

Table 1.--Sequence of formational units containing uranium deposits along the southern part of the San Juan Basin, New Mexico.

System	Formation	Thickness (feet)	Character and distribution	Uranium deposits	
Cretaceous	Dakota sandstone	5-100	Fine- to medium-grained quartz sandstone, locally conglomeratic. Generally carbonaceous shale and locally coal at base.	Some small deposits, generally near base and in close relation to carbonaceous material.	
Unconformity					
Jurassic	Morrison formation	0-600	Brushy Basin member; dominantly a greenish-gray claystone and, locally, thick arkosic sandstone units. Contains Jackpile sandstone (of local usage) at top in Laguna district. Ranges from 0 feet at Gallup to about 500 feet in thickness north of Laguna.	Significant deposits in sandstone beds in Ambrosia Lake and Gallup districts. Largest deposits and greatest reserves in Laguna district occur in Jackpile sandstone.	
			Westwater Canyon member; arkosic, fine- to coarse-grained sandstone and some claystone lenses. Ranges from 300 feet in thickness north of Gallup to discontinuous lenses in Laguna district. Poison Canyon sandstone (of local usage) is tongue of Westwater Canyon in Brushy Basin.	Contains largest deposits and greatest reserves in Ambrosia Lake district. Also moderately large deposits in Gallup district.	
			Recapture member; fine- to medium-grained, friable sandstone and some silty claystone beds. Occurs in distinctive alternating light-gray and reddish-brown units 5-10 feet thick. From 20-170 feet thick; absent at least locally in Laguna district.	Contains no significant deposits.	
		Bluff sandstone	175-330	Fine- to medium-grained quartz sandstone. Dominantly a thick-bedded unit with some relatively thin interbedded siltstone units near the base.	Contains no deposits.
		Summerville formation	100-220	Fine-grained sandstone beds, generally 1 to several feet thick, alternating with thinner beds of siltstone.	Contains a few small deposits, only where underlying Todilto limestone is mineralized.
		Todilto limestone	0-85	Fetid dense gray laminated limestone; massive in upper part. Ranges from pinchout near Gallup to maximum thickness in Laguna district. Includes an upper unit of anhydrite and gypsum in Laguna district that ranges from discontinuous masses at south to continuous unit to the north.	Contains small to fairly large deposits. Most are in Ambrosia Lake district. The anhydrite-gypsum member is barren.
		Entrada sandstone	150-250	Reddish-orange fine-grained quartz sandstone; lighter colored at top. Generally thins eastward. In Laguna district two distinct units--a lower reddish-orange unit and an upper white unit.	Contains a few small deposits in Laguna and Ambrosia Lake districts--all at top of formation.

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