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EXPLANATION

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OVERBURDEN ISOPACH—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed. The 100-foot isopach is omitted where it is too close to a mining-ratio contour for map readability. Isopach interval 100 feet (30.5 m).

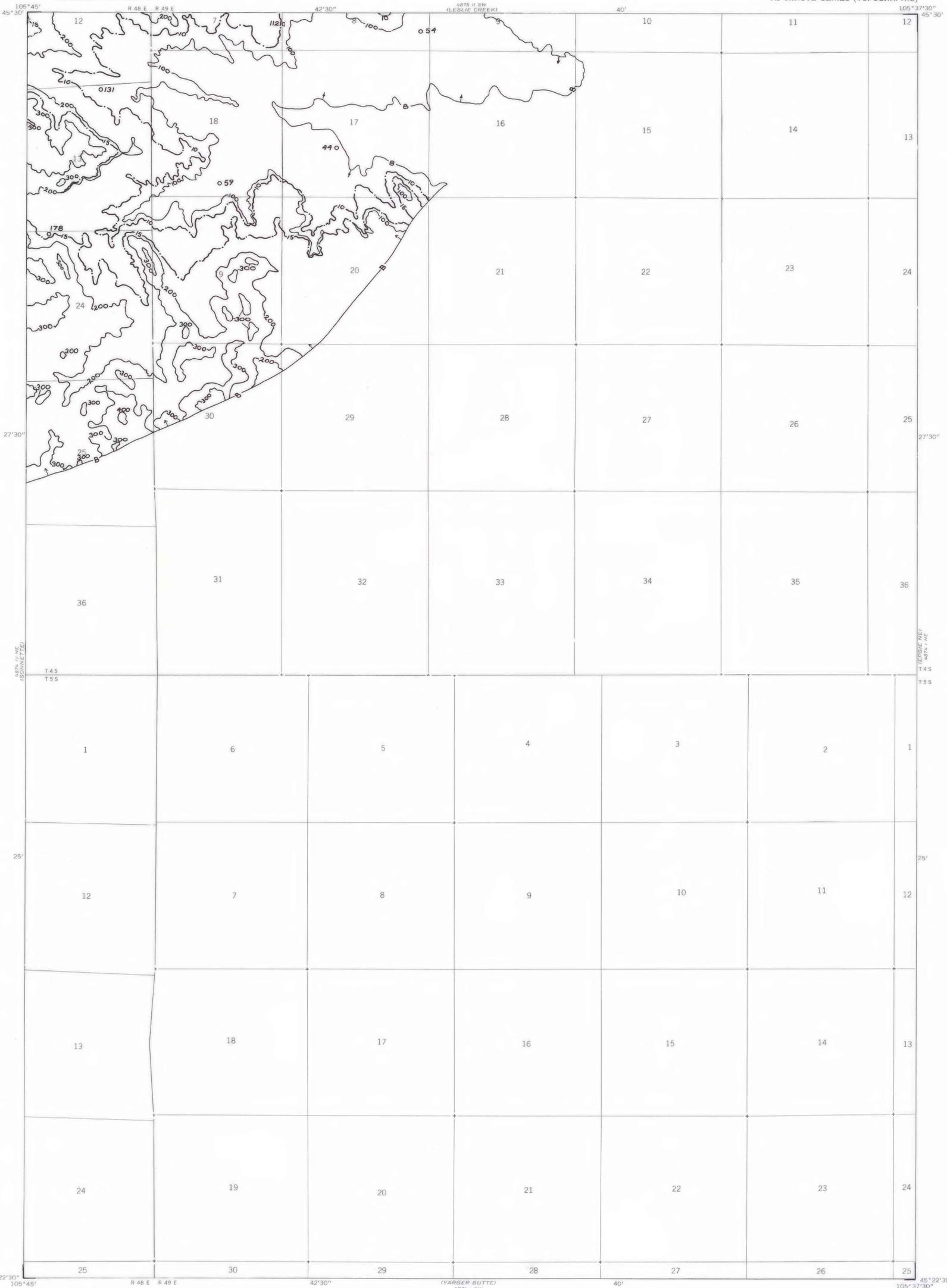
**B**  
BOUNDARY OF COAL 5 FEET OR MORE THICK—Drawn along the outcrop of coal bed and/or the inferred contact between burned and unburned coal and/or the 5-foot coal isopach. Arrows point toward area of coal 5 feet or more thick.

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DRILL HOLE—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed.

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MINING-RATIO CONTOUR—Number indicates cubic yards of overburden per ton of recoverable coal by surface-mining methods. Contours shown only in areas suitable for surface mining within the stripping limit.

To convert yds<sup>3</sup>/ton to m<sup>3</sup>/metric ton, multiply yds<sup>3</sup>/ton by 0.842.

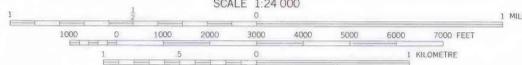
To convert feet to meters, multiply feet by 0.3048.



Base map from U.S. Geological Survey, 1973

SCALE 1:24 000

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**COAL RESOURCE OCCURRENCE MAP OF THE EPSIE QUADRANGLE,  
POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA  
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PLATE 15  
OVERBURDEN ISOPACH AND MINING-RATIO  
MAP OF THE UPPER SPLIT OF  
THE SAWYER COAL BED