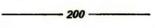
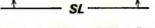
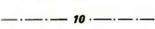


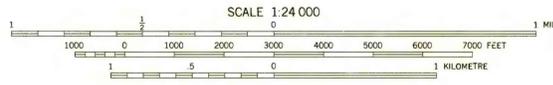
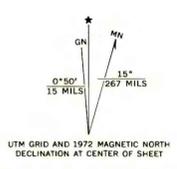
EXPLANATION

-  **200**
OVERBURDEN ISOPACHS--Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed. Isopach interval 200 feet (61 m).
 -  **SL**
STRIPPING-LIMIT LINE--Boundary for surface mining of the coal bed (in this quadrangle, the 200-foot-overburden isopach). Arrows point toward the area suitable for surface mining.
 -  **10**
MINING RATIO CONTOUR--Number indicates cubic yards of overburden per ton of recoverable coal by surface mining methods. Contours shown only in areas within the stripping limit.
 -  **B**
BOUNDARY OF RESERVE BASE COAL--Drawn along the outcrop of coal bed or the contact between burned and unburned coal where the coal bed is 5 feet (1.5 m) or more thick, and the 5-foot (1.5-m) coal isopach. Arrows point toward area of Reserve Base coal.
 -  **242**
DRILL HOLE--Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed.
- To convert cubic yards of overburden per short ton of recoverable coal to cubic meters of overburden per metric ton of recoverable coal, multiply by 0.84.
- To convert feet to meters, multiply feet by 0.3.



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PLATE 31
OVERBURDEN ISOPACH
AND MINING RATIO MAP
OF THE OTTER COAL BED