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POST QUADRANGLE

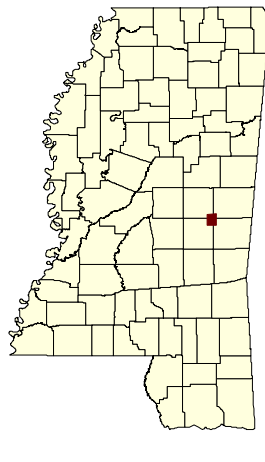
Newton, Lauderdale, Neshoba,
and Kemper Counties,
Mississippi

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DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

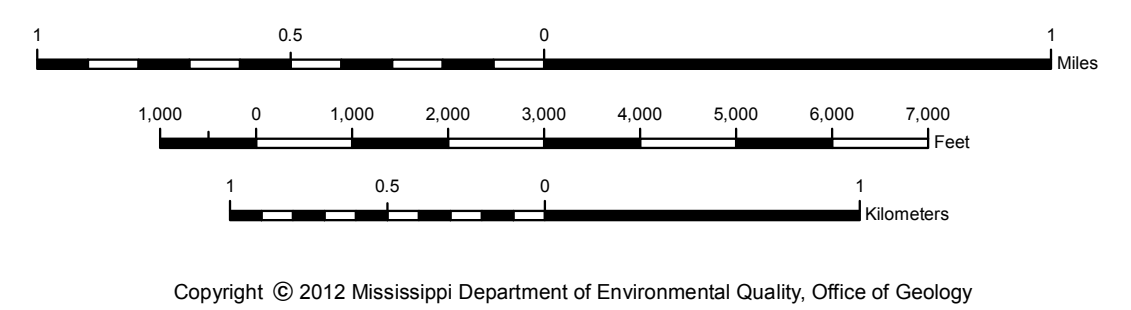
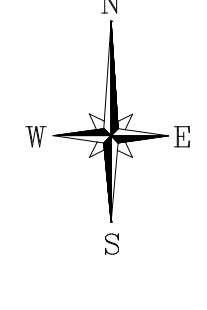
- QUATERNARY**
- HOLOCENE**
- Qal**
- ALLUVIUM
- Sand, flood plain sands, and silts.
- ZILPHA AND WINONA FORMATIONS**
- Zilpha** - Clay, gray to brownish black, carbonaceous to lignitic, weathers light gray to reddish pink to white, massive and homogeneous or interbedded to interlaminated with silt and sand, gray to light olive gray, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, locally glauconitic; concretionary siderite and limonite; near surface exposures may exhibit jointing with selenite or limonite infilling. The thickness is variable from a few feet to 60 feet.
- Winona** - Sand, gray to green, weathers very light gray to reddish orange or dark red, fine- to coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, typically glauconitic to very glauconitic, carbonaceous, silty, locally fossiliferous with thin marine shell beds and prints. Surface exposures commonly weather to distinctive contorted, concretionary, limonite sandstone and sandy ironstone; concretionary siderite, especially near top. Approximately 60 feet thick.
- The total thickness of the Zilpha/Winona interval reaches a maximum thickness of approximately 120 feet; however, only the lower 50 feet or so are exposed in the southwestern portion of the quadrangle.
- TALLAHATTA FORMATION**
- Basic City Member**
- Clay, silt, claystone, and quartzitic siltstone and sandstone, olive gray to brownish gray, weathers yellowish gray to very light gray or white, carbonaceous with leaf and plant impressions, faunal structures are common, locally exhibits marine fossil prints, near surface exposures may exhibit jointing with limonite infilling; claystones typically weather to lightweight and friable rock with a subconchoidal fracture; interbedded to interlaminated with sand, gray to very light gray, weathers pale yellowish orange to reddish orange, very fine- to medium-grained, unconsolidated, massive to cross-bedded, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, pyritic; also greenish yellow to buff, fine-grained, semi-consolidated, siliceous, glauconitic, and silty. The base is marked by a sandy interval, approximately 20 feet thick, which in outcrop exposures may exhibit quartzitic sandstone characteristics. Unconsolidated sands in the upper 30 to 60 feet are termed the Neshoba Sand Member. The total thickness is approximately 220 feet. Additionally, the unit thins to as little as 60 feet in the southwestern area of the quadrangle due to apparent overlap of marine Winona lithologies.
- MERIDIAN SAND**
- Sand, gray to very light gray, weathers yellowish gray to reddish orange, very fine- to very coarse-grained, typically fining upward, quartzose, micaceous, locally carbonaceous and/or glauconitic, pyritic, interbedded to interlaminated with silt, siltstone, and clay, dark gray to white, carbonaceous; the upper beds are typically silty or argillaceous. Locally, and especially in down-dip exposures, the Meridian Sand is very thin and limited to a few feet in thickness. The maximum thickness is approximately 100 feet. Unconformity at base. The Meridian Sand constitutes the upper portion of the Meridian/Upper Wilcox Aquifer.
- HATCHETIGBEE FORMATION**
- Sand, gray to light gray, weathers reddish orange to pale yellowish orange, very fine- to very coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, pyritic, clay clast conglomerate; interbedded to interlaminated with clay, gray to brownish gray, weathers very light gray to white, silty, carbonaceous to lignitic, especially argillaceous in the upper beds of the formation; lignite. The basal 40 feet or so represent a non-marine equivalent to the fossiliferous, marine, Bashi Formation of east-central Mississippi, mark the Paleocene/Eocene unconformity, and consist of sand, gray to light gray, weathers reddish orange to pale yellowish orange, very fine- to very coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, slightly pyritic, locally exhibits fossil prints, commonly exhibits clay clast conglomerate with coarser-grained facies. The thickness is approximately 220 to 310 feet, being thicker in down-dip areas where the Meridian Sand is thin. The Hatchetigbee Formation constitutes the basal portion of the Meridian/Upper Wilcox Aquifer.
- TUSCALOOSA FORMATION**
- Sand, dark greenish gray to light gray, weathers reddish orange to pale yellowish orange, very fine- to coarse-grained, quartzose, micaceous, carbonaceous, slightly glauconitic. Interbedded to interlaminated with clay and silt, light olive gray to brownish black, weathers to various shades of red, gray, brown, or white; lignite, contains Red Hills Mine equivalent lignite seams H through L along with several stratigraphically higher upper Tuscaloosa lignite seams. Total thickness is approximately 430 feet; however, only the upper 50 feet are exposed in the northeastern portion of the quadrangle.



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Geology field checked in 2012 using the 1962, PHOTOREVISED 1985, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle, 1983 North American datum, contour interval 20 feet, 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16; 1983 datum shown in red; January 2012, magnetic north declination in quadrangle center is -1° 10' 1" west of true north.

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D-6 Drill-hole locality and identification number

