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This digital map database consists of the ESRI ARC/INFO Version 7.0.4 coverages used to generate the maps in the map series U.S. Geological Survey Investigation Map — 2583 A to D (Rhea and Wheeler, 1996, Rhea and others, 1996, Wheeler and others, 1997a and b). Full description of the data, its sources, and its characteristics are in the pamphlets that accompany each map and in the metadata for each dataset located on the U.S. Geological Survey Digital Spatial Data Clearinghouse node located through <<http://fgdc.er.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/GEOgate>>. Sources will not be repeated in this open-file. The data were generated to help in understanding the seismic hazards in the vicinity of the lower Wabash Valley. These data complement similar data collected in the vicinity of New Madrid, MO (Rhea, 1995; available via ftp on <<ftp://greenwood.cr.usgs.gov/pub/open-file-reports/ofr-95-0574>>)

Total database size is 9 Mb. Projections of published data are in geographic coordinates, i.e., decimal degrees, although the paper map series is published in Albers Equal Area projection. Base data are from 1:100,000-scale Digital Line Graph (DLG) data (roads, railroads, streams, water bodies, and state and county boundaries). Brief descriptions of database content are in the coverage entries below. Most coverages contain attribute information beyond the usual ARC/INFO attributes (internal numbers, length of arc, length of perimeter, area, for example), and some coverages contain annotation subclasses.

Metadata for each coverage are available on the USGS Database Clearinghouse at <<http://geo-nsdi.er.usgs.gov/>>. Or, you can access the National Spatial Data Clearinghouse search engine at <<http://fgdc.er.usgs.gov/cgi-bin/GEOgate>>. Using the keywords 'Wabash' or 'seismotectonic' in the search engine, and specifying the U.S. Geological Survey Geoscience Data in the database field, you will find metadata for all the files in this database. Using additional keywords, such as faults, earthquakes, or gravity, will lead you to more specific metadata.

A brief description of each coverage follows. Descriptions are organized into thematic groups:

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BASE DATA

hysel:

selected hydrography from 1:100,000 Digital Line Graph data (abbreviated '100k DLG'). Lakes were selected because of their value as a geographic reference and because each of the lakes is dammed, and the impoundments are large enough that dam failure during seismic shaking could be dangerous. Large streams were chosen whose flood plains contain young, water-saturated materials that might liquefy or amplify shaking during a large earthquake.

In Kentucky and Tennessee, streams with Holocene or Quaternary alluvium mapped along their courses were selected. In Illinois, streams with modern flood plain, channel, or alluvial fan deposits of Wisconsinan to Holocene age, or with slack-water lake deposits of Wisconsinan age in river valleys were selected. In Indiana, streams with Holocene alluvium, or with valley-filling, lacustrine clay, silt, and sand of Illinoian or Wisconsinan age were selected.

feature classes arcs, polygons, anno.map, anno.fig

arc attributes acode:

- 20 (shoreline)
- 21 (manmade shoreline)
- 47 (canal gate)
- 52 (stream)
- 54 (ditch or canal)

polygon attributes water

- yes (rivers, lakes)
- no (islands, land masses)

city:

cities with 1990 census populations of at least 10,000 or smaller cities used by earth scientists as geographic references

feature classes point and anno.name

point attributes name

cnty:

county and state boundaries from 100k DLG data. Annotation added for states and counties.

feature class arcs, anno.map, anno.statefig

arc attribute bndytype:

- 1 (state boundaries)
- 2 (county boundaries)

grat:

graticule for map area, 36.5-39 degrees N, 87-89 degrees W. Lines are coded for line type, including NEATCODE for the outer boundary, MJRULCODE (major rule code) for latitude/longitude labeled intervals, and MNRULCODE (minor rule code) where additional ticks occur. Major rules were placed at .5 degree intervals, minor rules were placed at .125 degree intervals. There is polygon topology, with polygons corresponding to 7.5 minute quadrangles.

feature classes include arcs, polygons, anno.fig, anno.map

arc attributes include neatcode, mjrulcode, mnrulcode with values

- 1 (yes)
- 0 (no)

grattic:

tick points corresponding to the graticule cover, grat. Points are coded for location (corners, right, left, top and bottom margins, and interior)

feature class points

point attribute TICCODE:

- 1 - interior at major rule intersections (see grat)
- 2 - left margin
- 3 - right margin
- 4 - bottom margin
- 5 - top margin
- 6 - bottom left corner
- 7 - upper left corner
- 8 - lower right corner
- 9 - upper right corner
- 0 - interior except for major rule intersections (see grat)

rd12:

road network selected from 100k DLG data

feature class arcs

arc attributes acode:

- 11-14, 42-43 for primary roads (class 1)
- 15-18 for secondary roads (class 2)

rail:
railroads from 100k DLG data

feature class arcs
arc attributes acode:
 21 for main routes
 28 for interchanges and spurs
 0 for 15 minute quad boundaries

states:
state boundaries from 100k DLG data. annotation added for states.

feature class arcs, anno.fig
arc attribute bndytype:
 1 (states)

EARTHQUAKE AND GROUND MOTION DETECTION

dameqk:
locations and magnitudes of earthquakes that have caused MMI 6 or greater damage in the lower Wabash Valley.

feature classes points, anno.fig, anno.map
point attributes
 lat, lon, year, month, day, ht, min, mag, symbol

eqks:
instrumentally located earthquakes in the map area occurring between July 1974 and December 1995

feature class points
point attributes
 date, type, hr, min, sec, lat, long, depth, deptag, mag,
 nsta, nphase, gap, dmin,
 rms, erh, sez, qh, qz, mod, dflag, mblg3

eqksta:
seismograph stations in the local seismograph network operating in the map area between July 1974 and December 1995

feature classes points and anno.name
point attributes
 long, lat, sta (name),
 start (date; incomplete as supplied by SLU),
 stop (date; incomplete as supplied by SLU)

gps:
location and name of two Global Positioning System monuments of a regional network that are located within the map area in western Kentucky

feature class points
point attributes
 name, long, lat

tempsta:

location of temporary seismograph networks installed and operated by Glenn Bear and others from Indiana University from Oct. 95 through June 96.

feature class points

point attributes

lat, lon, sta (name)

strngmo:

locations of accelerometers operating within the map area

feature class points

point attributes

name, owner, city, state

FAULTS (SURFACE)

ibcflt:

faults from Illinois Basin Consortium compilation. Erased with boundary of padflt and kyflt since their data have higher resolution than ibcflt.

feature classes are arcs, nodes

arc attributes (none other than arcinfo generated ones)

Note Drawn arcs appear to be attributed for faults type since some have dip marks, some are dashed, and others are solid. The arcs are not attributed; the dip marks and dashed lines were also digitized as arcs.

kyflt:

faults appearing on the Geologic Map of Kentucky. Erased with padflt since it has more reliable and accurate locations of faults than kyflt.

feature classes arcs, anno.map, anno.shtd

arc attributes none (other than arcinfo generated ones)

Note Drawn arcs appear to be attributed for faults type since some have dip marks, some are dashed, and others are solid. The arcs are not attributed; the dip marks and dashed lines were also digitized as arcs.

padflt:

faults appearing on Paducah Quadrangle.

feature classes arcs, nodes, anno.map, anno.shtd

arc attributes

symcode (30, 130)

fltexp (exposed, concealed, inferred)

GEOLOGIC FEATURES

bcontours:

contours of depth to Cambrian-Precambrian unconformity.
Contributed from James Drahovzal (Kentucky Geological Survey) and
Glenn Bear (Indiana University). Units are in thousands of feet
below sea level

feature classes arcs, point, anno.number

point attributes

symbol (120, 123 - anticline, 2nd symbol smaller,
121, 124 - syncline)

arc attributes

depth (in thousands of feet below sea level)
symbol (202 - depression hachures
203 - solid lines)

bcontours_all:

same as bcontours, except region extends beyond the map area.

bfaults:

basement faults as interpreted by James Drahovzal and Glenn Bear

feature classes arcs and points

arc attributes

linetype (dashed (uncertain), solid (certain))
symbol (198 - dashed, no dip
199 - solid, no dip
200 - dashed, with dip
201 - solid, with dip)

point attributes

symbol (122, 125 - right lateral arrow
126 - Reverse fault)

embay:

Mississippi Embayment boundary contact between Paleozoic rocks and
younger sedimentary rocks above, generalized from state geologic
maps. Inliers and outliers not included.

feature classes arc, anno.map

arc attribute code (1)

lampdike:

small lamprophyre and mica peridotite intrusions thought to be
evidence of Permian extensional reactivation of pre-existing
faults

feature classes arcs and points (many of the points duplicate arcs
that are too small to be seen at published map scale)

arc attributes

name (quadrangle name and relative location)
 symbol (plotting symbol number, map C)
 dsymbol (plotting symbol number, map D)

point attribute name

neotect:

locations of possibly young faulting or liquefaction, or of field investigations of such features

feature classes are points, anno.trenchid

point attributes

name (map code, used in Table 3 of sheet D)

well:

locations of wells used to constrain depth to basement, stress orientations, or rifting history

feature classes include point, anno.id, anno.sym7 (for plotting map C)

point attributes

name, class, lat, long, topo_elev
 unit depths and depth tags

GEOPHYSICAL PROFILES AND INTERPRETATIONS

gravmag:

locations of gravity and magnetic profiles

feature classes arc, anno.map

arc attributes

name, ref(erence)

lineament: (clipped from lineament_all to map boundary)

locations of Paducah gravity lineament, Commerce geophysical lineament, and South-Central magnetic lineament from Tom Hildenbrand, May 1997.

feature classes arc, poly, anno.lineid

arc attributes name

polygon attributes name

lineament_all:

same as lineament except boundaries extend beyond map area

magdike:

Mafic dikes as interpreted from aeromagnetic anomalies.
 Contributed from Tom Hildenbrand and Vicki Langenheim

feature class arc

arc attributes - none other than arcinfo ones

magtell: (clipped from magtell_all to map area)
locations of magnetotelluric sounding points. Contributed from Dal
Stanley, Sept. 1995

feature classes points, anno.profile, anno.map
point attributes
 x-coord, y-coord, profile, station

magtell_all:
same as magtell except boundaries extend beyond map area

magdep:
depth to magnetic rock, usually metamorphic or igneous basement.
Contributed from Tom Hildenbrand, July 1992. Edited and clipped to
map area Sept. 1994

feature classes arc, polygon
arc attributes
 code, depth
polygon attributes
 depth

ISOSEISMALS

The coverages listed below with an 'iyearmo' designation contain
Modified Mercalli Intensity isoseismal contours for earthquakes
that caused damage in the map area from December 1811 through June
1987 (there have been no damaging earthquakes since June 1987).
The coverage isopts contains the point data used to generate the
isoseismal contours

feature classes arcs and polygons.
arc attributes none (except the arcinfo ones)
polygon attributes
 intensity

i181112a:
contours for earthquake on December 16, 1811 at 0815 GMT; mag 8.1

i181112b:
contours for earthquake on December 16, 1811 at 1415 GMT; mag 7.2

i181201:
contours for earthquake on January 23, 1812 at 1500 GMT; mag 7.8

i181202:
contours for earthquake on February 7, 1812 at 0945 GMT; mag 8.0

i182707:
contours for earthquake on July 5, 1827 at 1130 GMT; mag 4.8

i183806:
contours for earthquake on June 9, 1838 at 1445 GMT; mag 5.1

i184301:
contours for earthquake on January 5, 1843 at 0245 GMT; mag 6.5

i185710:
contours for earthquake on October 8, 1857 at 1000 GMT; mag 5.1

i187609:
contours for earthquakes on September 25, 1876 at 0600 GMT; mag 4.5, and 0615 GMT; mag 4.8

i188301:
contours for earthquake on January 11, 1883 at 0712 GMT; mag 4.6

i188702:
contours for earthquake on February 6, 1887 at 2215 GMT; mag 4.6

i188708:
contours for earthquake on August 2, 1887 at 1836 GMT; mag 4.9

i189107:
contours for earthquake on July 27, 1891 at 0228 GMT; mag 4.1

i189109:
contours for earthquake on September 27, 1891 at 0455 GMT; mag 5.5

i189510:
contours for earthquake on October 31, 1895 at 1008 GMT; mag 6.8

i189904:
contours for earthquake on April 30, 1899 at 0205 GMT; mag 4.3

i190302:
contours for earthquake on February 9, 1903 at 0021 GMT; mag 4.9

i192211:
contours for earthquake on November 27, 1922 at 0331 GMT; mag 4.4

i192504:
contours for earthquake on April 27, 1925 at 0405 GMT; mag 4.9

i192509:
contours for earthquake on September 2, 1925 at 1156 GMT; mag 4.6

i193408:
contours for earthquake on August 20, 1934 at 0047 GMT; mag 4.7

i195811:
contours for earthquake on November 8, 1958 at 0241 GMT; mag 4.4

i196811:
contours for earthquake on November 9, 1968 at 1701 GMT; mag 5.4

i197404:
contours for earthquake on April 3, 1974 at 2305 GMT; mag 4.3

i198406:
contours for earthquake on June 29, 1984 at 0758 GMT; mag 4.1

i198706:
contours for earthquake on June 10, 1987 at 2348 GMT; mag 5.0

isopts:
This cover contains all the data points used to determine the intensity contours for the earthquakes that caused damage in the map area

feature class points, anno.year
point attributes
 long (longitude)
 lat (latitude)
 mmi (Modified Mercalli Intensity value)
 st (state)
 city (nearest city)
 year (year of earthquake occurrence
 a or b attached if two earthquakes occurred in one year)
 mo (month of earthquake occurrence)
 day (day of earthquake occurrence)
 hr (hour of earthquake occurrence)
 min (minute of earthquake occurrence)

LIQUEFACTION FEATURES

The northern part of the map area and large adjacent regions have been severely shaken by one or more moderate to large prehistoric earthquakes. The evidence of these takes the form of paleoliquefaction features, including shaking-induced dikes and sandblows that feed them.

The most widespread paleoliquefaction is attributed to a mid-Holocene earthquake near what is now Vincennes, IN, with an estimated moment-magnitude of about 7.5. Stratigraphic, geomorphological, pedological, archeological, and geochronologic evidence indicates that probably some of the paleoliquefaction was caused by several additional, smaller earthquakes during the Holocene and late Pleistocene.

Collectively, the following coverages contain results through the end of the 1995 field season from all workers.

liqmunpts:
Cheryl and Pat Munson's locations of paleoliquefaction, mostly in Indiana

feature class points
point attributes
 long, lat, dikeclass, site

liqmunsurv:
 areas Munsons searched for evidence of paleoliquefaction, mostly
 in Indiana

feature class polygon
 polygon attribute inside

liq94pts: (clipped from liq94pts_all)
 Jim Oliver's compiled locations of paleoliquefaction from various
 field workers, mostly in Illinois.

There are observations outside the map area, and there are
 observations that duplicate the Munsons' observations. These
 locations were removed in this cover but are retained in
 'liq94pts_all'.

feature class point
 point attributes
 diiclass (size class)
 quality (qualitative value assigned by Obermeier's group)

liq94pts_all:
 all locations of paleoliquefaction evidence reported from Oliver,
 including those outside the map area and those that overlap
 Munsons' data

feature class points
 point attributes
 tillpeatno
 diiclass (size classification)
 nmq (researcher's code of earthquake associated with dike)
 nmqpre (researcher's code of related prehistoric earthquake)
 long, lat

liq94surv:
 areas searched for evidence of paleoliquefaction by field workers
 contributing to Oliver's compilation, mostly in Illinois

feature class polygon
 polygon attributes
 inside

liqsurv:
 areas searched for evidence of paleoliquefaction by all field
 workers (combination of munsurv, liq94surv, and liq95surv)

feature class polygon
 polygon attributes
 inside

liq95pts:
locations of paleoliquefaction from Obermeier's and Tuttle's 1995
field season

feature class points
point attributes
 long, lat, dikeclass, site

liq95surv:
areas Obermeier and Tuttle searched for evidence of
paleoliquefaction in the 1995 field season

REFLECTION, REFRACTION DATA

reflec: (clipped from reflec_all)
locations of seismic reflection lines with publically available
interpretations that can constrain subsurface structures

feature classes lines, points, anno.line, anno.point

arc attributes
 line (name), ref(erence)
point attributes
 line, ref(erence)

reflec_all:
same as reflec, lines may extend beyond map area

refrac: (clipped from refrac_all)
locations of seismic refraction lines with publically available
interpretations that can constrain subsurface structures

feature classes arcs, anno.map
arc attributes
 name, ref (abbreviated reference)

refrac_all:
same as refrac, lines may extend beyond map area

cocorp:
locations of Illinois and Indiana COCORP lines that cross the map
area

features classes arcs, anno.line, anno.point

arc attributes
 line (name), ref(erence)

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