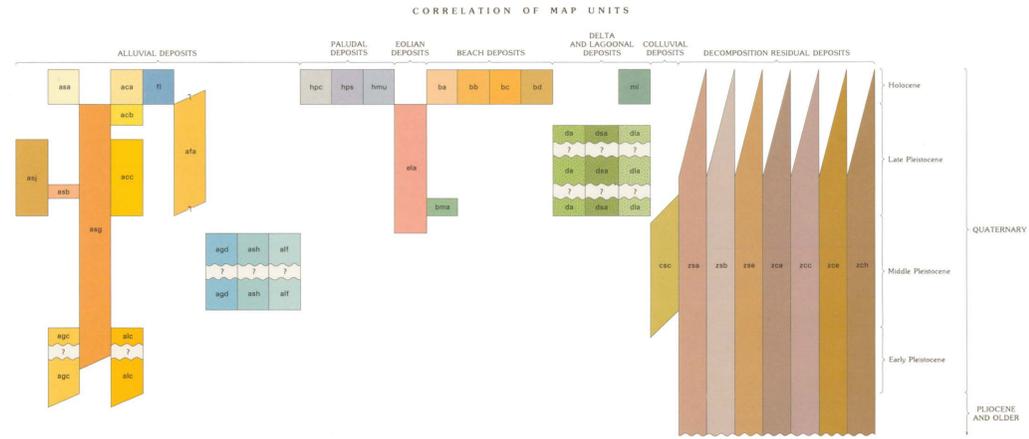




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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

HOLOCENE

aaa ALLUVIAL GRAVELLY SAND—Light gray, yellowish- to brownish-gray, locally reddish orange, coarse to fine sand and subangular to well-rounded pebble gravel, poorly to well sorted, poorly to well stratified, locally clayey. Deposit includes interbedded or admixed silt and clay, especially in flood plains of major drainages. Gravel is chiefly chert (or quartz) present in point bar, stream channel, and low terrace deposits. It is commonly derived from older gravel units. Mapped areas include local natural levee deposits of silt and clay (fi), organic mud, and swamp deposits on flood plains, and colluvium along margins of valley floors. Thicknesses 1-30 m.

aca ALLUVIAL CLAY—Light to dark gray, yellowish-gray, or brownish-gray clay, silty clay, and organic clay. Includes abundant organic matter as disseminated particles, peat layers, and large wood fragments. Also includes minor thin layers of medium to fine sand and silt, and locally, fine chert pebble gravel. Deposit underlies abandoned meander channels and overbank flood areas adjacent to natural levees of Mississippi River and other major rivers. Along lower valleys of Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers, deposit is predominantly backswamp organic clay and silt. Thickness 3-20 m; locally 30 m where deposit fills paleochannels in underlying Pleistocene fluvial sand and gravel.

fi NATURAL LEVEE SILT AND CLAY—Brown to grayish-brown, light to medium gray silt and silty clay containing small amounts of fine sand, chiefly quartz; parallel and wavy-laminated clay and silt deposits locally contain abundant plant fragments, climbing ripple cross-laminations are common. Deposit forms broad level terraces 2-5 m high along present and former courses and distributaries of the Mississippi River and other major rivers. Levee deposits slope gently away from river channel, merging imperceptibly with backswamp deposits. Thickness 1-4 m, as much as 8 m along Mississippi River west of New Orleans.

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hps SALINE-MARSH DEPOSIT—Gray to black herbaceous peat and carbonaceous clay interbedded and interbedded. Color darkens as content of organic matter increases. Interbedded with soft clay, clayey silt, and sandy silt; burrowed; shells locally abundant. Includes saline and brackish-water deposits of the Mississippi River delta plain and the Louisiana chenier plain (Chabrek and Lincombe, 1978). Thickness 2-8 m.

hmu FRESHWATER, BRACKISH, AND SALINE-MARSH SILT AND CLAY, UNDIFFERENTIATED—Gray to black clay, or green herbaceous silt and clay interbedded and interbedded; local thin sand layers. Includes organic-rich deposits of freshwater, brackish, and saline marsh environments. Mapped only in Texas. Thickness 0.5-3 m.

ba BEACH SAND—White to light gray, well-sorted, fine sand, chiefly quartz. Deposit occurs along seaward beaches of Timbalier Island. Deposits where 8 overlies coastal saline-marsh deposits (hps) and local thin sand layers. Includes organic-rich deposits of freshwater, brackish, and saline marsh environments. Mapped only in Texas. Thickness 0.5-3 m.

bb BEACH SAND AND SHELL SAND—White to light gray, well-sorted, fine quartz sand, abundant shells and shell fragments. Deposit forms beaches, spits, and barrier bars along Texas coast, and beaches along seaward margin of saline-marsh deposits (hps) in western Louisiana. Includes organic-rich deposits of freshwater, brackish, and saline-marsh environments. Mapped only in Texas. Thickness 0.5-3 m.

bc BEACH SHELL-FRAGMENT AND SHELL SAND—White to light gray silt and clay, and clay. Occurs mostly along shore of Point Au Fer Island at southwestern margin of Mississippi River delta in Louisiana. Thickness 1-3 m.

bd BEACH MUD—Gray to black silt and clay, color darkens as amount of organic matter increases. Deposit forms narrow to wide, marked pinkish-orange terraces in Texas—Light brown to reddish-brown, mottled pinkish-orange. Fine to coarse sand and silt. Includes lenses of yellowish-tan clay, and well rounded to subangular gravel composed of quartz, quartzite, chert, silicified wood, and ironstone; clasts 1 to 10 mm in diameter. Sediments in river oxbow places. Locally includes colluvium and detritus reworked from older terrace deposits. Thicknesses 3-20 m.

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QUATERNARY AND TERTIARY

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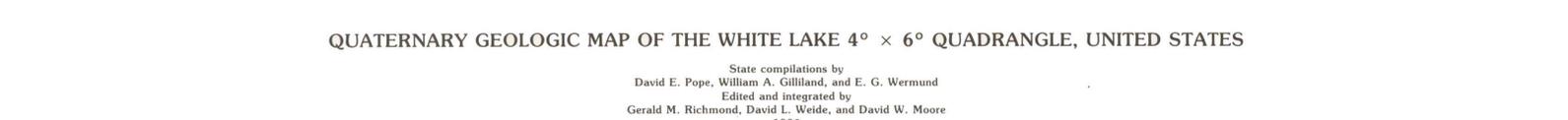
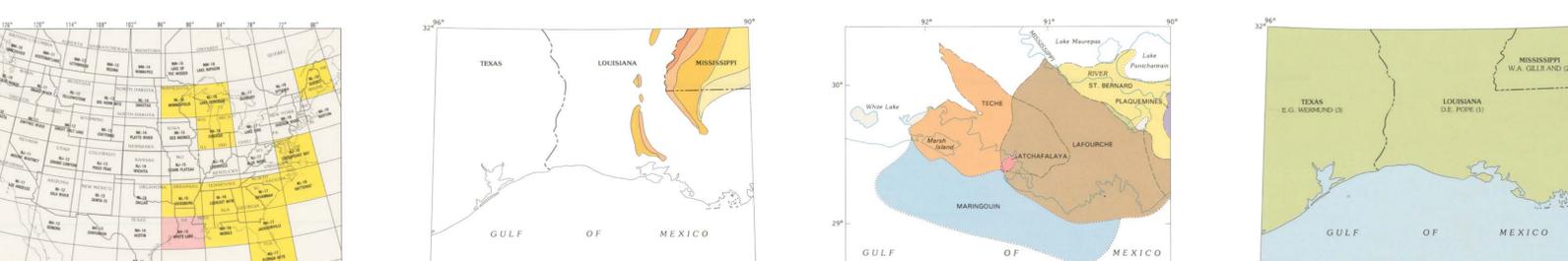
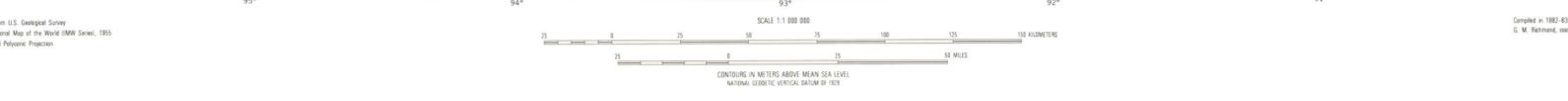
zsc CLAYEY FINE TO MEDIUM SAND AND SANDY CLAY DECOMPOSITION RESIDUUM—Gray, buff, orange, or brown, locally fine to medium quartz sand and fine sandy silty clay. In places, contains subrounded sandstone pebbles. Mapped areas include locally derived younger colluvium and bedrock outcrops. Thickness 1-3 m; thinnest where developed on soft, loess.

zca SANDY CLAY DECOMPOSITION RESIDUUM—Pale yellow, orange, reddish-orange, or greenish-gray, mottled, fine sandy clay, locally clayey, fine sand or silt; in places includes medium to coarse pebbly sand. Pebbles and sand chiefly quartz. Mapped areas include some locally derived colluvium and bedrock outcrops. Thickness 1-2 m.

zcc FINE SILTY CLAY DECOMPOSITION RESIDUUM—Black to dark gray or dark-brown silty clay; light brown to reddish brown where oxidized. Clay is strongly smectitic, expands when wet, shrinks and forms a crack structure, called gilgins, when dry. Mapped areas include some locally derived colluvium and bedrock outcrops. Thickness 0.5-1 m, locally as much as 2 m.

zcd MASSIVE CLAY DECOMPOSITION RESIDUUM—Gray to dark brownish-gray, yellowish-brown to dark brown, or mottled light red to orange clay, sandy clay, and fine quartz sand; commonly limonite stained. Clay is smectitic, expands when wet, shrinks when dry. Lower part of deposit may contain brown coal fragments. Mapped areas include some younger locally derived colluvium and bedrock outcrops. Thickness 1-3 m.

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QUATERNARY GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE WHITE LAKE 4° x 6° QUADRANGLE, UNITED STATES

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