) taken near Mays Landing, New Jersey. Calcareous nannofossils and planktic foraminifers are common to abundant in most of the lower part of the core. All standard calcareous nannofossil zones from lower Eocene Zone NP 12 through lower Oligocene Zone NP 21 are identified, and the midlatitude Eocene planktic foraminifer zones based on the Turborotalia cerroazulensis lineage are recognized. The Paleogene section of this core is unique for the New Jersey coastal plain because it includes a nearly continuous lower Eocene to lower Oligocene sequence of marine sediments. In contrast, previous analyses of this area indicate that a major unconformity is present between the middle Eocene and the Oligocene.

A time versus depth plot controlled primarily by nannofossil zone boundaries shows that sediment accumulation rates during the early and middle Eocene were in the range of 6 to 15 feet per million years. During the late Eocene, accumulation rates were much higher, perhaps exceeding 70 feet per million years. The only clear hiatus detected in the Paleogene part of ACGS #4 on the basis of microfossils is between the early and (?)late Oligocene. However, hiatuses are suspected at the early-middle Eocene boundary and within the late Eocene. Occurrences of calcareous nannofossils and planktic foraminifers are documented, and a number of key taxa are illustrated.

INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

Core ACGS #4 was drilled near Mays Landing, Atlantic County, N.J. (fig. 1), as part of a cooperative project between the New Jersey State Geological Survey and the U.S. Geological Survey. ACGS #4 was cored continuously to a depth of 945 ft and recovered lower Eocene through probable upper Miocene sediments. The Paleogene sequence is marine, whereas the Miocene is represented by both marine and nonmarine sediments. The Eocene generally contains common to abundant calcareous marine microfossils. Dinoflagellates are abundant in the middle and upper Eocene sediments. Portions of the Eocene and Miocene sections of the core contain siliceous marine microfossils. Spores and pollen occur in variable abundances throughout the entire core in the marine and the nonmarine units. Thus, ACGS #4 provides an excellent biostratigraphic reference section for supplementing our understanding of outcropping and subsurface Tertiary units in New Jersey and for relating these units to subsurface sequences extending out under the present-day continental shelf and slope. Preliminary biostratigraphic analysis of the entire core is outlined in Owens and others (in press), and a detailed study of Miocene diatoms from ACGS #4 has been completed (Andrews, 1987). In this report, we document the calcareous nannofossil and planktic foraminifer biostratigraphy of the Eocene to lower Miocene part of the core. Our study firmly establishes the existence of upper Eocene and lower Oligocene units in this area of the Atlantic Coastal Plain.

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**LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY**

Basic description and interpretation of the sediments recovered in ACGS #4 are given in Owens and others (in press). Generalized lithology, major contacts, and lithologic units identified in the lower part of ACGS #4 are shown in figure 2. The Manasquan, Shark River, and Kirkwood Formations are recognized widely in the surface and the subsurface of the New Jersey coastal plain (for example, Olsson and others, in press). The other Paleogene units identified in ACGS #4 cannot be assigned readily to existing stratigraphic units used in the New Jersey area. Therefore, we follow the informal terminology suggested by Owens and others (in press)—three units, ACGS Alpha, Mays Landing, and ACGS Beta, are designated between the Shark River Formation and the Kirkwood Formation. The ACGS Alpha unit, in turn, is divided into three subunits, A, B, and C (fig. 2).

We recognize that alternative lithostratigraphic interpretations are possible for ACGS #4; for example, one of our reviewers (Kenneth G. Miller, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, written commun., 1987) would refer everything below 792 ft in the core to

*Figure 1. Map showing locality of ACGS #4 (from Andrews, 1987).*
Enright's (1969a) Deal Member of the Manasquan Formation and would restrict the Shark River Formation to an interval of predominantly glauconitic sands between 792 and about 750 ft. The difference in interpretation reflects problems associated with tracing units defined in outcrop into the subsurface and with the generally repetitive sequence of lithofacies that occurs throughout the coastal plain. In defining the Deal Member of the Manasquan Formation, Enright (1969a) noted that it was equivalent to "the ash marl" of Clark (1893) and that, in the subsurface, the Deal Member grades into overlying and underlying units. Because of the gradational nature of the contacts with adjacent units downdip, Enright (1969a) defined the top and bottom of the Deal Member as the points at which coarse glauconite sand appears in more than trace amounts.

As recognized by Owens and others (in press), the base of the Shark River Formation in ACGS #4 is marked by a coarse glauconite sand about 2 ft thick. Coarse glauconite is disseminated in finer matrix for several feet above the sand. Thus, the placement of the boundary between the Manasquan and the Shark River Formations by Owens and others (in press) follows the concept of Enright (1969a). However, with the exception of several other glauconite sand concentrations, coarse glauconite is sparse in the lower part of the Shark River Formation in ACGS #4, and large intervals of the unit look like the Deal Member of the Manasquan Formation.

The alternative interpretations of the lithostratigraphy of the lower part of ACGS #4 demonstrate that identification of lithostratigraphic units in coastal plain sequences is not always straightforward. The differences between some units can be very subtle, and a great deal of supplemental information is often needed to confidently identify units in outcrop and in the subsurface.

**BIOSTRATIGRAPHY**

Occurrences of calcareous nannofossils and planktic foraminifers identified in Eocene to lower Miocene samples from ACGS #4 are plotted in tables 1 and 2–113. Samples were examined for calcareous nannofossils, and 67 samples were studied for foraminifers; in many cases, the same sample was examined for both fossil groups. Most taxa used to define or commonly recognize zone boundaries in the standard calcareous nannofossil zonation of Martini (1971) are found in ACGS #4. In contrast, taxa used to mark boundaries in standard, low-latitude, planktic foraminifer zonations (for example, Blow 1969, 1979; Stainforth and others, 1975) are generally sporadic or absent. Thus, calcareous nannofossils provided the primary biostratigraphic framework for the ACGS #4 core, but planktic foraminifers proved to be important for biostratigraphic interpretations of several intervals of the

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**Figure 2.** Generalized lithology and lithostratigraphic subdivisions of the lower part of ACGS #4 (modified from Owens and others, in press).
core. In the following interpretations and discussions, we rely on Perch-Nielsen (1985) and Martini (1971) for ranges of calcareous nannofossils and on Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) for ranges of planktic foraminifers. We use Berggren and others (1985) for a time scale and correlation of calcareous nannofossil and planktic foraminifer zones.

**Calcareous Nannofossils**

**Zone Assignments**

Figure 3 shows the stratigraphic distribution of selected calcareous nannofossil taxa and zone assignments in the interval from 945 to 575 ft in ACGS #4 (lower Eocene through lower Oligocene). Calcareous nannofossils are generally abundant in samples from the Manasquan Formation through the Mays Landing unit. Only a few barren samples were encountered over this interval, and they are not plotted in table 1. In contrast, samples from the ACGS Beta unit contain very sparse nannofossil assemblages, and many samples are barren. Reworking of calcareous nannofossils is minor in the ACGS #4 core, and reworking is not considered to be a problem in the biostratigraphic interpretation of this material.

Recognition of most nannofossil zones identified in ACGS #4 is straightforward. The cooccurrence of *Discoaster lodoensis* and *Tribrachiatus orthostylus* indicates a Zone NP 12 assignment for the lowermost portion of the core. The Zone NP 12–NP 13 boundary is placed just above the last occurrence of *T. orthostylus*, and the Zone NP 13–NP 14 boundary is just below the first occurrence of *D. sublodoensis*. Identification of the boundaries of Zone NP 15 is somewhat equivocal. This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Nannotetra solitus* to the last occurrence of *Rhabdosphaera gladius*, but the total range of *Nannotetra* is often used to approximate the limits of Zone NP 15 (see Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Nannotetra cristata* first occurs at 866 ft. *Nannotetra fulgens* first occurs at 860 ft, where we have placed the base of Zone NP 15. *Nannotetra* specimens are rare and sporadic in ACGS #4, and *Rhabdosphaera gladius* was found only in one sample (843 ft; table 1). The lower limit of *N. fulgens* is associated with a 4-ft-thick glauconitic unit containing phosphorites. Moreover, *Chiasmolithus gigas*, which is restricted to the middle part of Zone NP 15 and is used to delineate three subzones for NP 15 (= CP 13 of Bukry 1973; 1978), does not occur in our samples. The absence of *C. gigas* in ACGS #4 is curious because other representatives of the genus are relatively common. We suspect that a hiatus representing part of Zone NP 15 and perhaps part of Zone NP 14 is associated with the glauconitic unit. With regard to the top of Zone NP 15, we are reluctant to use the single occurrence of *R. gladius* as the upper limit, so we have used the last occurrence of the genus *Nannotetra* at 802 ft to place the Zone NP 15–NP 16 boundary.

The last continuous occurrence of *Chiasmolithus solitus* (recorded as *C. bidens/C. solitus* in table 1) at 788.5 ft marks the top of Zone NP 16. Continuing upsection, the first occurrence of *C. oamaruensis* delineates the base of Zone NP 18. The Zone NP 17–NP 18 boundary coincides with the base of an interval of mixed foraminifer assemblages, which begins just below the lithologic change that marks the contact between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit. We suspect that an unconformity occurs at or near this level (see discussion below).

The first occurrence of *Isthmolithus recurvus* marks the base of combined Zone NP 19/20. Martini (1971) used the lowest occurrence of *Sphenolithus pseudoradians* to define the base of Zone NP 20, but subsequent work (for example, Martini, 1976) has shown that *S. pseudoradians* occurs much earlier and that the two zones cannot be differentiated. Therefore, Zones NP 19 and NP 20 also are combined in our study, and Zone NP 19/20 is defined as the interval between the first occurrence of *I. recurvus* and the last occurrence of *Discoaster saipanensis*. The last occurrence of *D. saipanensis* at 694 ft marks the top of combined Zone NP 19/20. Support for this boundary placement is provided by the last occurrences of *D. barbdienisis* and *Cribrocentrum reticulatum* (secondary indicators for the top of Zone NP 20) in the sample from 706 ft. These secondary indicators normally become extinct just before the last occurrence of *D. saipanensis*. Thus, the boundary between Zone NP 19/20 and Zone NP 21 falls close to the contact between subdivisions B and C of the ACGS Alpha unit.

The consistent occurrence of *Cyclococcolithus formosus* up to 606 ft in the core indicates the presence of Zone NP 21. If the two occurrences at 591 and 577 ft are interpreted as in situ, then Zone NP 21 extends up to 577 ft; if they are interpreted as reworking, then Zone NP 22 is present between 606 and 577 ft because *Reticulofenestra umbilica* is still present. In the Gulf Coastal Plain, *C. formosus* also decreases in abundance in the upper part of Zone NP 21.

Samples examined from the ACGS Beta unit contain sparse calcareous nannofossil assemblages that are difficult to assign to a zone with confidence. The absence of *Reticulofenestra umbilica* (last occurrence defines Zone NP 22–NP 23 boundary) and the presence of *Heliococcalpha carteri* (lowest occurrence is within Zone NP 24) indicate an assignment no lower than Zone NP 24.

Most of the Kirkwood Formation is barren of calcareous nannofossils, but four samples from the lowest part of this unit yielded sparse assemblages. *Discoaster druggi*, which ranges from Zones NN 2 to NN 5, occurs in samples from 470 and 469.5 ft. Planktic foraminifers...
from this interval of the core indicate assignment to foraminifer Zone N 5, which, according to Berggren and others (1985), corresponds with Zone NN 2. Thus, nannofossil assemblages from 470 and 469.5 ft are compatible with the assignment based on planktic foraminifers.

**Planktic Foraminifers**

**Reworking**

In contrast to calcareous nannofossil assemblages, reworking is much more evident in planktic foraminifer assemblages from several intervals of the core; for example, preservation of foraminifers in the sample from 657.5 ft is highly variable. Delicate Hantkenina that have well-preserved spines occur with robust forms, which have been deformed so badly that they are almost two-dimensional. In addition, a few small specimens found in this sample appear to be Cretaceous taxa. Reworking is very clear in a sample from the interval between 565 and 555 ft within the ACGS Beta unit. C. Wylie Poag [quoted in Owens and others (in press)] found Cretaceous and early Paleogene planktic foraminifers along with possible Oligo-

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**Figure 3.** Stratigraphic distribution of selected calcareous plankton and biostratigraphic summary for the lower part of ACGS #4. Lithostratigraphy follows Owens and others (in press).
ocene or Miocene forms in the sample. Reworking is also evident near the contact between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit (see discussion below).

Other possible instances of reworking are less easily evaluated; for example, most studies indicate that the upper limit of *Planorotalites chapmani* falls within the equivalent of calcareous nannofossil Zones NP 10 to NP 11 (Blow, 1979; Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985). In ACGS #4, however, *P. chapmani* occurs in a sample assigned to Zone NP 12. Should the range of *P. chapmani* be extended, or is *P. chapmani* reworked in the core? Similarly, some *Acarinina* and *Subbotina* in assemblages from the Eocene Manasquan and Shark River Formations appear to be representatives of Paleocene taxa. Full evaluation of the early and middle Eocene planktic foraminifer assemblages from ACGS #4 requires study of additional lower Paleogene sections from the northeastern coastal plain. We have, however, taken reworking into account in the following interpretations.

**Zone Assignments**

Taxa used to recognize standard, low-latitude, planktic foraminifer zonations are generally absent in assemblages from ACGS #4. However, some secondary indicators do occur, and the midlatitude Eocene zonation based on the *Turborotalia cerroazulensis* lineage (Toumarkine and Bolli, 1970; Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985) can be recognized in our material. Thus, planktic foraminifers provide valuable supplementary and corroborative biostratigraphic data for interpretation of ACGS #4.

Assemblages from 945 to 870 ft in the Manasquan Formation and the lower part of the Shark River Formation are compatible with the early to earliest middle Eocene age assignment indicated by the calcareous nannofossils (fig. 3; table 2). The occurrence of *Planorotalites palmerae*, or forms very close to it in samples between 928 and 916 ft, is significant because *P. palmerae* has a brief range near the top of the lower Eocene. Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) indicated that *P. palmerae* is restricted to the lower part of planktic foraminifer Zone P 9 sensu Berggren and others (1985). Correlations of Berggren and others (1985) predict correspondence of the lower part of Zone P 9 with the lower part of calcareous nannofossil Zone NP 13. This correlation is supported by direct observations of *P. palmerae* in the lower part of Zone NP 13 in southern Spain (Hillebrandt, 1976). In ACGS #4, *P. palmerae* occurs within the uppermost part of Zone NP 12, which is very close to the expected association based on the work of Hillebrandt (1976) and the correlations of Berggren and others (1985).

The occurrence of *Turborotalia frontosa* in the sample from 898 ft marks the base of the *T. frontosa* Zone. Calibration with calcareous nannofossils indicates that the first occurrence of *T. frontosa* in ACGS #4 is slightly younger than its first occurrence elsewhere. The first (oldest) occurrence of *T. frontosa* is considered to be at the base of foraminifer Zone P 9 (Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985). Following the correlations of Berggren and others (1985), the first *T. frontosa* should be in calcareous nannofossil Zone NP 13. In ACGS #4, however, the first occurrence of *T. frontosa* is at a level referable to Zone NP 14. Like the case with *Planorotalites palmerae*, the difference is minor, and the observed association is in basic agreement with the correlations of Berggren and others (1985).

Planktic foraminifers are sparse and poorly preserved in the middle part of the Shark River Formation, so it is difficult to evaluate the changes seen at and above the contact at 893 ft between the Manasquan and the Shark River Formations. One clear change across this boundary occurs in *Pseudohastigerina*. *Pseudohastigerina sharkriv­erensis* and compressed *P. spp.*, which show a tendency to develop elongated and clavate chambers reminiscent of *Clavigerinella*, are replaced by representatives of *P. micra* in samples taken between 898 and 876 ft. *Acarinina pseudotopilensis* and *Subbotina lozanoi*, which are consistent components of the assemblages from the Manasquan Formation, do not extend into the Shark River Formation. Planktic foraminifers are sparse and poorly preserved in samples examined between 862 and 809 ft. At 809 ft and continuing up through the rest of the Shark River Formation, planktic foraminifers are usually relatively well preserved, albeit sparse, in some samples. Following Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985), the range of *Turbo­rotalia passagnoensis* (see fig. 3) delineates the *T. passagnoensis* Zone. The base of the zone is shown by a dashed line and questioned in figure 3 because it is likely that the first occurrence of *T. passagnoensis* in ACGS #4 is controlled by preservation.

Recognition of the top of the *Turborotalia pomero­lii/Turborotalia cerroazulensis* Zone is difficult. Toumark­ine and Luterbacher (1985) used the last occurrence of spinose taxa (= *Acarinina* and *Turborotaloides*) to define this boundary. Determining the upper limit of spinose taxa in ACGS #4 is complicated by an interval of mixed foraminifer assemblages associated with the contact between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit at 761 ft. Inspection of table 2 shows that taxa considered to be confined to middle Eocene or lower horizons, such as *Subbotina senni* and *Morozovella spinulo­sosa*, occur with *Globigerina praebulloides*, which does not range down into the middle Eocene. Similarly, the lowest occurrence of the nannofossil *Chiasmolithus oamariensis* at 767.5 ft indicates that the interval between 767.5 and 755 ft is in Zone NP 18. Following the correlations of Berggren and others (1985), Zone NP 18 represents a level above the last occurrences of *S. senni* and *M. spinulosa*. We suspect that the mixed foraminifer assemblages are caused by reworking. Thus, the first definite occurrence of *T. cerroazulensis* at 767.5 ft is used to
approximate the top of the *T. pomeroli/T. ceroazulensis* Zone.

*Turborotalia cunialensis* is present in one sample (662 ft), and that occurrence is used to approximate the top of the *T. ceroazulensis/T. cocoensis* Zone. The last occurrence of the *T. ceroazulensis* plexus, along with the last occurrence of the genus *Hantkenina* at 627.5 ft, marks the top of the *T. cunialensis* Zone. Following the time scale of Berggren and others (1985; see also Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985; Stainforth and others, 1975), the top of the *T. cunialensis* Zone coincides with the Eocene-Oligocene boundary.

Planktic foraminifers were not observed in samples from the Mays Landing unit. The ACGS Beta unit yielded questionable *Globigerina praebulloides* in a sample from 573 ft (table 2) and a reworked assemblage in a sample representing the interval from 565 to 555 ft [C. Wylie Poag quoted in Owens and others (in press)].

Planktic foraminifers are present in a few samples from the lower part of the Kirkwood Formation (table 2). The occurrence of *Globigerinoides altiapertaurus* in samples at 473 and 469 ft suggests a Zone N 5 assignment.

**BIOCHRONOLOGY AND SEDIMENT ACCUMULATION RATES**

Figure 3 summarizes zone assignments and resulting age determinations for the Eocene and early Oligocene stratigraphic units identified in ACGS #4. Calcareous nannofossil assemblages from the Manasquan Formation are indicative of Zones NP 12, NP 13, and part of NP 14. Because the early Eocene-middle Eocene boundary falls within the lower part of Zone NP 14 (Berggren and others, 1985), we tentatively correlate the contact between the Manasquan and the Shark River Formations with the early Eocene-middle Eocene boundary. Planktic foraminifers from the Manasquan Formation are compatible with the age assignments derived from calcareous nannofossils. According to Enright (1969a), the contact between the Manasquan and the Shark River Formations in updip areas of New Jersey is within the lower Eocene and below the first occurrence of *Turborotalia frontosa*. Thus, the contact between the Manasquan and the Shark River Formations is slightly younger in ACGS #4 than it is updip.

The Shark River Formation yields calcareous nannofossils referable to Zones NP 14 through NP 18. The Shark River Formation, as identified in ACGS #4, extends from the middle Eocene into the late Eocene. The ACGS Alpha unit contains calcareous nannofossils indicative of Zones NP 18 through NP 21. Assignments based on planktic foraminifers are in general agreement with the calcareous nannofossil data. Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) correlated the *Turborotalia possessagnoensis* Zone with Zones P 11 and P 12, which, in the correlations of Berggren and others (1985), should match calcareous nannofossil Zones NP 15 (part) and NP 16 (part). Similarly, the *T. pomeroli/T. ceroazulensis* Zone should correspond to parts of Zones NP 16 and NP 17, the *T. ceroazulensis/T. cocoensis* Zone should span the interval from within Zone NP 17 into Zone NP 19/20, and the top of the *T. cunialensis* Zone (and thus the Eocene-Oligocene boundary) should fall within Zone NP 21. Figure 3 shows that the observed correlation of nannofossil and foraminifer zones in ACGS #4 generally matches the predicted correlation by Berggren and others (1985). Thus, the ACGS Alpha unit is late Eocene to early Oligocene (Zones NP 18–NP 21), and the Mays Landing unit is early Oligocene (Zones NP 21 and possibly NP 22). In ACGS #4, the difference between the level of the Eocene-Oligocene boundary as recognized by foraminifers and the base of calcareous nannofossil Zone NP 21 (last *Diccoaster saipanensis*) is 65 ft. A similar offset between these two levels (a minimum of 65 ft) is observed in sequences from Mississippi (Bybell, 1982).

A quartz sand recovered at 575 ft marks the base of the ACGS Beta unit, which is a predominantly coarse-grained, near-shore deposit that contains few planktic microfossils. Taxa identified in our samples are long-ranging (tables 1, 2). Whether the age of the ACGS Beta unit is late Oligocene or early Miocene is equivocal. *Helicopsisphaera carteri*, which is present in Oligocene Zone NP 24 material from the South Carolina Cooper Formation, also occurs in the ACGS Beta unit. However, *Dictyococceites bisectus*, which does not range into the Miocene, is not in our samples; it does occur, however, in the presumed equivalent of the ACGS Beta unit from a hole near Atlantic City. This hole is updip from the ACGS #4 core and contains a more diverse calcareous nannofossil assemblage. If the correlation of the ACGS Beta unit with the unit in the Atlantic City core is correct, then the unit is late Oligocene in age.

The basal 20 ft of the Kirkwood Formation yields planktic foraminifers indicative of Zone N 5, which is early, but not earliest, Miocene. The occurrence of the calcareous nannofossil species *Discoaster druggi* (which ranges from Zones NN 2 to NN 5) in samples from 470 and 469.5 ft is compatible with the early Miocene assignment based on planktic foraminifers. The early Miocene assignment for the basal Kirkwood reinforces the interpretation that the ACGS Beta unit is most likely late Oligocene rather than early Miocene.

We have used the calcareous nannofossil zone assignments and the time scale of Berggren and others (1985) to construct sediment accumulation rates for the early Eocene to early Oligocene of ACGS #4 (fig. 4). Although we have identified a complete sequence of calcareous nannofossil zones in ACGS #4 from Zones NP 12 to at least NP 21, we suspect that at least two
significant hiatuses are present in the Eocene. As was discussed in the zonation section, the coincidence of the Zone NP 14–NP 15 boundary with a coarse glauconitic sand, along with the absence of Chiasmolithus gigas, leads us to suspect that parts of Zones NP 14 and NP 15 are not represented in our core. We also suspect a hiatus may be associated with the contact between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit. Mixed middle and late Eocene foraminifer assemblages occur across the contact between the two units. Moreover, the nannofossil zones in this interval of the core (Zones NP 16–NP 18) are anomalously thin (see fig. 3). However, because our existing data do not allow clear delineation of hiatuses, we have adopted a conservative approach for determining sediment accumulation rates. We have used calcareous nannofossil zone boundaries as control points and assumed linear accumulation rates between the control points to construct figure 4.

Figure 4 shows three segments that have very different average accumulation rates. The average accumulation rate during the interval represented by Zones NP 12 through NP 15 was about 15 ft/m.y. The average accumulation rate over the portion of ACGS #4 represented by Zones NP 16 through NP 18 was much lower, about 6 ft/m.y. In contrast, accumulation rates during the late Eocene to early Oligocene were very high, on the order of around 70 ft/m.y. Our plot shows that the major increase in accumulation rates occurs in the lower part of the ACGS Alpha unit (the Zone NP 18–NP 19/20 boundary). The actual accumulation rate change probably coincides with the boundary between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit.

**REGIONAL STRATIGRAPHY**

Previous studies have identified a major hiatus between the Eocene and Oligocene in this area of the North Atlantic margin. The Paleogene sequence of the New Jersey and Delaware coastal plains was interpreted to consist of gently seaward dipping Paleocene, lower Eocene, middle Eocene, and upper Oligocene units (Olsson and others, 1980, in press; Benson and others, 1985). Upper Eocene and lower Oligocene sediments were thought to be absent. Upper Eocene sediments have been reported in deep wells from easternmost Maryland and New Jersey, but age assignments for those wells were based primarily on studies of benthic foraminifers done before 1950 (for example, Cushman in Anderson, 1948) and require confirmation by modern studies. Recently, Poag (1985, fig. 2) confirmed upper Eocene (Zone P 15) in the Anchor Gas Dickinson No. 1 well at Cape May, N.J., but the completeness and extent of the upper Eocene in that well is still poorly controlled. Olsson and others (1980) noted that the Eocene-Oligocene hiatus extends offshore under the continental shelf but is of lesser duration there. In wells, from the continental shelf, upper, but not uppermost, Eocene sediments are overlain by upper Oligocene sediments (for example, COST B–2, Poag, 1985). Farther offshore, on the continental slope, upper Eocene sediments, including perhaps uppermost Eocene as well as lower Oligocene sediments, have been detected in several cores (ASP 15, Poag, 1985; DSDP 612, Poag, Watts, and others, 1987). The absence of upper Eocene and lower Oligocene sediments from the New Jersey coastal plain and adjacent areas was considered to reflect a major regression during the latest Eocene or early Oligocene (Olsson and others, 1980). Any upper Eocene sediments that had been deposited presumably were stripped off during this low stand with less of the record presumably being removed seaward.

The presence of a thick (about 170 ft) upper Eocene through lower Oligocene sequence in ACGS #4 demonstrates that the Paleogene geologic history of the New Jersey coastal plain is more complex than previously was thought. Clearly, one or more marine basins were present in the inner part of the New Jersey coastal plain during the late Eocene and early Oligocene. The basin or basins collected and preserved a uniquely complete record that has not been reported elsewhere in the New Jersey coastal plain or on the adjacent continental shelf. The confirmation by Poag (1985) of upper Eocene sediments in Anchor Gas Dickinson No. 1 at Cape May, N.J., is important and may represent part of the late Eocene basin sampled by ACGS #4. Additional work is being carried out to determine the size and the extent of this basin or basins.

A similar relation between coastal plain inshore basins and the current continental shelf appears to have existed during the early Miocene. Poag and Ward (1987) indicated that lower Miocene sediments are absent from a number of cores off of New Jersey. However, our study and the summary of Olsson and others (in press) show that the Kirkwood Formation extends well down into the early Miocene.

Figure 5 compares the Eocene and Oligocene sequence from ACGS #4 with a generalized sequence for the Eocene and Oligocene of the Virginia and Maryland coastal plain. Control of the Nanjemoy, the Piney Point, the Chickahominy, and the Old Church Formations is based on an examination of limited samples from these units. In contrast to the ACGS #4 sequence, our preliminary data indicate that the Eocene and Oligocene sections in Virginia and Maryland are punctuated by several major hiatuses representing much of the middle Eocene, late Eocene, and early Oligocene. The Old Church Formation, however, appears to correlate closely with the ACGS Beta unit and may prove to be contemporaneous. Future studies in the northeastern coastal plain are needed to delineate the subsurface geometry of coastal
Figure 4. Sediment accumulation rate diagram for the lower part of ACGS #4. The time scale is from Berggren and others (1985). The control points are calcareous nannofossil zone boundaries and the Eocene-Oligocene boundary is recognized by planktic foraminifers. The diagram was constructed assuming continuous deposition at constant accumulation rates between control points even though hiatuses are suspected to occur near the Zone NP 14–Zone NP 15 boundary and near the contact between the Shark River Formation and the ACGS Alpha unit. (1) = calcareous nannofossil zones, (2) = planktic foraminifer zones, (3) = Orbitoides beckmanni Zone.
plain units, to determine their relation to sequences in offshore cores, and to map major hiatuses.

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Eocene and Oligocene microfossil assemblages from the coastal plain of New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland have not been well documented. In general, previous studies provided limited data on occurrences of species, were not illustrated, and did not take advantage of advances in the use of planktic microfossils for correlations over long distances. In the following section, we list taxa recorded in tables 1 and 2. For planktic foraminifers, reference to a publication that documents our concept of that taxon is provided. For calcareous nannofossils, ranges of stratigraphically diagnostic taxa as compiled by Perch-Nielsen (1985) are given. Comments and illustrations of selected taxa are included for both groups. Illustrated specimens of planktic foraminifers are housed in the U.S. National Museum in Washington, D.C. Better understanding of these microfossil assemblages and subsequent biostratigraphic interpretations will require examination of a broader suite of material throughout the northeastern coastal plain and adjacent offshore areas.

Calcareous Nannofossils

*Blackites creber* (Deflandre *in* Deflandre & Fert, 1954)
Stradner & Edwards, 1968
Plate 8, figure 10

Small specimens of this species occur sporadically in Zone NP 12 in the ACGS #4 core. However, they consistently occur in Zones NP 13 through NP 17. In Alabama, *Blackites creber* was not observed until Zone NP 13 in the Tallahatta Formation (Bybell and Gibson, 1985).

*Blackites spinosus* (Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Hay & Towe, 1962

With the less than perfect preservation for rhabdoliths found in the core, it was virtually impossible to differentiate between this species and *Blackites scabrosus* (Deflandre *in* Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Roth, 1970 in the light microscope. Therefore, possible *B. scabrosus* specimens have been included with *B. spinosus* in table 1.

*Blackites tenuis* (Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961) Sherwood, 1974

This species first occurs in the upper part of Zone NP 14 in the Tallahatta Formation of Alabama and elsewhere in New Jersey. However, in ACGS #4, it was not reported until the lower part of Zone NP 15. This species ranges as high as Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core and in Alabama.

Figure 5. Correlation chart of Eocene and Oligocene units of ACGS #4 with units in Maryland and Virginia.
Chiasmolithus oamaruensis (Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Hay, Mohler, & Wade, 1966
Plate 6, figure 9
Base of Zone NP 18 to near top of Zone NP 22 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens of *Chiasmolithus oamaruensis* found in New Jersey are somewhat smaller than typical specimens found in equatorial waters. They range from the base of Zone NP 18 into Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core.

Chiasmolithus titus Gartner, 1970
Lower part of Zone NP 15 to lower part of Zone NP 21 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens of *Chiasmolithus* that appear to be identical to *C. titus* occur as far down as Zone NP 12 in ACGS #4. Study of this species using the SEM should resolve the true structure and identity of this Eocene species. However, the presence of this species in Zone NP 13 of the Tallahatta Formation in Alabama has been confirmed using the SEM (Bybell and Gibson, 1985), and, thus, we believe the range of *C. titus* should be extended down at least into Zone NP 13.

Coccolithus cribellum (Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961) Stradner, 1962

Coccolithus eopelagicus (Bramlette & Riedel, 1954) Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961

Coccolithus pelagicus (Wallich, 1877) Schiller, 1930

Críbrocentrum reticulatum (Gartner & Smith, 1967) Perch-Nielsen, 1971

Zone NP 16 to lower part of Zone NP 19/20 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the Gulf and Atlantic Coastal Plains, *Críbrocentrum reticulatum* ranges from upper Zone NP 16 to very near the top of Zone NP 19/20. When discoasters are sparse or poorly preserved, this species can be used to mark the approximate top of Zone NP 19/20; for example, in ACGS #4, *C. reticulatum* has its last occurrence 12 ft below the last occurrence of *Discoaster saipanensis*.

Cyclococcolithus formosus Kamptner, 1963
Plate 6, figure 4

The range for this species in table 1 includes specimens that look exactly like *Cyclococcolithus formosus* in the light microscope, except that they are oval instead of round. These oval forms have been found in ACGS #4 as low as Zone NP 12. Examination of these specimens using the SEM is planned to determine if they should be given a separate name. Good circular forms of *C. formosus* extend up through the questionable Zone NP

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21–Zone NP 22 portion of the core, as was mentioned in
the section on zonal assignments of calcareous nannofossils in this paper.

*Cyclococcolithus leptoporus* (Murray &

*Cyclococcolithus neogammation* Bramlette &
Wilcoxon, 1967

*Cyclococcolithus protoannulus* (Gartner, 1971)
Haq & Lohmann, 1976

Without the use of the SEM, it is nearly impossible
to distinguish the several Eocene cyclococcolith species
that resemble *Cyclococcolithus protoannulus*.

*Daktylethra punctulata* Gartner in
Gartner &
Bukry, 1969

Plate 8, figures 1, 2

This species appears fairly consistently in middle
Eocene sediments from the Gulf and the Atlantic Coastal
Plains. In spite of being a holococcolith, it appears to be
fairly resistant to dissolution. Its range appears to be
restricted to Zones NP 15 through NP 17.

*Dictyococcites bisectus* (Hay, Mohler, & Wade,
1966) Bukry & Percival, 1971

Plate 6, figure 5

Upper Zone NP 17 to top of Zone NP 25 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species first appears in the upper
part of Zone NP 17 and ranges to the top of Zone NP 21
in the ACGS #4 core. Its absence in the ACGS #4 Beta
unit (possible late Oligocene in age) is probably a result
of the poor preservation and very low species diversity in
these samples. As was mentioned in the “Biochronology
and Sediment Accumulation Rates” section, *Dictyococ­
cites bisectus* was found in an equivalent lithologic unit
near Atlantic City, which had better calcareous nannofos­
sil preservation.

*Dictyococcites daviesi* (Haq, 1968) Perch-Nielsen,
1971

Zone NP 16 to lower part of Zone NP 21 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This equivocal species actually may rep­
resent several related perforate species. In the ACGS #4 core, it ranges from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 19/20.

*Dictyococcites scrippsa*e Bukry & Percival, 1971

Zone NP 16 to top of Zone NP 25 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Dictyococcites scrippsa*e is quite similar to *D. bisectus* under a light microscope. It differs mainly in its
smaller size and by being much less bright under polar­
ized light. It ranges from upper Zone NP 17 through
Zone NP 21 in the core. Its absence from Zone NP 16 in
New Jersey is unexplained at this time.

*Discoaster barbadiensis* Tan Sin Hok, 1927

Plate 7, figure 4

Mid-Zone NP 12 to top of Zone NP 19/20; dashed
occurrence down to Zone NP 10 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985).
This species ranges from Zone NP 12 in the core to just
below the top of Zone NP 19/20. Surprisingly, *Discoaster barbadiensis* was not found in Zone NP 12 material in the
Tallahatta Formation of Alabama, where it does not
occur until Zone NP 13.

*Discoaster biflex* Bukry, 1971

Zone NP 16 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species
was only found in one Zone NP 16 sample from the
ACGS #4 core.

*Discoaster binodosus* Martini, 1958

**Discoaster deflandrei** Bramlette & Riedel, 1954

*Discoaster druggi* Bramlette & Wilcoxon, 1967

*Discoaster elegans* Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961

Upper Zone NP 9 to Zone NP 11 (Perch-Nielsen,
1985). At least two different species appear to have been
included within the name *Discoaster elegans*—the typical
forms with a narrow stem that were originally described
by Bramlette and Sullivan (1961) from the lower and
middle Eocene and a similar form found in Zone NP 10
of the Bashi Formation of Alabama. These older speci­
mens also have 11–15 concentrically lined rays, but the
stem is very broad and tall. Forms found in the ACGS #4
core are of the narrow-stem variety and only occur in
Zone NP 17 through Zones NP 19/20. However, narrow­
stemmed forms were found as low down as Zone NP 14 in
the Tallahatta Formation of Alabama. Clearly, this species
needs additional study.

*Discoaster kuepperi* Stradner, 1959

Plate 7, figure 1

Mid-Zone NP 12 to upper part of Zone NP 14
(Perch-Nielsen, 1985). The range of this species in the
ACGS #4 of Zones NP 12–NP 14 agrees with that
presented in Perch-Nielsen (1985). However, poorly
pre­served specimens of the broad-stemmed variety of
*Discoaster elegans*, in which the concentric lines are not
discernible, can be confused easily with *D. kuepperi*; this
could explain the inconsistent range reported in the
published literature for this species.

*Discoaster lodoensis* Bramlette & Riedel, 1954

Plate 7, figure 3

Base of Zone NP 12 to mid-Zone NP 14 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species also ranges from Zone NP 12
to mid-Zone NP 14 in the ACGS #4 core. It would be
interesting to see how closely the extinction of this species
 correlates with the lower-middle Eocene boundary.
**Discoaster mirus** Deflandre *in* Deflandre & Fert, 1954

Zone NP 13 to mid-Zone NP 14 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, this species was found from Zone NP 12 to lower Zone NP 14.

**Discoaster nodifer** (Bramlette & Riedel, 1954) Bukry, 1973

Mid-Zone NP 17 to Zone NP 20; dashed occurrences down to Zone NP 15 and up to Zone NP 23 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species occurs from mid-Zone NP 17 into Zone NP 21 in ACGS #4. This species is never very common in the corehole and has generally poor preservation.

**Discoaster saipanensis** Bramlette & Riedel, 1954

Plate 7, figure 5

Zone NP 16 to top of Zone NP 19/20; dashed occurrence down to the lower part of Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, *Discoaster saipanensis* ranges from the base of Zone NP 14 to the top of Zone NP 19/20.

**Discoaster sublodoensis** Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961

Plate 7, figure 2

Base of Zone NP 14 to Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, *Discoaster sublodoensis* ranges from the base of Zone NP 14 to the upper part of Zone NP 15.

**Discoaster tani** Bramlette & Riedel, 1954

Mid-Zone NP 17 to top of Zone NP 22; dashed occurrence up into lower one-half of Zone NP 23 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Discoaster tani* ranges definitely from Zones NP 18 to NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core. Three possible occurrences are in Zone NP 16. This species rarely is well preserved in coastal plain material, and little confidence is placed in its range in these sediments.

**Discoaster variabilis** Martini & Bramlette, 1963

Zone NN 5 to mid-Zone NN 16 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species is found only in one sample in the lower part of the Kirkwood Formation in the ACGS #4 core.

**Discolithina bicaveata** Perch-Nielsen, 1967

*Discolithina bicaveata* only appears to occur in Zones NP 12–NP 14 in the ACGS #4 core. All the species in this genus have not had their ranges adequately determined because they do not occur consistently in coastal plain deposits. Once their ranges are known, several species probably will be extremely useful in dating Paleogene sediments.

**Discolithina multipora** (Kamptner *ex* Deflandre, 1959) Martini, 1965

**Discolithina pectinata** (Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961) Levin, 1965

This species occurs in the ACGS #4 core from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 14. It occurs from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 15 in the Gulf Coastal Plain of Alabama.

**Discolithina wechesensis** (Bukry & Percival, 1971) Bybell, 1975

This species occurs from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 18 in the ACGS #4 core. It first occurs in the upper part of Zone NP 14 in the Tallahatta Formation in Alabama.

**Ellipsolithus lajollaensis** Bukry & Percival, 1971

This species occurs only in Zone NP 12 in the ACGS #4 core and was found only in Zone NP 14 in the Tallahatta Formation.

**Goniolithus fluckigeri** Deflandre, 1957

**Hayella situiformis** Gartner, 1965

This species was found only in one sample in Zone NP 19/20 in the ACGS #4 core. It probably does occur fairly frequently in coastal plain material, but it is difficult to identify because its small base looks like a *Cruciplacolithus* when the thin plate is broken off. Only by using the SEM can one positively identify remnants of the support structure for the large plate on the base of specimens.

**Helicosphaera bramlettei** (Muller, 1970) Jafar & Martini, 1975

Upper Zone NP 17 to upper Zone NP 25; dashed occurrence down to Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens very similar to this species occur from Zone NP 15 up into Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core.

**Helicosphaera carteri** (Wallich, 1877) Kamptner, 1954

Zone NN 11 to Recent; dashed occurrence down to Zone NN 1 for *Helicosphaera kamptneri* (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species occurs in the ACGS Beta unit (believed to be probably late Oligocene in age) and in the Kirkwood Formation in the ACGS #4 core. *Helicosphaera carteri* is also present in the upper Oligocene portion of the Cooper Formation (Zone NP 24) in South Carolina. Specimens have not been observed using the SEM, but under the light microscope they have two small openings; this corresponds to specimens assigned to *H. kamptneri* by Perch-Nielsen (1985).

**Helicosphaera compacta** Bramlette & Wilcoxon, 1967

Mid-Zone NP 17 to top of Zone NP 24 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Helicosphaera compacta* occurs from Zone NP 17 into Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core. In
Alabama, however, this species first appears in the upper part of Zone NP 16.

**Helcosphaera dinesenii** *(Perch-Nielsen, 1971)*
**Jafar & Martini, 1975**

Base of Zone NP 15 to top of Zone NP 16 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, this species occurs in Zones NP 15 through NP 17.

**Helcosphaera euphratis** *(Haq, 1966)*

Mid-Zone NP 18 to top of Zone NP 22; dashed occurrence up to Zone NN 5 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Only one occurrence of this species in the ACGS #4 core was detected in Zone NP 19/20. It appears to be much more abundant in the presumably warmer waters of the Eocene in South Carolina and Alabama.

**Helcosphaera lophota** *(Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961)*
**Haq, 1971**

Base of Zone NP 12 to top of Zone NP 18 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Helcosphaera lophota* first occurs in uppermost Zone NP 12 in the Tallahatta Formation. In the ACGS #4 core, it is not reported until mid-Zone NP 13 and ranges up into Zone NP 17. One occurrence in Zone NP 19/20 is questionable.

**Helcosphaera papillata** *(Bukry & Bramlette, 1969)*
**Jafar & Martini, 1975**

Base of Zone NP 13 to top of Zone NP 14 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). One sample in Zone NP 16 of the ACGS #4 core contains one specimen of this species.

**Helcosphaera reticulata** *(Bramlette & Wilcoxon, 1967)*

Base of Zone NP 18 to top of Zone NP 22; dashed occurrence down into Zone NP 17 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, *Helcosphaera reticulata* occurs in Zones NP 19/20 and NP 21. In the Lisbon Formation of Alabama, this species was found as far down as the uppermost Zone NP 16 sample (Bybell, 1975).

**Helcosphaera seminulum** *(Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961)*
**Plate 8, figure 9**

Lower part of Zone NP 12 to top of Zone NP 16 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens that cannot be distinguished from *Helcosphaera seminulum* using the light microscope occur from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 18 in the ACGS #4 core.

**Isthmolithus recurvus** *(Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954)*
**Bybell, 1975**

Base of Zone NP 19 to lower part of Zone NP 22 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species occurs from the base of Zone NP 19/20 into Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core. It has its last occurrence within Zone NP 21 in Alabama.

**Lanternithus minitus** *(Stradner, 1962)*
**Plate 8, figure 3**

*Lanternithus minitus* occurs from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 21 in the ACGS #4 core. It occurs from Zone NP 14 into Zone NP 21 in Alabama.

**Lithostromation operosum** *(Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954)*
**Bybell, 1975**

Plate 8, figure 8

In the ACGS #4 core, this species occurs from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 18. In Alabama, *Lithostromation operosum* first occurs in Zone NP 14 of the Tallahatta Formation and is still present in the Zone NP 21 Bumpnose Formation.

**Lithostromation perdurum** *(Deflandre, 1942)*

**Lithostromation simplex** *(Klumpp, 1953)*
**Bybell, 1975**

In the ACGS #4 core, *Lithostromation simplex* occurs from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 17. This species first occurs in Zones NP 14 of the Tallahatta Formation of Alabama and ranges up into Zone NP 21 of the Marrianna Formation.

**Lophodolithus acutus** *(Bukry & Percival, 1971)*

**Lophodolithus mochlophorus** *(Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954)*
**Bybell, 1975**

Mid-Zone NP 13 to upper part of Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Lophodolithus mochlophorus* only occurs in Zone NP 14 of the ACGS #4 core. It occurs in Zones NP 14 and NP 15 in Alabama.

**Lophodolithus nascens** *(Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961)*

Upper part of Zone NP 9 to lower part of Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, *Lophodolithus nascens* occurs from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 14. In Maryland and Virginia, *L. nascens* first occurs in Zone NP 10. It occurs from Zone NP 10 of the Bashi Formation into Zone NP 14 of the Tallahatta Formation of Alabama.

**Markalius inversus** *(Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954)*
**Bramlette & Martini, 1964**

**Nannotetrina cristata** *(Martini, 1958)*
**Perch-Nielsen, 1971**

Upper part of Zone NP 14 to top of Zone NP 15 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species occurs from the uppermost part of Zone NP 14 (6 ft below the first occurrence
of *Nannotetris fulgens* in ACGS #4) to the top of Zone NP 15 as determined by the last occurrence of *N. fulgens*.

*Nannotetris fulgens* (Stradner, 1960) Achuthan & Stradner, 1969
Plate 8, figure 12

*Neococcolithes dubius* (Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Black, 1967
Plate 7, figure 9

Mid-Zone NP 12 to top of Zone NP 16; dashed occurrence up to Zone NP 18 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens placed in this species occur in the ACGS #4 core from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 19/20. *Neococcolithes dubius* and similar species are difficult to identify in the light microscope, especially when preservation is less than perfect, and it is assumed that *N. dubius* in the ACGS #4 core represents more than one species.

*Neococcolithes nuda* Perch-Nielsen, 1971
Plate 7, figure 12

Upper Zone NP 16 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). This species was only observed in Zone NP 17 in the core hole at a depth of 784.5 ft.

*Pemna basquense* (Martini, 1959) Bybell & Gartner, 1972
Plate 8, figure 6

In the ACGS #4 core, *Pemna basquense* occurs from the uppermost sample of Zone NP 14 into Zone NP 18.


This species was found only in upper Zone NP 15 and Zone NP 16 in the ACGS #4 core.

*Reticulofenestra callida* (Perch-Nielsen, 1971)
Bybell, 1975

Specimens listed for this species in table 1 probably include several similar species. Much work needs to be done on this and related species, particularly in the upper Eocene and Oligocene.

*Reticulofenestra floridana* (Roth & Hay in Hay et al., 1967) Theodoridis, 1984

Mid-Zone NP 20 into the Neogene (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens that appear to be this species under the light microscope occur from Zone NP 16 into the Miocene Kirkwood of the ACGS #4 core.

*Reticulofenestra hillae* Bukry & Percival, 1971

Mid-Zone NP 17 to top of Zone NP 22 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, specimens included within this species occur from Zone NP 15 into Zone NP 21.

Plate 6, figures 1, 2

Zone NP 16 to top of Zone NP 22 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). Specimens that look like *Reticulofenestra umbilica* under the light microscope occur in the ACGS #4 core from Zone NP 15 up into Zone NP 21.

*Rhabdosphaera gladius* Locker, 1967

Rhabdosphaera inflata* Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961

*Rhabdosphaera vitrea* (Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Bramlette & Sullivan, 1961

This species was only found in Zones NP 17 and NP 18 in the ACGS #4 core. It occurs from Zone NP 17 up into Zone NP 21 in Alabama.

*Scyphosphaera tubicena* Stradner, 1969

This species was only found in Zones NP 12 and NP 13 in the ACGS #4 core.

*Sphenolithus moriformis* (Brønnimann & Stradner) Bramlette & Wilcoxen, 1967

*Sphenolithus radians* Deflandre in Grasse, 1952


Plate 6, figure 3

Dashed in Zones NP 12 and NP 13 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). In the ACGS #4 core, *Toweius occultatus* occurs from Zone NP 12 up into Zone NP 14. This species first occurs in Zone NP 11 in Virginia and Maryland and ranges from Zone NP 11 into Zone NP 14 in Alabama. *Toweius occultatus* is considered by the authors to be a useful biostratigraphic marker in lower Eocene coastal plain deposits.

*Transversopontis pulcher* (Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Perch-Nielsen, 1967
Plate 7, figure 6

In the ACGS #4 core, *Transversopontis pulcher* occurs from Zone NP 12 into Zone NP 15 and possibly Zone NP 18. In Maryland and Virginia, this species first occurs at the base of Zone NP 10; it also occurs at the base of Zone NP 10 in Alabama. The first occurrence of *T. pulcher* can be used to approximate the Zone NP 9–NP 10 boundary when the genus *Tribrachiatus* is sparse or absent.

*Transversopontis pulcheroides* (Sullivan, 1964)
Baldi-Bekte, 1971
Plate 7, figures 7, 8

In the ACGS #4 core, this species first occurs in Zone NP 12 and ranges up into the ACGS Beta unit
(probably late Oligocene in age). Under the light microscope, this species cannot be differentiated easily from *Transversopontis pulchriporus*. In table 1, *T. pulcheroides* probably also contains representatives of *T. pulchriporus*.

*Transversopontis zigzag* Roth & Hay in Hay et al., 1967

Plate 7, figures 10, 11

In the ACGS #4 core, specimens included in this small species range from Zone NP 15 up into the probable upper Oligocene ACGS Beta unit.

*Tribrachiatus orthostylus* Shamrai, 1963

Plate 8, figure 7

Upper part of Zone NP 10 to top of Zone NP 12; dashed occurrence up to Zone NP 14 (Perch-Nielsen, 1985). *Tribrachiatus orthostylus* only occurs up through Zone NP 12 in the ACGS #4 core. It first occurs in upper Zone NP 10 in Virginia and Maryland. We have never found this species occurring with *Discoaster sublodoensis* in either the Atlantic or the Gulf Coastal Plains.


Until this species is seen with the SEM, it is impossible to be certain of its identification. However, it does appear to be very similar to published light microscope illustrations of *Trochastites hohnensis*. It was only found in Zones NP 15 and NP 16 in the ACGS #4 core.

*Zygrhablithus bijugatus* (Deflandre in Deflandre & Fert, 1954) Deflandre, 1959

Plate 8, figures 4, 5

This species occurs from Zone NP 12 up into the ACGS Beta unit (probably late Oligocene in age) of the ACGS #4 core. It appears to occur as far down as Zone NP 10 in Virginia and Maryland. In Alabama, *Zygrhablithus bijugatus* occurs from Zone NP 10 at least up into Zone NP 21.

**Planktic Foraminifers**

*Acarinina appressocamerata* Blow, 1979

*Acarinina appressocamerata* Blow, 1979, p. 907, pl. 144, figs. 2, 4–9, pl. 144, figs. 1, 3.

*Acarinina aspensis* (Colom), 1954

*Acarinina aspensis* (Colom), Blow, 1979, p. 908, pl. 148, figs. 1–3, pl. 157, figs. 1–6.

*Acarinina broedermannii* (Cushman and Bermúdez), 1949

*Acarinina broedermannii* (Cushman and Bermúdez), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 130, fig. 29, nos. 14–19.

**Acarinina bullbrooki** (Bolli), 1957

*Globorotalia bullbrooki* Bolli, 1957c, p. 167, pl. 38, figs. 4, 5.

We include *Acarinina spinuloinflata* (Bandy) and *Acarinina mathewssae* Blow with *A. bullbrooki*.

*Acarinina pentacamerata* (Subbotina), 1936

*Globorotalia pentacamerata* Subbotina, Stainforth and others, 1975, p. 212, fig. 73.

*Acarinina primitiva* (Finlay), 1947

*Pseudogloboquadrina primitiva* (Finlay), Jenkins, 1971, p. 170, pl. 18, figs. 555–561.

Typical *Acarinina primitiva* only occur in the sample from 767.5 ft. It is likely that the specimens are reworked from horizons stratigraphically below the lowest level cored in ACGS #4.

*Acarinina pseudotopilensis* Subbotina, 1953

*Globorotalia pseudotopilensis* (Subbotina), Stainforth and others, 1975, fig. 78.

*Acarinina soldadoensis angulosa* (Bolli), 1957

*Globigerina soldadoensis angulosa* Bolli, 1957a, p. 71, pl. 16, figs. 4–6.

*Acarinina soldadoensis soldadoensis* (Brönnimann), 1952

*Globigerina soldadoensis soldadoensis* (Brönnimann), Bolli, 1957a, p. 71, pl. 16, figs. 7–12.

*Catapsydrax unicavus* Bolli, Loeblich, and Tappan, 1957

*Catapsydrax unicavus* Bolli and others, 1957, p. 37, pl. 7, fig. 9.

**Dentoglobigerina altispira** (Cushman and Jarvis), 1936

*Globoquadrina altispira altispira* (Cushman and Jarvis), Bolli, 1957b, p. 111, pl. 24, figs. 7, 8.

**Dentoglobigerina galavisi** (Bermúdez), 1961

Plate 4, figures 6, 9

*Dentoglobigerina galavisi* (Bermúdez), Blow, 1979, p. 1301, pl. 5, figs. 1–3, pl. 16, figs. 4, 5, pl. 177, figs. 8, 9, pl. 186, figs. 8, 9, pl. 191, figs. 8, 9, pl. 244, figs. 1, 2.

*Dentoglobigerina galavisi* is a subquadrate form. The umbilical face of the ultimate chamber extends down into a deep umbilical pit. A definite tooth is developed in the center of the apertural rim, and the tooth protrudes out into the umbilicus.
Dentoglobigerina globularis (Bermúdez), 1961

Globoquadrina globularis Bermúdez, 1961, p. 1311, pl. 13, figs. 4–6.

Globigerina ampliapertura Bolli, 1957
Plate 4, figures 3–5

Globigerina ampliapertura Bolli 1957b, p. 108, pl. 22, figs. 5–7 (not fig. 4).

Globigerina angustiumbilicata Bolli, 1957

Globigerina ciperoensis angustiumbilicata Bolli, 1957b, p. 109, pl. 22, figs. 12, 13.

Globigerina ciperoensis Bolli, 1957

Globigerina ciperoensis ciperoensis Bolli, 1957b, p. 110, pl. 24, figs. 5, 6.

Globigerina euapertura Jenkins, 1960

Globigerina euapertura Jenkins, 1971, p. 147, pl. 15, figs. 457–461, pl. 16, fig. 462.

Globigerina juvenilis Bolli, 1957

Globigerina juvenilis Bolli, 1957b, p. 110, pl. 24, figs. 5, 6.

Globigerina obesa (Bolli), 1957

Globorotalia obesa Bolli, 1957b, p. 119, pl. 29, figs. 2, 3.

Globigerinatheka index (Finlay), 1939

Globigerinatheka index index (Finlay), Bolli, 1972, p. 124, pl. 1, figs. 1–4, 6, 7, text-figs. 51–57, 63, 64.

Globigerinatheka mexicana (Cushman), 1925
Plate 5, figures 10–12

Globigerinatheka mexicana mexicana (Cushman), Bolli, 1972, p. 129, pl. 2, figs. 1–5, pl. 4, figs. 1–6, text-figs. 1–11.

Three subspecies (ugleri, barri, and mexicana) commonly are recognized within the Globigerina mexicana group (Bolli, 1972). Specimens from ACGS #4 referred to as G. mexicana are small, fairly compact, and globular to subglobular in shape and clearly fall within G. mexicana. However, differentiation of the common subspecies is not possible in our material primarily because of poor preservation, and they are recorded as G. mexicana (s.l.) in table 2. It is likely that specimens illustrated in plate 5 are G. mexicana barri, but they are included within G. mexicana for the present.

Globigerinatheka uvula (Ehrenberg), 1861

Globigerinatheka uvula (Ehrenberg), Parker, 1962, p. 252, pl. 8, figs. 14–26.

Globigerinoides altiaperturus Bolli, 1957

Globigerinoides altiaperturus Bolli, 1957b, p. 113, pl. 25, figs. 7, 8.

Globigerinoides sacculifer (Brady), 1877

Globigerinoides sacculifer (Brady), Bolli, 1957b, p. 113, pl. 25, figs. 5, 6.


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**Globorotalia increbescens (Bandy), 1949**

Plate 4, figures 1, 2

*Globorotalia increbescens* (Bandy), Stainforth and others, 1975, p. 283, fig. 123.

*Globorotalia increbescens* is distinguished from *Globigerina ampliapertura* by its extraumbilical-umbilical aperture. In addition, chambers of *Globorotalia increbescens* increase very gradually in size so that the ultimate and penultimate chambers are nearly identical. Umbilical, and the chambers of the ultimate whorl increase regularly in size. Intergrades do exist between the two, so it is likely that they are closely related, and separation into different genera is artificial.

*Globorotalia nana* Bolli, 1957

Plate 5, figure 9

*Globorotalia opina nana* Bolli, 1957b, p. 118, pl. 28, fig. 3.

*Globorotalia siakensis* LeRoy, 1939


*Globorotaloides carcoselleensis* Toumarkine and Bolli, 1975

Plate 1, figures 4, 5, 7

*Globorotaloides carcoselleensis* Toumarkine and Bolli, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 150, fig. 41, nos. 9–16.

*Guembelitria* spp.

No attempt was made to identify species of *Guembelitria*.

*Hantkenina alabamensis* Cushman, 1925

*Hantkenina alabamensis* Cushman, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 123, fig. 25, nos. 1–10.

*Hantkenina dumblei* Weinzierl and Applin, 1929


*Hantkenina longispina* Cushman, 1925

*Hantkenina longispina* Cushman, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 123, fig. 25, no. 11.

Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) included *Hantkenina longispina* within the variability of *H. alabamensis*. Specimens assigned by us to *H. longispina* have distinctly longer spines than *H. alabamensis*, and we prefer to keep them separate.

*Hantkenina primitiva* Cushman and Jarvis, 1929


*Morozovella aragonensis* (Nuttall), 1930

*Morozovella aragonensis* (Nuttall), Bolli, 1957a, p. 75, pl. 18, figs. 7–9.

*Morozovella aragonensis* is poorly represented in assemblages from ACGS #4. The occurrences in samples from 920 and 911 ft represent rare, but typical, specimens. Forms referred to *M. aragonensis* in the sample from 809 ft appear to be atypical representatives of *M. aragonensis caucasica*. All forms are recorded as *M. aragonensis* (s.l.) in table 2.

*Morozovella lensiformis* (Subbotina), 1953

*Morozovella lensiformis* (Subbotina), Stainforth and others, 1975, p. 200, fig. 61.

*Morozovella spinulosa* (Cushman), 1927

Plate 5, figures 4–6

*Morozovella spinulosa* (Cushman), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 130, fig. 30, nos. 1–8, 11, 12, ? nos. 9, 10.

Type material of *Morozovella spinulosa* and the holotype of *M. lehneri* were examined at the U.S. National Museum. The holotype of *M. spinulosa* is a small, delicate specimen that has five chambers in the final whorl. All chambers in the final whorl have a thin keel. The chambers do not show any radial elongation. The test is smooth and has few pustules on the umbilical side. Nine paratypes are present; however, one is clearly a different species. The remaining eight paratypes are similar to the holotype, but all show some radial elongation of one or more chambers in the final whorl. Many of the paratypes would be placed in *M. lehneri* by current workers; for example, specimens illustrated as *M. lehneri* by Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985, fig. 31, nos. 7, 13) compare well with two paratypes of *M. spinulosa*.

The holotype of *Morozovella lehneri* is a large form that has six full chambers in the final whorl. The last few chambers show pronounced radial elongation and have a thickened keel at the distal ends of the chambers. Previous workers have noted that *M. lehneri* evolved from *M. spinulosa* and that transitional forms exist between the two taxa (Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985; Blow, 1979). The question thus becomes where to separate the two. For the purposes of this study, the concept of *M. lehneri* is restricted to large forms that have distinctly radially elongated chambers and a thickened keel like the holotype of *M. lehneri* (see also Bolli, 1957c, pl. 38, fig. 11). Transitional forms are included in *M. spinulosa*. 
Planorotalites chapmani (Parr), 1938

Planorotalites chapmani (Parr), Berggren, Olsson, and others, 1967, p. 277, pl. 1, figs. 1–6, text-fig. 1, text-fig. 3, no. 1, text-fig. 4.

Planorotalites palmerae (Cushman and Bermúdez), 1937

Planorotalites palmerae (Cushman and Bermúdez), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 117, fig. 20, nos. 14–29.

Typical Planorotalites palmerae specimens occur in the sample from 920 ft, and specimens transitional from P. pseudoscitula to P. palmerae are present in samples from 928 and 916 ft. A sample from 924 ft (not plotted in table 2) also contains good representatives of P. palmerae. The occurrence of P. palmerae in ACGS #4 is significant because it is the first record of this distinctive and stratigraphically restricted species in the Atlantic Coastal Plain. The ACGS #4 record extends the biogeographic distribution of P. palmerae to the midlatitude regions of the western Atlantic. We presume P. palmerae was brought up along the coast by the proto-Gulf Stream and thus anticipate that future studies will find it in sediments of appropriate age to the south and offshore of New Jersey.

Planorotalites pseudoimitata (Blow), 1979

Globorotalia pseudoimitata Blow, 1979, p. 1104, pl. 101, figs. 1–3, pl. 106, figs. 2–10, pl. 108, figs. 1–3.

Planorotalites pseudoscitula (Glaessner), 1937

Planorotalites pseudoscitula (Glaessner), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 118, fig. 20, nos. 2–10.

Pseudohastigerina micra (Cole), 1927

Pseudohastigerina micra (Cole), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 118, fig. 21, nos. 1–9.

We agree with Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) and include Pseudohastigerina damvellensis (Howe and Wallace) in P. micra.

Pseudohastigerina naguewichiensis (Myatliuk), 1950

Pseudohastigerina naguewichiensis (Myatliuk), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 119, fig. 21, nos. 10–17.

We agree with Toumarkine and Luterbacher (1985) and include Pseudohastigerina barbadoensis Blow with P. naguewichiensis. These forms are recorded as P. naguewichiensis (s.l.) in table 2.

Pseudohastigerina sharkriverensis Berggren and Olsson, 1967

Pseudohastigerina sharkriverensis Berggren and Olsson, Berggren, Olsson, and others, 1967, p. 280, pl. 1, figs. 7–11, text-figs. 7, 8.

Specimens assigned to Pseudohastigerina sharkriverensis are relatively large forms that generally have asymmetrical apertures. Forms referred to P. sharkriverensis in ACGS #4 are confined to sediments assigned to the Manasquan Formation, which, with the exception of the sample at 898 ft, is prior to the first appearance of Turborotalia frontosa. The ACGS #4 record appears to match the work of Enright (1969a), who noted that the P. sharkriverensis Assemblage Zone lies below the first occurrence of T. frontosa in the New Jersey Atlantic Coastal Plain.

Pseudohastigerina wilcoxensis (Cushman and Ponton), 1932

Pseudohastigerina wilcoxensis (Cushman and Ponton), Berggren and others, 1967, p. 278, text-fig. 2a-v, text-fig. 3, nos. 2–5, text-fig. 4, nos. 2–5, text-fig. 5, nos. 1–9, text-fig. 6, nos. 1–6.

Streptochilus cubensis (Palmer), 1934

Chiloguembelina cubensis (Palmer), Beckmann, 1957, p. 89, pl. 21, fig. 21, text-fig. 14, nos. 5–8.

See Poore and Gosnell (1985) for a discussion of the generic assignment of Streptochilus cubensis and S. martini.

Streptochilus martini (Pijpers), 1933

Chiloguembelina martini (Pijpers), Beckmann, 1957, p. 89, pl. 21, fig. 14, text-fig. 14, nos. 14–18, 20–23.

Subbotina angiporoides (Hornibrook), 1961


Subbotina angiporoides is rare and not very well developed in assemblages from ACGS #4. The specimen illustrated in plate 4, however, falls well within the range of variation seen in populations of S. angiporoides. Assemblages from subunits A and B of the ACGS Alpha unit contain specimens that appear transitional between S. angiporoides and S. linaperta.
Subbotina eocaena (Guembel), 1868

Globigerina eocaena Guembel, Stainforth and others, 1975, p. 268, fig. 115.

Subbotina eocaena is used for a wide range of "globigerinid" forms. See Stainforth and others (1975) for a discussion of problems with Eocene Subbotina.

Subbotina griffinae (Blow), 1979

Globorotalia griffinae Blow, 1979, p. 1072, pl. 150, figs. 5–9, pl. 157, fig. 7, pl. 162, figs. 8 and 9, pl. 165, figs. 1–3.

Subbotina higginsi (Bolli), 1957

"Globigerinoides" higginsi Bolli, 1957c, p. 164, pl. 36, figs. 11–13.

Subbotina hornibrooki (Brönnimann), 1952

Subbotina hornibrooki hornibrooki (Brönnimann), Blow, 1979, p. 1269, pl. 101, figs. 7, 9, pl. 124, figs. 7, 8, pl. 142, fig. 6, pl. 160, fig. 4.

Subbotina inaequispira (Subbotina), 1953

Subbotina inaequispira (Subbotina), Blow, 1979, p. 1271, pl. 151, figs. 5–7, pl. 163, figs. 4–10, pl. 177, fig. 3, pl. 180, figs. 1–7, pl. 185, fig. 9, pl. 186, fig. 1, pl. 191, fig. 7.

Subbotina lineaperta (Finlay), 1939

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Globigerina lineaperta Finlay, Jenkins, 1971, p. 162, pl. 18, figs. 551–554.

Subbotina lozanoi (Colom), 1954

Globigerina lozanoi Colom, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 127, fig. 28, nos. 6–11.

Subbotina senni (Beckmann), 1953

Globigerina senni (Beckmann), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 127, fig. 28, nos. 1–5.

Truncorotaloides collactaeus (Finlay), 1939

Plate 5, figures 7, 8


Truncorotaloides collactaeus is a small form that has four and one-half to five chambers per whorl. Chambers are globular to ovate; in spiral view, chambers are often tangentially elongated and slightly separated. The aperture is a low arch and is almost completely umbilical. Small representatives of T. rohri, which might be confused with T. collactaeus, have more extrumbilical apertures. Globigerina medizzai Toumarkine and Bolli is included in T. collactaeus. Truncorotaloides collactaeus ranges into the late Eocene (Jenkins, 1985; Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, as G. medizzai) and thus is the last representative of the genus Truncorotaloides.

Truncorotaloides libyaensis El Khoudary, 1977

Plate 5, figures 1–3

Truncorotaloides libyaensis El Khoudary, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 132, nos. 8, 9

Truncorotaloides libyaensis differs from T. topilensis in having five to five and one-half chambers per whorl, instead of four chambers per whorl, and in having less distinctly separated chambers.

Truncorotaloides praetopilensis (Blow), 1979

Globorotalia topilensis praetopilensis Blow, 1979, p. 1043, pl. 155, fig. 9, pl. 169, figs. 1–9, pl. 178, figs. 6–9, pl. 185, figs. 7, 8, pl. 187, figs. 1–4, pl. 203, figs. 1, 2, pl. 207, figs. 1, 2, 5, 6, pl. 208, figs. 1–6.

Truncorotaloides rohri Brönnimann and Bermúdez, 1953

Truncorotaloides rohri Brönnimann and Bermúdez, Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 134, fig. 33, nos. 12–18.

Truncorotaloides topilensis (Cushman), 1925

Truncorotaloides topilensis (Cushman), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 135, fig. 33, nos. 1–7.

Turborotalia cerroazulensis (Cole), 1928

Plate 1, figure 8; Plate 2, figures 10–12

Turborotalia cerroazulensis cerroazulensis (Cole), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 137, fig. 36, nos. 16–18.

The Turborotalia cerroazulensis lineage is extremely useful for subdividing the middle to late Eocene sequence of ACGS #4. Turborotalia fronsosa, T. possagnoensis, T. pomeroli, and T. cerroazulensis are well represented. Turborotalia cocoaensis is rare, and only a few typical specimens were encountered. Some specimens recorded as T. cocoaensis might be considered to be transitional between T. cocoaensis and T. cerroazulensis (see plate 1, figs. 10–12). Turborotalia cunialensis is represented by a single damaged specimen in one sample, but the specimen has a well-developed keel and is clearly T. cunialensis.

Turborotalia cocoaensis (Cushman), 1928

Plate 1, figures 10–12

Turborotalia cerroazulensis cocoaensis (Cushman), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 138, fig. 36, nos. 10–12.
Turborotalia cunialensis (Toumarkine and Bolli), 1970

Turborotalia ceroazulensis cunialensis (Toumarkine and Bolli), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 137, fig. 36, nos. 16–18.

Turborotalia frontosa (Subbotina), 1953

Plate 2, figures 1–3

Turborotalia ceroazulensis frontosa (Subbotina), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 135, fig. 36, nos. 1–6.

Turborotalia pomeroli (Toumarkine and Bolli), 1970

Plate 1, figure 8; Plate 2, figures 8, 9

Turborotalia ceroazulensis pomeroli (Toumarkine and Bolli), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 137, fig. 35, nos. 1–6.

Turborotalia possagnoensis (Toumarkine and Bolli), 1970

Plate 2, figures 4–7

Turborotalia ceroazulensis possagnoensis (Toumarkine and Bolli), Toumarkine and Luterbacher, 1985, p. 137, fig. 35, nos. 13–15.

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PLATES 1-8

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PLATE 1

Figures 1, 2. *Planorotalites pseudoscitula* (Glaessner)
1. Spiral view, 923.5 ft. USNM #417929.
2. Umbilical view, 923.5 ft. USNM #417930. Specimens are transitional between *P. pseudoscitula* and *P. palmerae*.

3, 6. *Planorotalites palmerae* (Cushman and Bermudez)
3. Spiral view, 923.5 ft. USNM #417931.
6. Umbilical view, 923.5 ft. USNM #417932.

4, 5, 7. *Globorotaloides carcoselleensis* Toumarkine and Bolli
4. Umbilical view, 767 ft. USNM #417933.
5. Spiral view of number 4.
7. Umbilical view, 767 ft. USNM #417934.


10–12. *Turborotalia cocoaensis* (Cushman)
10. Umbilical view, 629.5 ft. USNM #417937.
11. Side view of number 10.
12. Spiral view of number 10. Ultimate chamber is more inflated than typical but the rest of the test is compressed and has an acute periphery with an imperforate band developed on the first three chambers of the ultimate whorl.
PLANOROTALITES, GLOBOROTALIOIDES, TURBOROTALIA
PLATE 2

Figures 1–3. *Turborotalia frontosa* (Subbotina)
   1. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417938.
   2. Side view, 798 ft. USNM #417939.

4–7. *Turborotalia possagnoensis* (Toumarkine and Bolli)
   4. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417940.
   5. Side view, 798 ft. USNM #417941.
   6. Umbilical view of number 5.
   7. Spiral view of number 4.

8, 9. *Turborotalia pomeroli* (Toumarkine and Bolli)
   8. Umbilical view, 788.5 ft. USNM #417942.

10–12. *Turborotalia cerroazulensis* (Cole)
   10. Umbilical view, 756 ft. USNM #417943.
   11. Side view of number 10.
TURBOROTALIA
PLATE 3

Figures 1–6. *Globorotalia gemma* Jenkins
1. Umbilical view, 645 ft. USNM #417944.
2. Side view of number 1.
3. Umbilical view, 645 ft. USNM #417945.
4. Umbilical view, 645 ft. USNM #417946.
5. Side view of number 4.
6. Spiral view of number 3.

7–9. *Globorotalia aculeata* Jenkins
7. Umbilical view, 636.5 ft. USNM #417947.
8. Side view, 636.5 ft. USNM #417948.
9. Umbilical view, 636.5 ft. USNM #417949.

10–12. *Globigerina praebulloides* Blow
10. Umbilical view, 756 ft. USNM #417950.
11. Spiral view of number 10.
12. Umbilical view, 756 ft. USNM #417951.
PLATE 4

Figures  1, 2. *Globorotalia increbescens* (Bandy)
   1. Umbilical view, 645 ft. USNM #417952.
   2. Side view of number 1.

3-5. *Globigerina ampliapertura* Bolli
   3. Umbilical view, 645 ft. USNM #417953.
   4. Umbilical view, 652.5 ft. USNM #417954.
   5. Spiral view of number 3.

6, 9. *Dentoglobigerina galavisi* (Bermúdez)
   6. Umbilical view, 652.5 ft. USNM #417955.

7, 8, 12. *Subbotina linaperta* (Finlay)
   7. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417956.
   12. Umbilical view, 736 ft. USNM #417957.

10, 11. *Subbotina angiporoides* (Hornibrook)
   10. Umbilical view, 728 ft. USNM #417958.
   11. Spiral view of number 11.
GLOBOROTALIA, GLOBIGERINA, DENTOGLOBIGERINA, SUBBOTINA
PLATE 5

Figures 1–3. *Truncorotaloides libyaensis* El Khoudary
1. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417959.
2. Spiral view, 798 ft. USNM #417960.
3. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417961.

4–6. *Morozovella spinulosa* (Cushman)
4. Umbilical view, 798 ft. USNM #417962.
5. Spiral view of number 4.
6. Spiral view, 788.5 ft. USNM #417963. Note radial elongation and separation of chambers. This specimen is transitional to *M. lehneri*.

7, 8. *Truncorotaloides collacteus* (Finlay)
7. Umbilical view, 756 ft. USNM #417964.
8. Spiral view, 760 ft. USNM #417965.


10–12. *Globigerinatheka mexicana* (Cushman)
10. Side view, 798 ft. USNM #417967.
11. Side view, 798 ft. USNM #417968.
12. Side view of number 11.
TRUNCOROTALOIDES, MOROZOVELLA, GLOBOROTALIA, GLOBIGERINATHEKA
1. Distal view (×2,500) NP 21, 629.5 ft.
2. Proximal view (×3,600) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
4. *Cyclococcolithus formosus* Kamptner, 1963 (×3,600) NP 21, 629.5 ft.
7. Distal view (×4,300) NP 14, 900 ft.
8. Proximal view (×4,000) NP 14, 900 ft.
11. Proximal view (×2,300) NP 17, 782 ft.
12. Distal view (×2,300) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
Reticulofenestra, Toweius, Cyclococcolithus, Dictyococctes, Isthmolithus, Chiasmolithus
PLATE 7

Figure 1. *Discoaster kuepperi* Stradner, 1959 (×4,200) NP 13, 916.5 ft.

7. Distal view (×3,900) NP 14, 900 ft.
8. Proximal view (×4,300) NP 14, 900 ft.
10–11. *Transversopontis zigzag* Roth & Hay in Hay et al., 1967

10. Distal view (×9,000) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
11. Proximal view (×9,000) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
12. *Neococcolithes nudus* Perch-Nielsen, 1971 (×6,600) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
DISCOASTER, TRANSVERSOPONTIS, NEOCOCCOLITHES
PLATE 8

Figure 1–2. *Dakylethra punctulata* Gartner in Gartner & Bukry, 1969
1. Top view (×6,600) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
2. Side and bottom view (×6,900) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
   4. Short variety (×6,400) NP 17, 786 ft.
   5. Tall variety (×5,300) NP 17, 784.5 ft.
DAKTYLETHRA, LANTERNITHUS, ZAGHRABLITHUS, PEMMA, TRIBRACHIATUS, LITHOSTROMATION, HELICOSPHAERA, BLACKITES, CAMPYLOSPHAERA, AND NANNOTETRINA