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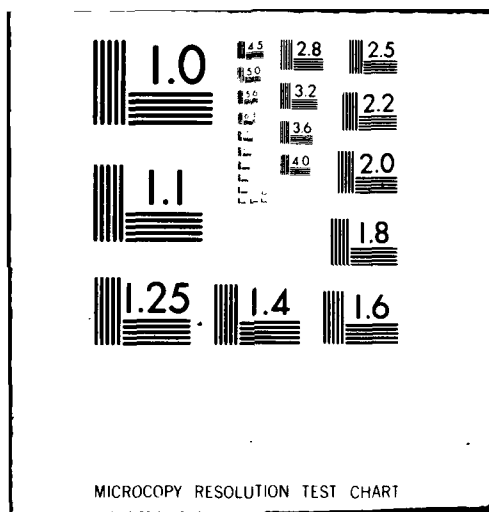
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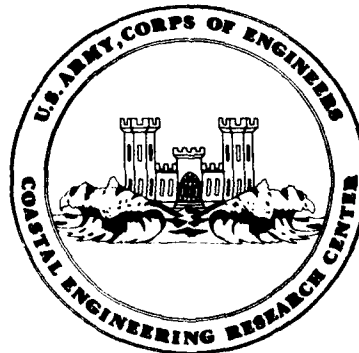
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Linear and arcuate shoals are the dominant sea floor features in the region and most appear to be composed of clean, fine to very coarse-grained quartz sand which overlies a flat deposition surface. Several cores penetrating the surface show the underlying material to be a poorly sorted admixture of fine-grained and very coarse-grained sediments that are denser than the modern shelf sands and probably represent a pre-Holocene fluvial deposit. 

Results of this assessment study show that 16 potential shoal sites and 2 promising sea floor areas are present. Individual shoals contain from 4.6 to more than 472 million cubic meters of sand; the total sand and gravel resource is conservatively estimated to be 1,086 million cubic meters.

PREFACE

This report is one of a series presenting results of the Inner Continental Shelf Sediment and Structure (ICONS) study. The primary objective of the ICONS study is locating and delineating offshore sand and gravel deposits suitable for beach nourishment and restoration. The work was carried out under the coastal processes program of the U.S. Army Coastal Engineering Research Center (CERC).

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Microfilm copy of all seismic data is stored at the National Solar and Terrestrial Geophysical Data Center (NSTGDC), Rockville, Maryland 20852. Cores collected during the field survey program are in a repository at the University of Texas, Arlington, Texas 76010, under agreement with CERC. Requests for information relative to these items should be directed to NSTGDC or the University of Texas.

Comments on this publication are invited.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Background.

Initial restoration and periodic renourishment of beaches and dunes by placement of suitable sand along the shoreline is an effective means of counter-acting coastal erosion and of enhancing recreational facilities (U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center, 1977). In recent years, it has become increasingly difficult to obtain large volumes of suitable sand from lagoons and inland sources for beach nourishment because of economic and ecological factors. Accordingly, the Coastal Engineering Research Center (CERC) initiated an Inner Continental Shelf Sediment and Structure (ICONS) study program to locate and describe offshore sand resources suitable for beach nourishment. This report, a result of that effort, deals with the location and physical characteristics of offshore sand resources near Cape May, New Jersey.

2. Study Location and Data Coverage.

The ICONS study area comprises a 27.8- by 44.5-kilometer region of sea floor lying to the south and southeast of Cape May, New Jersey (Fig. 1). Data coverage in this area consists of 1,258 kilometers of seismic reflection surveys and 104 sediment cores ranging from 1 to 3.7 meters in length (Fig. 2). These data were supplemented by National Ocean Survey (NOS) hydrographic chart data.

This report is primarily the result of a reconnaissance effort; seismic line spacing and core density are not detailed enough for precise delineation of borrow sites. Consequently, more detailed study of promising locales identified in this report will be needed before specific borrow sites are identified for use in project design and construction.

3. Regional Setting and Sea Floor Morphology.

The study area, located at the southern end of the New Jersey coast within the New York Bight (longitude $75^{\circ}02'30''$ to $74^{\circ}30''$ W. and latitude 39° to $38^{\circ}46'$ N.), is part of the Atlantic Coastal Plain province of eastern North America. The area is bounded to the north by Cape May peninsula, a headland section of the New Jersey coast, and to the west by the low-lying Delaware coast and the Delaware River shelf channel as defined by the 18.3-meter (60 feet) depth contour in Figure 1. The region surveyed covers about 1,166 square kilometers of the Inner Continental Shelf extending from the Cape May shoreface seaward to depths of about 37 meters (120 feet).

The coast of New Jersey can be divided basically into two physiographic parts. The northern part from Monmouth Beach to near Bay Head is a headland where older coastal deposits are in direct contact with the sea. The central part of the coast, including Sandy Hook spit protruding into New York harbor, is composed of low-lying sandy barrier islands and spits backed by shallow lagoons. The barriers are fairly continuous except for nine tidal inlets, and

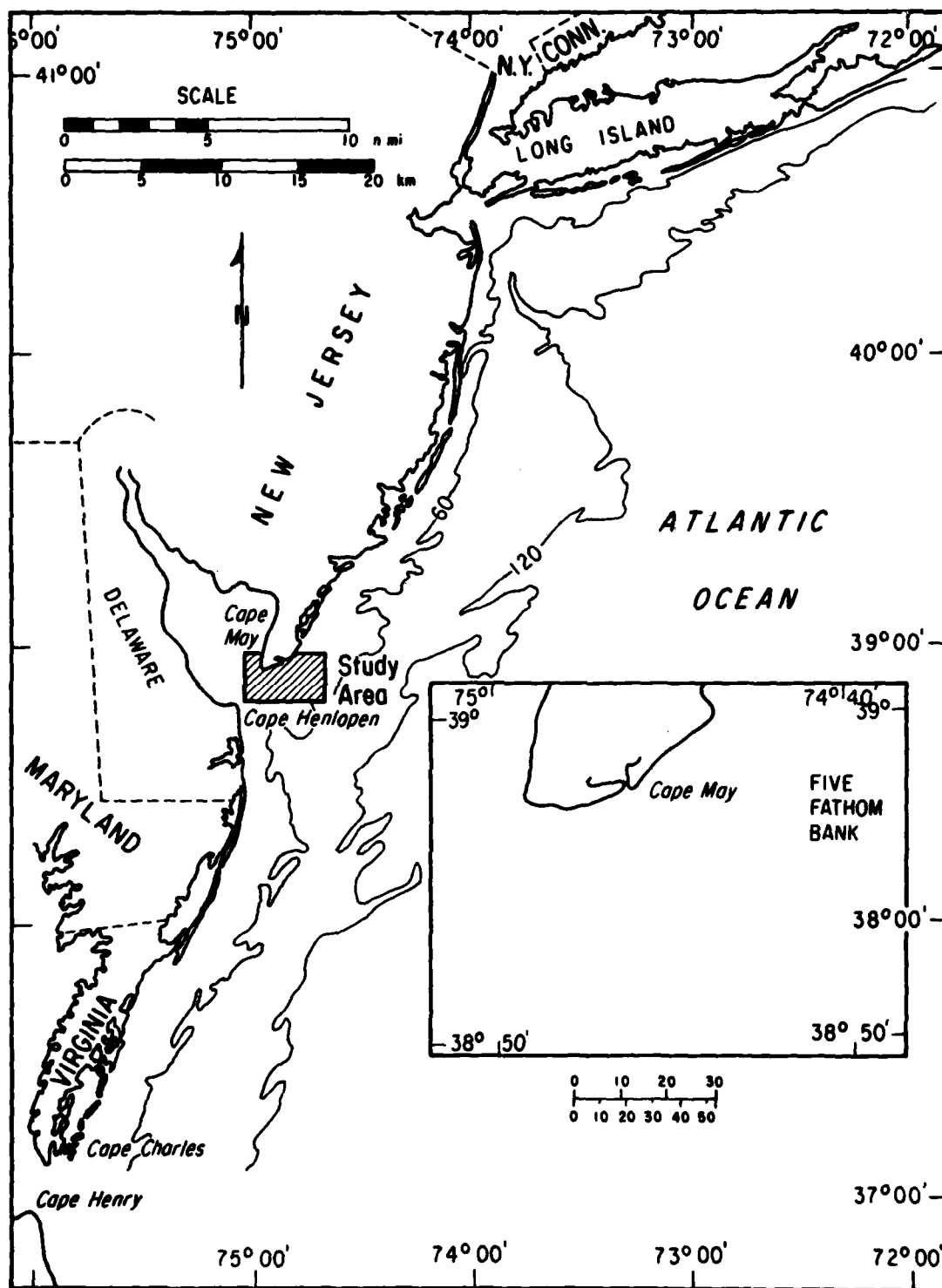


Figure 1. Cape May ICONS study area.

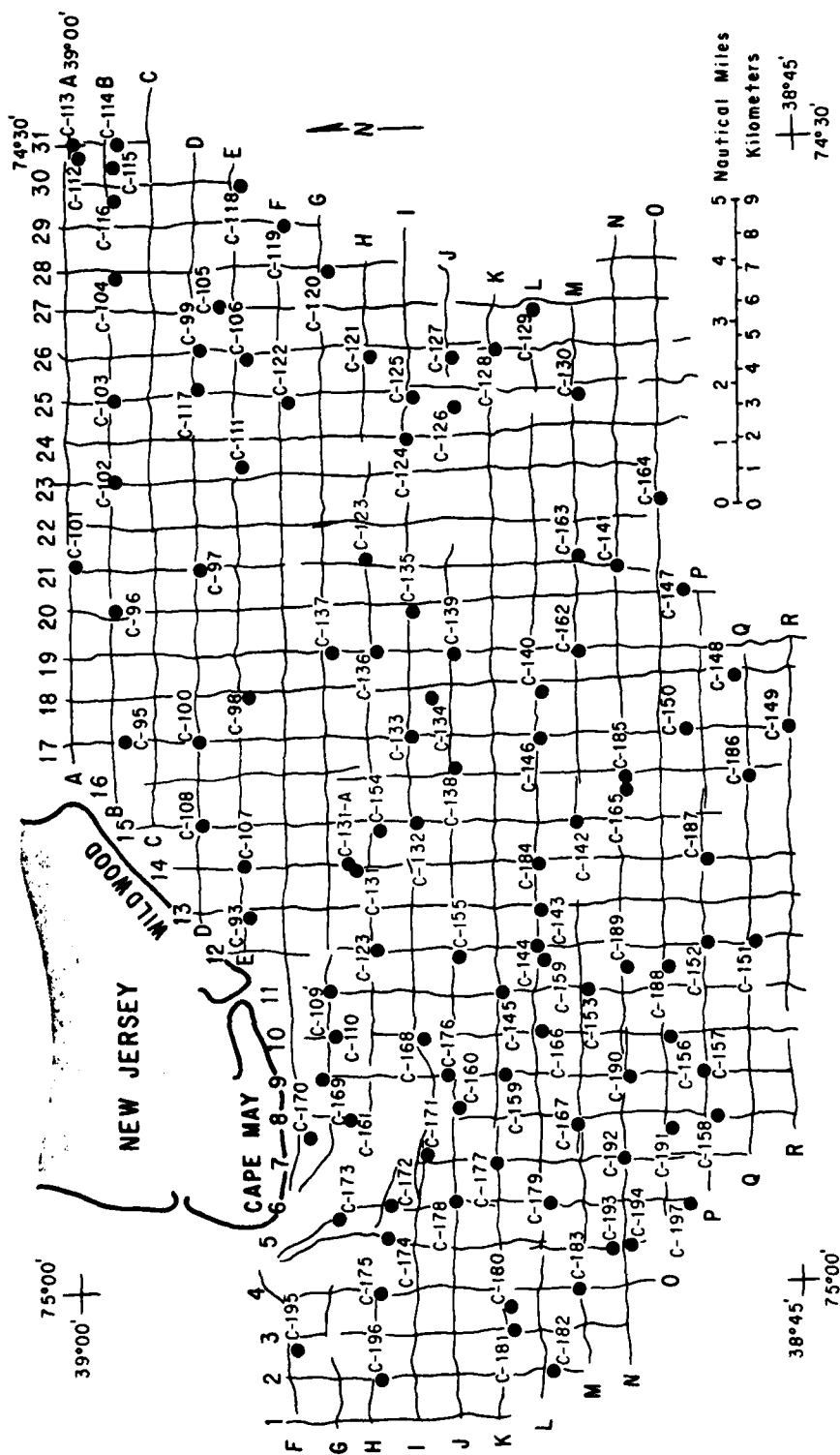


Figure 2. Location of seismic reflection profiles and vibratory cores used to access submarine sand resources.

extend in an irregular line south to Cape May city. The tip of Cape May peninsula from Cape May city west to Delaware Bay is also a headland where pre-Holocene sediments are directly exposed to coastal erosion.

The sea floor contours in Figure 3 show a very complex pattern, but the general ridge and swale topography trends northeast-southwest east of about longitude $74^{\circ}45'$ W., whereas to the west the shoals are arcuate and parallel the Cape May coast. Five Fathom Bank (shown by the 2-meter (-36 feet) contour in Figure 3) is an exception to either fabric by its north-south orientation and probably owes its origin to processes that are different from those that form and modify most shoals in the area. The shoals on the Delaware shelf west of the Delaware Channel are quite different in orientation by trending to the northwest.

4. Sediments.

Sediments recovered from cores of the study area can be divided into two general age groups. The younger group consists of Holocene marine sediments which are distinguished by their small content of invertebrate remains; the presumably older group of sediments is mostly barren of animal remains. The most abundant Holocene deposit is a clean, pale-brown quartz sand, locally with admixtures of granules and pebbles. Sand size ranges from fine to very coarse (Wentworth Scale in Table 1). Sorting is predominantly poor especially in the coarser sand faces. Also included in the presumed Holocene deposits are silt, clay, and silty, sandy gravel which are probably relict transgressive back-barrier or reworked deposits from older substrate.

Below the Holocene sediments is a diverse group of pre-Holocene sediments consisting of sands, sandy gravel, silt, and clay. These deposits are complexly distributed with little vertical or lateral continuity. Although pre-Holocene sediments of similar character occur throughout the area, available data suggest that these deposits are not directly connected but rather that lithologic similarities are due to common source areas and recurrence of similar depositional conditions. The heterogeneous character and highly discontinuous distribution of these sediments suggest fluvial deposition. Nonmarine depositional conditions are also suggested by the absence of any marine organic remains, although this could be due to leaching.

Sediments recovered by cores taken during the ICONS survey are described in the visual core logs of Appendix A. Grain-size data for selected surveys are presented in Appendix B. Most of the sediments can be grouped in a number of characteristic types (summarized in Table 2); letters keyed to these types are used in the log descriptions (App. A) to identify sediments which correspond to the general character of a given type description. The similarities between sediments in a particular group do not necessarily indicate a stratigraphic relationship, although this may be true in some cases. Sediment types A, B, and the type C sediments containing shell are considered Holocene; the remaining types are probably of pre-Holocene age.

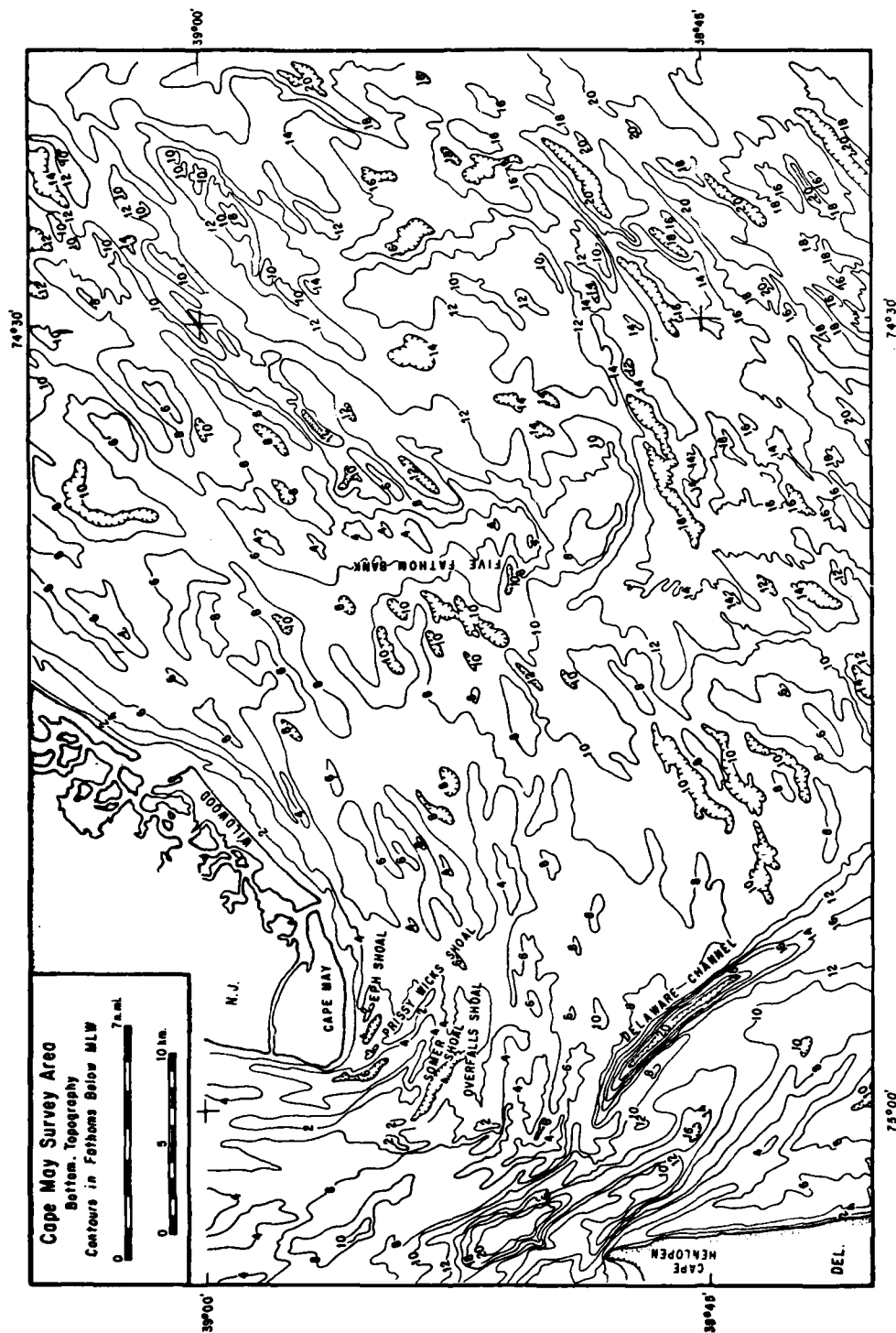


Figure 3. Bathymetric map of the Cape May Inner Continental Shelf.

Table 1. Grain-size scales--soil classification (modified from U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Coastal Engineering Research Center, 1977).

Unified Soils Classification		ASTM Mesh	mm Size	Phi Value	Wentworth Classification	
COBBLE			256.0	-8.0		BOULDER
			76.0	-6.25		COBBLE
COARSE GRAVEL			64.0	-6.0		
			19.0	-4.25		
FINE GRAVEL			4	4.76	-2.25	
			5	4.0	-2.0	
SAND	coarse		10	2.0	-1.0	
			18	1.0	0.0	
	medium		25	0.5	1.0	
			40	0.42	1.25	
	fine		60	0.25	2.0	
			120	0.125	3.0	
			200	0.074	3.75	
			230	0.062	4.0	
SILT				0.0039	8.0	
				0.0024	12.0	
CLAY						

Table 2. Primary shelf sediment classes.

Type	Lithology	Description
A	Quartz sand	Typically very pale brown (10 yr 7/3) ¹ , fine to coarse grain size; 1 to 5 percent shell (predominantly <i>Spisula</i>), well to poorly sorted; silty in places but predominantly clean.
B	Silty sand and gravel	Typically variable grayish-brown color; shells comprise 1 to 10 percent; generally very poorly sorted, silty, and occurs in thin layers in most places; frequently consists of reworked substrate.
C	Silt and silty clay	Typically gray (5 yr 6/1) but occasionally brownish gray; mostly barren but contains shells in places; washed residues may contain sand, mica, and pieces of vegetation.
D	Clean to silty sand	Typically grayish brown (10 yr 6/1 to 10 yr 7/2); occasionally yellowish or reddish-yellow very fine to fine sand; generally well sorted; micaceous locally.
E	Sand and gravel	Typically very light gray (5 yr 7/1) but often grayish to reddish brown; very poorly sorted sand, predominantly quartz; granules and pebbles consist mostly of quartz and rock fragments.
F	Quartz sand	Typically very light gray (5 yr 7/1) but often grayish to reddish brown; very similar to type E but with little or no gravel; poorly sorted, quartz predominant mineral.

¹Munsell Soil Color Code (Munsell Soil Color Charts, 1944 ed., Munsell Color Co., Inc., Baltimore, Md.).

II. POTENTIAL BORROW AREAS

1. Sand Requirements and Beach Characteristics.

Studies by Krumbein and James (1974), James (1975), and Hobson (1977) have shown that the suitability of sand for beach nourishment is largely dependent on grain size and sorting. Sampling of beach and shoreface sands, native to the Cape May coast, by the U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia (1979) indicates that fill sand should be in the fine to medium range or coarser (0.125 to 0.5 millimeter, 3 to 1 phi) for Cape May city, and at least medium to very coarse sand (0.25 to 2.0 millimeters, 2 to -1 phi) for the shore in Lower Township to the west (Wentworth Scale in Table 1). Identification and selection of the borrow areas described below are based on these criteria.

2. Borrow Areas.

The locations of 16 potential borrow areas where sand judged suitable for beach restoration and nourishment may be recovered are identified by letters in Figure 4. Table 3 provides a summary of the pertinent data for the deposits. The first part of the table contains information for the shoal deposits of Holocene marine sand. Volume calculations have been made for the Holocene marine sand deposits where seismic reflection and topographic control are sufficient for a reasonably reliable estimate. The second part of Table 3 contains data on sites identified by core number where the specified core recovered potentially usable sand, but from deposits which were not associated with any discernible

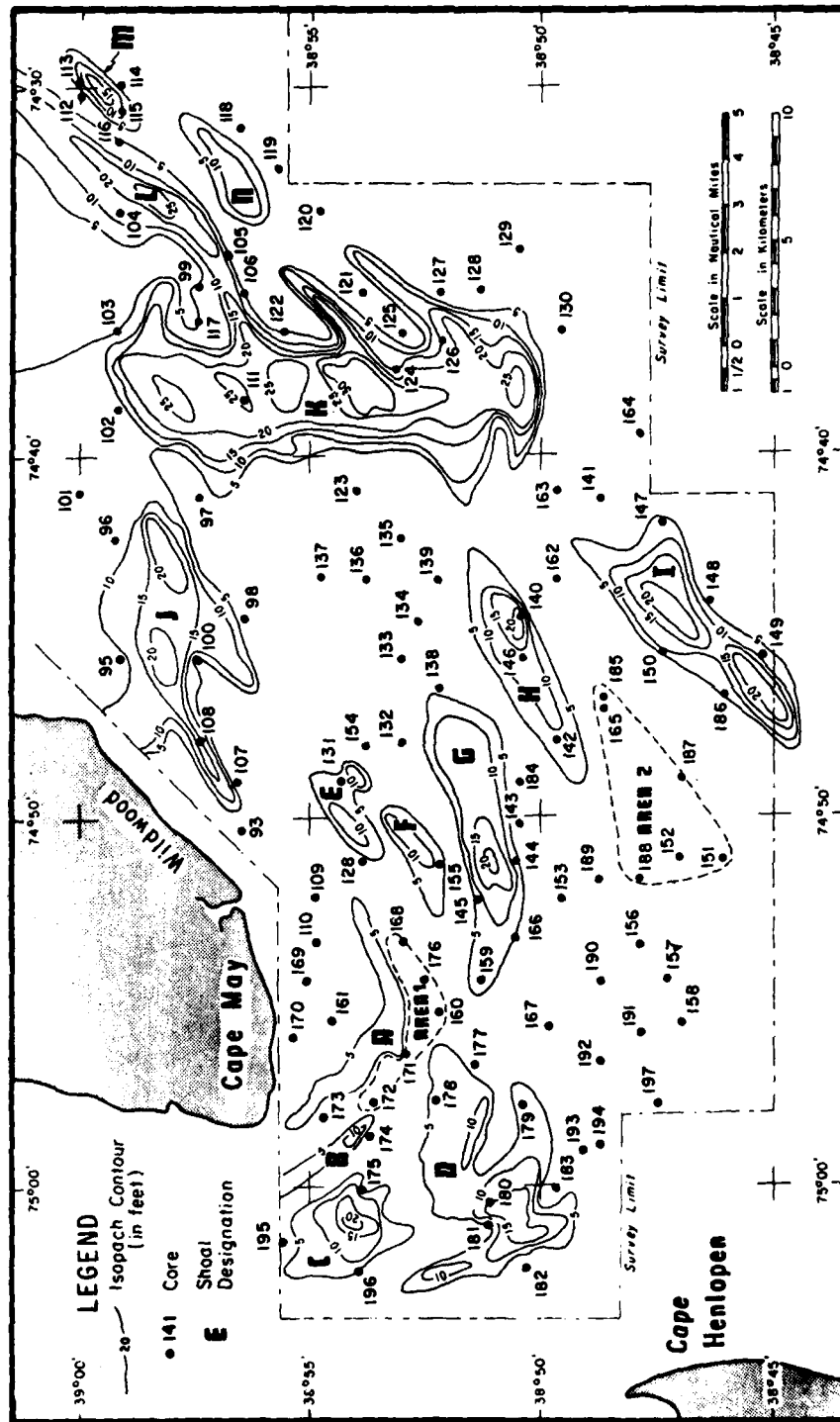


Figure 4. Isopach (thickness) map of the major shoals containing Holocene-age marine sand suitable for beach nourishment. Shoals A to N and areas 1 and 2 are discussed in the text.

Table 3. Summary of potential borrow areas.

Designation	Type deposit	Water depths (ft)	Area (yd ²)	Overburden thickness (ft)	Deposit thickness (ft)	Estimated volume (yd ³)	Cores in deposit	Sediment type	Sand size (Wentworth Scale)
Shoal A	Marine	6 to 30	10,914,000	0	5	18,182,000	None	A	No data
B	Marine	6 to 12	3,555,000	0	5 to 10	6,499,000	None	A	No data
C	Marine	12 to 38	14,617,000	0	5 to 20	41,079,000	175	A	Medium to coarse
D	Marine	10 to 42	38,962,000	0	5 to 15	89,265,000	178,179,180	A	Medium to coarse
E	Marine	23 to 33	6,765,000	0	5 to 10	14,644,000	131	A	Medium
F	Marine	22 to 34	5,990,000	0	5 to 10	13,163,000	155	A	Medium to coarse
G	Marine	18 to 42	29,417,000	0	5 to 20	84,328,000	144,145,159,166	A	Fine-coarse
H	Marine	44 to 53	20,099,000	0	5 to 20	53,230,000	140,142,146	A	Medium-coarse
I	Marine	40 to 60	33,778,000	0	5 to 20	120,860,000	147,149,150,186	A	Fine-medium
J	Marine	18 to 42	54,222,000	0	5 to 20	189,554,000	95,96,108	A	Fine-medium
K	Marine	20 to 60	125,580,000	0	5 to 30	617,437,000	99,102,103,106, 111,117,124,126	A	Medium-coarse
L	Marine	26 to 60	25,383,000	0	5 to 25	94,943,000	104,116	A	Fine-coarse
M	Marine	44 to 65	3,901,000	0	5 to 20	10,794,000	113,115	A	Medium
N	Marine	50 to 65	8,543,000	0	5 to 10	20,979,000	None	A	No data
Core 118	Marine	79	---	0	>7	---	118	A	Fine to coarse
128	Marine	77	---	0	6	---	128	A	Fine to coarse
133	Marine	51	---	0	6	---	133	A	Medium
154	Marine	46	---	0	7	---	154	A	Fine to medium
167	Marine	40	---	0	6	---	167	A	Medium
101	Fluvial	55	---	2	3	---	101	A,F	Fine to very coarse
151	Fluvial	53	---	1	>7	---	151	A,E	Fine sand to granules
152	Fluvial	55	---	2	>6	---	152	A,F	Fine to coarse
160	Fluvial	34	---	2	6	---	160	A,E,F	Fine to coarse
165	Fluvial	65	---	2	>6	---	165	A,F	Medium to coarse
168	Fluvial	42	---	3	>5	---	168	A,F	Coarse sand and granules
169	Fluvial	36	---	4	>5	---	169	D,F	Fine to coarse
171	Fluvial	37	---	1	>6	---	171	A,E,F	Fine to coarse
172	Fluvial	33	---	1	>6	---	172	A,E,F	Fine to coarse
185	Fluvial	63	---	1	>7	---	185	A,F	Medium to coarse
188	Fluvial	48	---	5	>6	---	188	A,F	Fine to medium

Unknown.

topographic or seismic reflection features. For this reason core data could not be projected beyond the immediate area of the core site and no area or volume calculations could be made. Several of these sites contain Holocene marine sand (type A) which does not seem to be associated with a prominent shoal. The remaining sites contain type E or F material which is thought to be pre-Holocene fluvial sediment. All of the pre-Holocene deposits are beneath some overburden, which mostly consists of suitable type A sand. Thus, the combined thickness of both units is considered usable. Many of the cores bottomed in usable material and their thickness are shown as greater than the specified amount of core recovery.

Eleven cores containing usable type E and F material are grouped into areas designated as areas 1 and 2 in Figure 4. It is possible that continuity of these deposits exists throughout the area. If this is true, a potentially usable volume of more than 14.5 million cubic meters of material could be recovered from area 1 and 20.6 million cubic meters from area 2. However, if these are fluvial deposits it seems unlikely that deposition was continuous over such a large area. Additional detailed coring in areas 1 and 2 is necessary to properly define the deposit before these areas can be considered high potential sites for sandfill.

Of the 16 separate borrow areas identified in Figure 4, shoals A,B,C,E,F, J and area 1 should definitely be considered as sources of fill for any projects along the Cape May coast. They are within about 9 kilometers of the coast, all have water depths less than about 12.8 meters (42 feet), and their combined sand resources are estimated to be more than 216 million cubic meters, more than enough to meet projected fill requirements for beach nourishment projects. Brief descriptions of these sites are given below.

a. Borrow Area A and Area 1. Area A (Fig. 4) is an elongate and arcuate shoal (named Prissy Wicks shoal on NOS chart 1219) that semiparallels the coast at the end of Cape May. Area 1 is a rather flat extension of the south flank of the shoal and is composed of fluvial sands that probably underlie the entire Prissy Wicks shoal complex. The seismic data in area A and the seismic and core data in area 1 show that sand about 1.5 meters thick is present; the combined estimated sand resources are more than 28.3 million cubic meters.

b. Borrow Area B. Area B consists of a narrow fingerlike shoal (named North Shoal on NOS chart 1219) adjacent to areas A and 1. Core 174 off the southern flank shows that the shoal is composed of medium to coarse sand underlain at the base by fine-grained sediment.

c. Borrow Area C. Area C is a concentric shoal (Fig. 4) immediately west of area B and about 5.4 kilometers from the western side of Cape May peninsula. The area comprises Round and Middle Shoals (on NOS chart 1219), and the seismic data and core 175 show that it contains up to 6.1 meters of a poorly sorted mixture of fine to very coarse pebbly sand.

d. Borrow Areas E and F. These areas are two closely spaced shoals within 7.2 kilometers of Cape May Inlet; they probably offer the highest potential as sources of nourishment sand. The CERC data show that medium to coarse sand is present to about 3-meter (10 feet) depths and the combined estimated sand volumes are more than 21.3 million cubic meters.

As a result of CERC recommendations, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, conducted additional detailed surveys of area E to evaluate it as a primary source for fill as part of their beach erosion control and storm protection study for Cape May and Lower Township (U.S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, 1979). In September 1978, 27 vibratory cores and 47 kilometers of fathometer profiles were collected in a fairly dense matrix with a core spacing of about 305 meters. Analyses of the cores confirmed that clean, medium-grained sands with a median diameter of 0.4 millimeter (1.27 phi) are present to depths of about 3.7 meters (12 feet). The penetration records from the cores also showed that the sands at the base of the shoal are very dense which suggests that marine Holocene type A sediments in the shoal are underlain by fluvial pre-Holocene silty sands.

e. Borrow Area J. Area J is a fingerlike shoal detached from the lower shoreface off Two Mile Beach to the east of Cape May Inlet. Core 108 and the accompanying seismic data show that suitable sand to a thickness of at least 6.1 meters is present and the estimated volume is about 145 million cubic meters, which makes area J the second largest (the largest is Five Fathom Bank in area K, with 472 million cubic meters) potential borrow area in the study area. Although the area offers much promise as a fill source, it is a minimum of 5.4 kilometers from the Cape May beaches and may be better suited to possible future projects along the Wildwood shore.

III. SUMMARY

A geologic study using seismic reflection profiles and sedimentary cores (a maximum of 3.7 meters long) was made of the Inner Continental Shelf region off Cape May, New Jersey, to locate and delineate sand and gravel suitable for beach restoration and maintenance.

Results of the study show that 18 sites identified on isopach maps contain an estimated 1,086 million cubic meters of sand. All but two sites constitute linear and arcuate shoals that are Holocene features composed of clean, marine quartz sand. The shoals are about 6.1 meters thick and appear to rest on a pre-Holocene fluvial surface composed of dense silty sand and gravel.

Six shoals (A,B,C,E,F, and J) and area 1 (Fig. 4) are closest to Cape May beaches and contain about 216 million cubic meters of sand, making them the best sites for future consideration.

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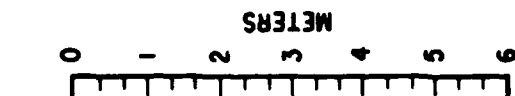
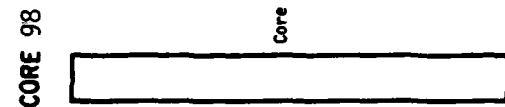
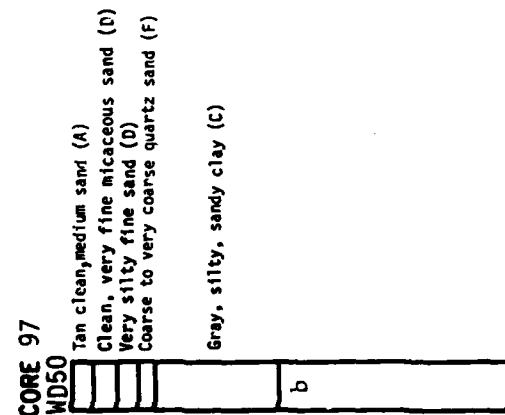
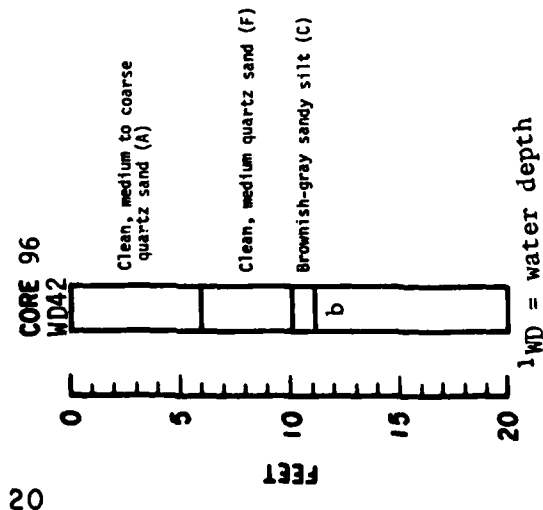
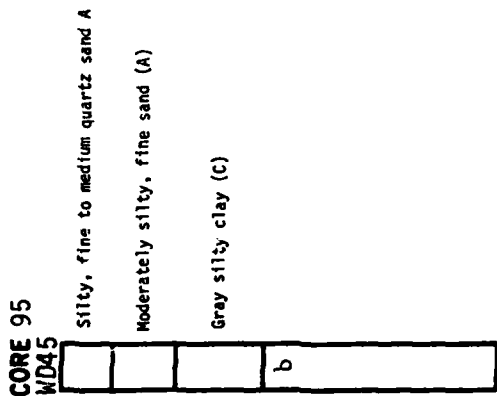
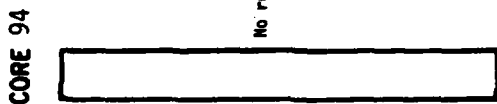
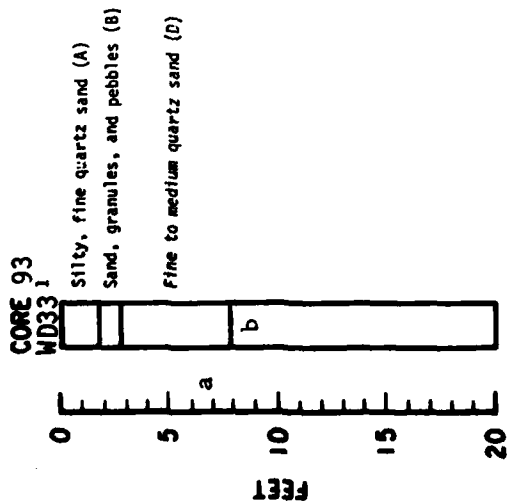
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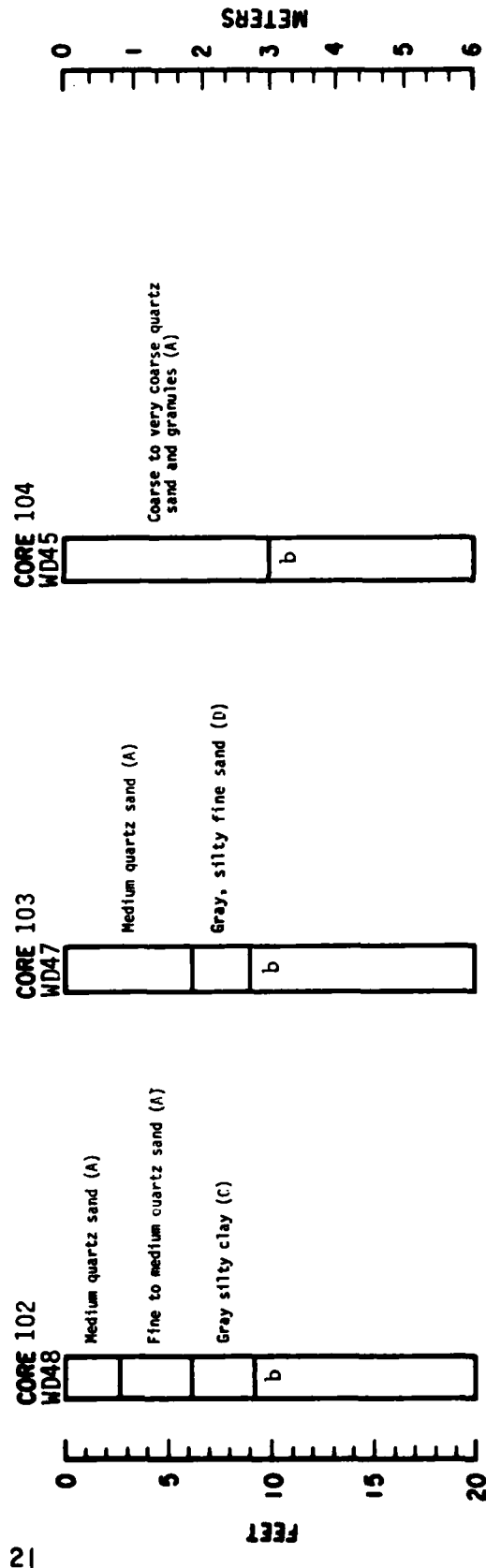
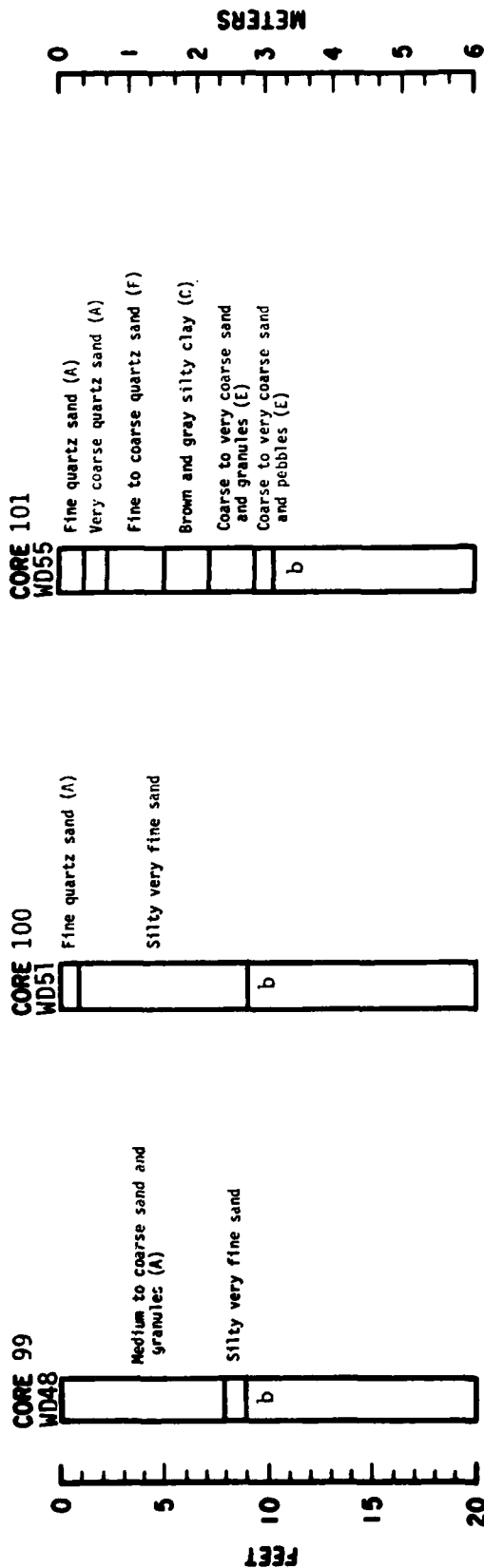
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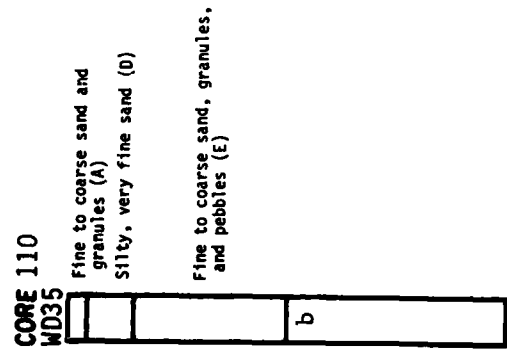
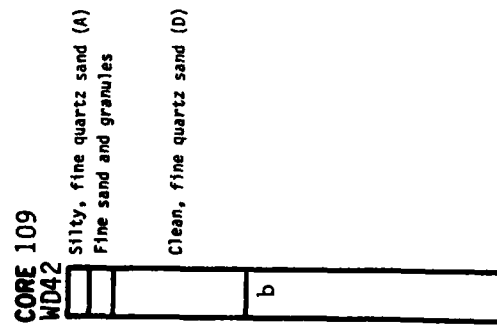
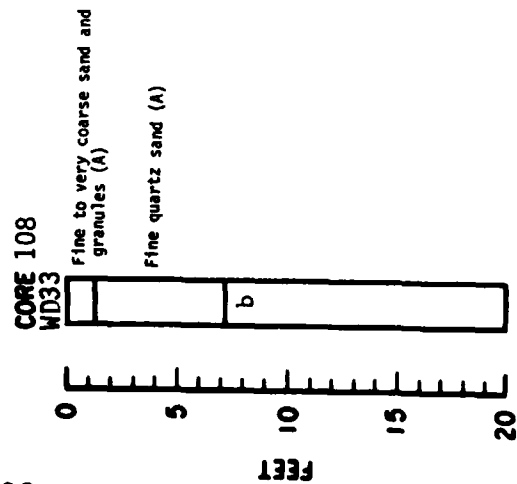
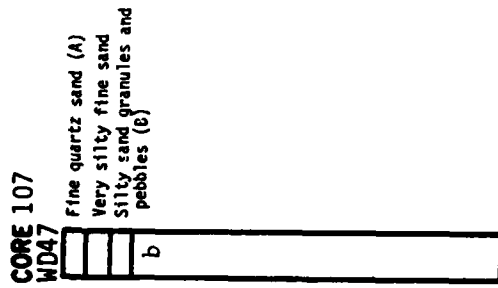
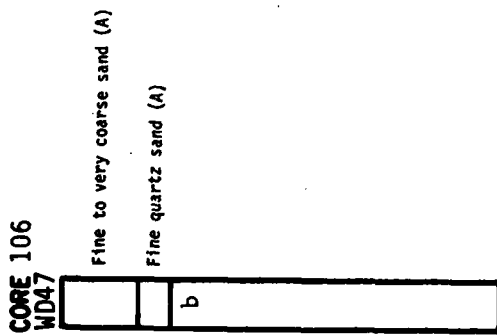
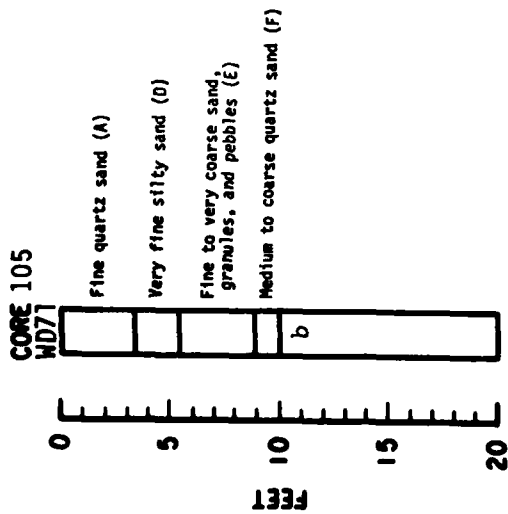
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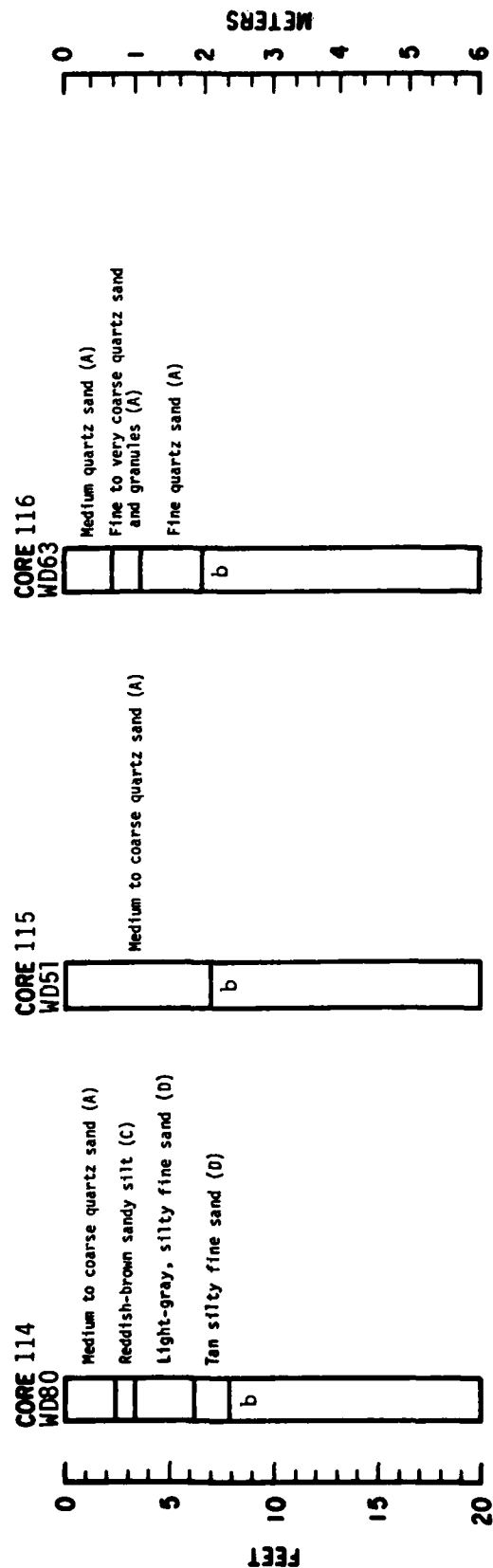
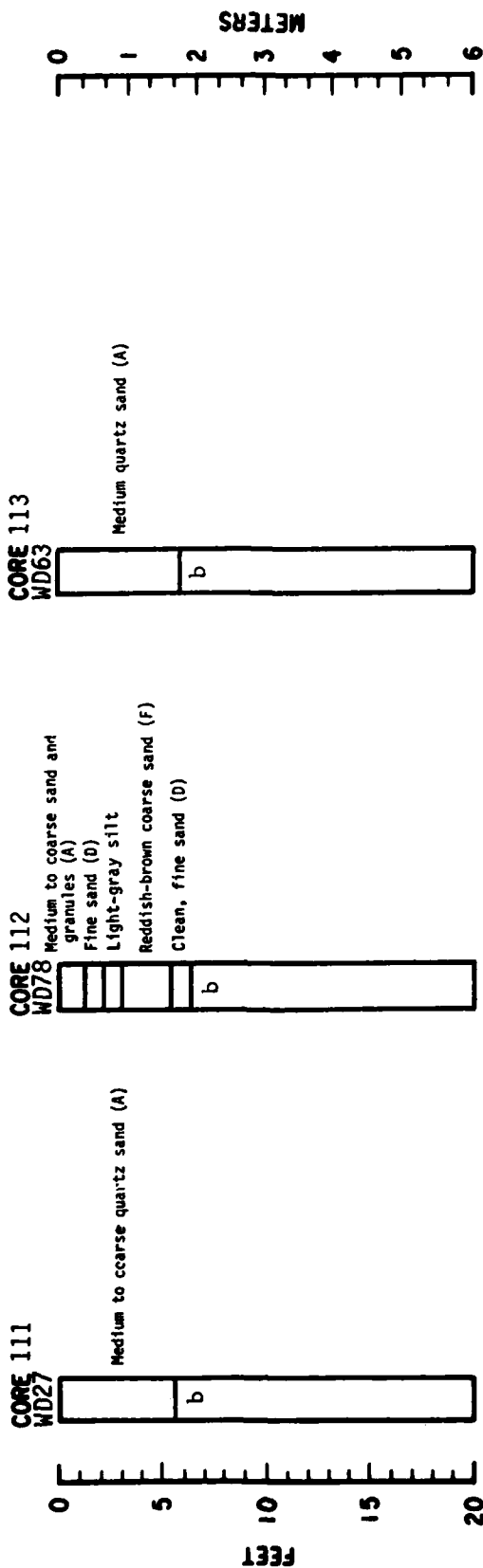
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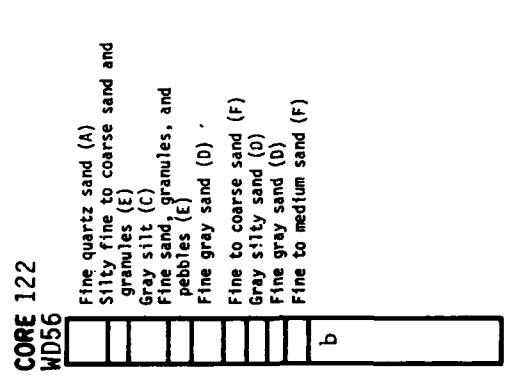
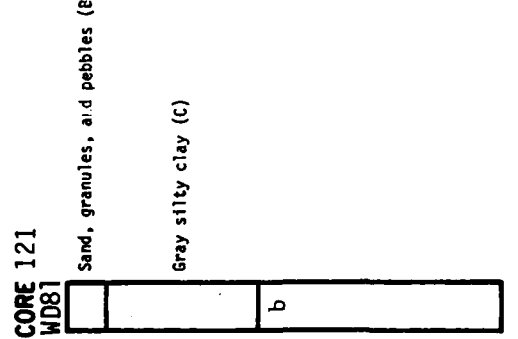
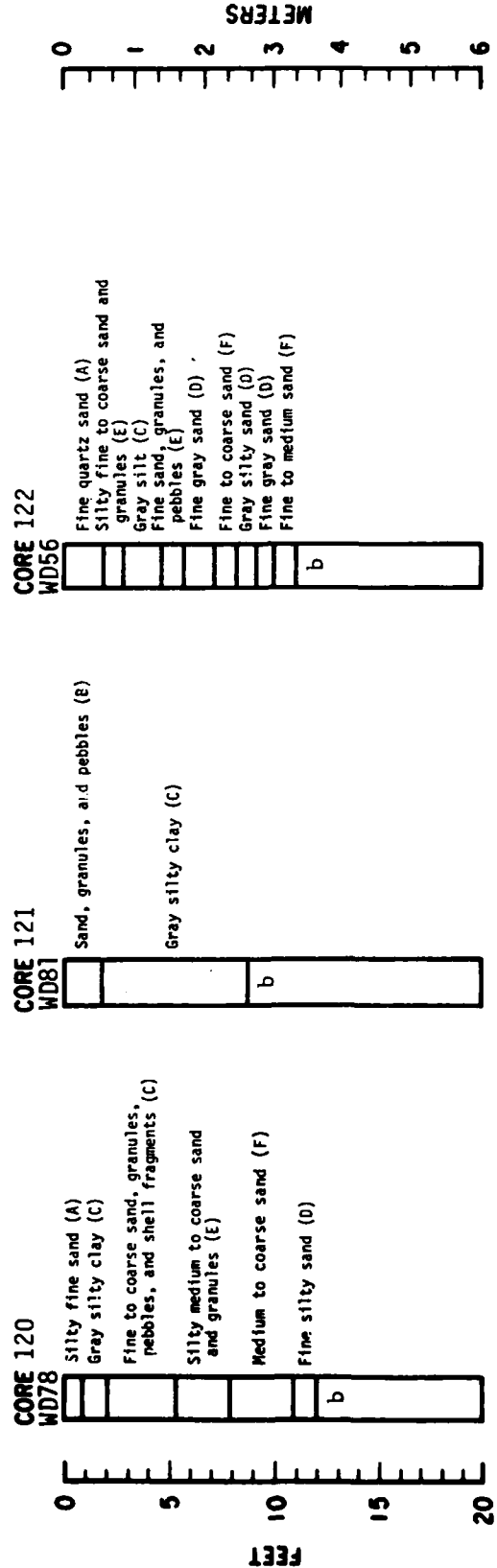
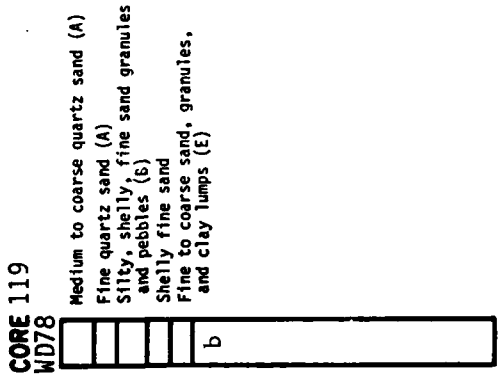
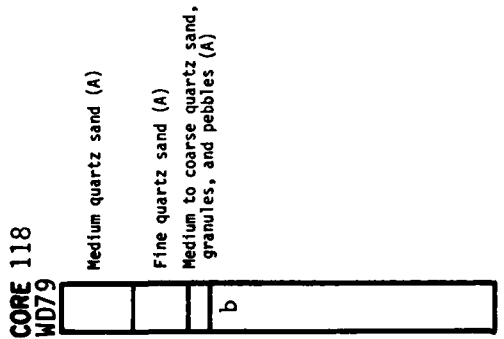
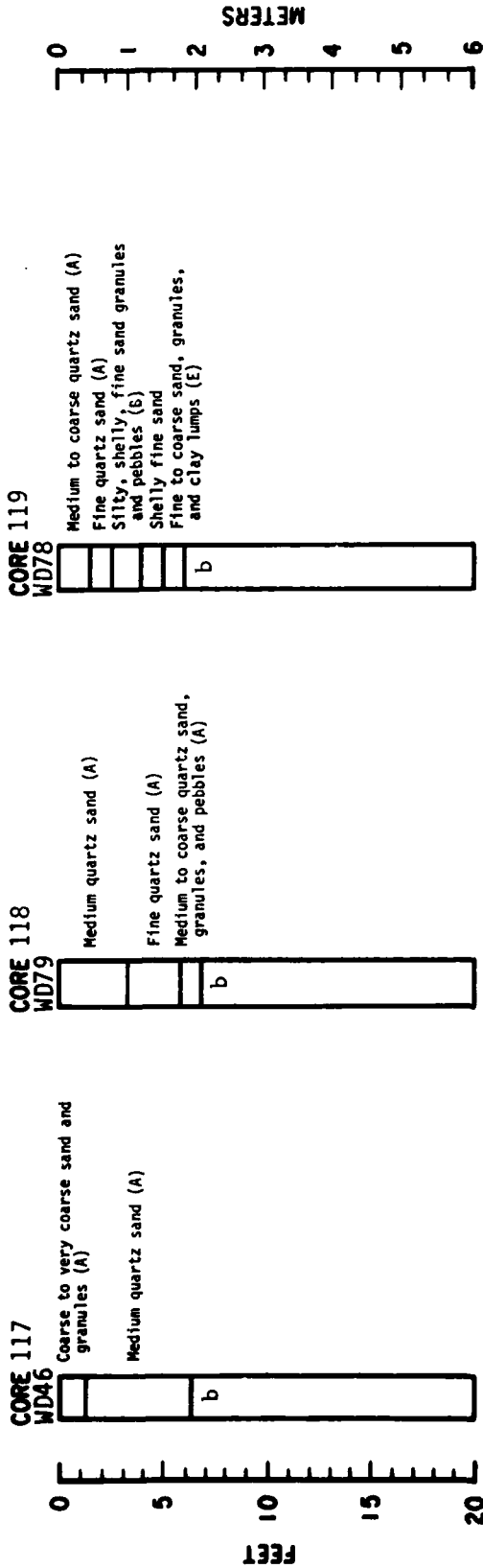
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Gravel	>2	<-1
Very coarse sand	1.0 to 2.0	0 to -1
Coarse sand	0.5 to 1.0	1 to 0-
Medium sand	0.25 to 0.5	2 to 1-
Fine sand	0.125 to 0.25	3 to 2-
Very fine sand	0.0625 to 0.125	4 to 3-
Silt and mud	<0.0625	>4
Sorting terms		
Very well sorted		0.35
Well sorted		0.50
Moderately well sorted		0.80
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Poorly sorted		2.00
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Extremely poorly sorted		

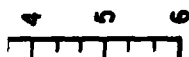
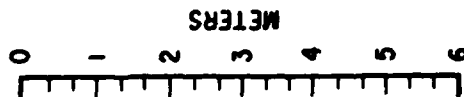
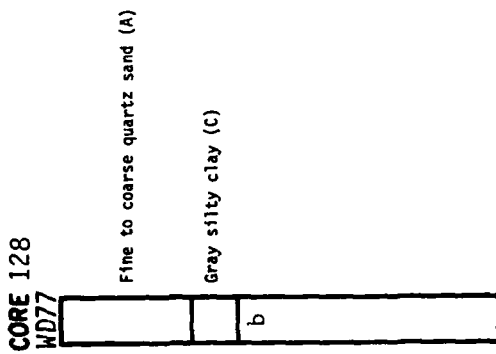
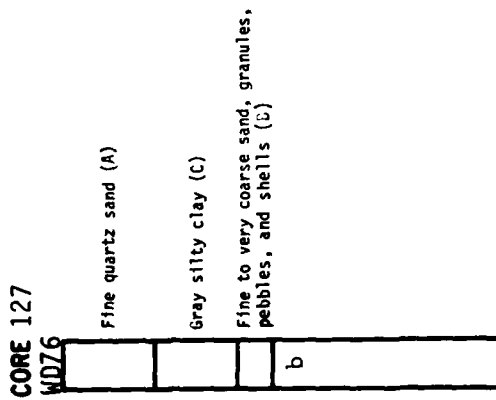
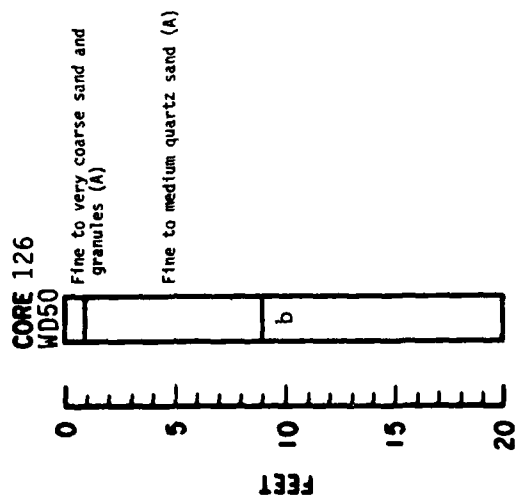
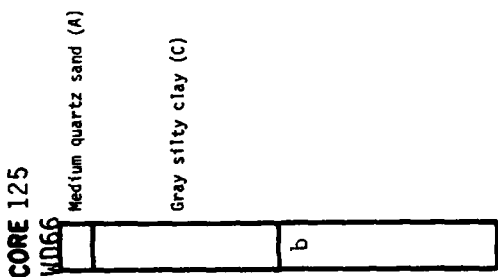
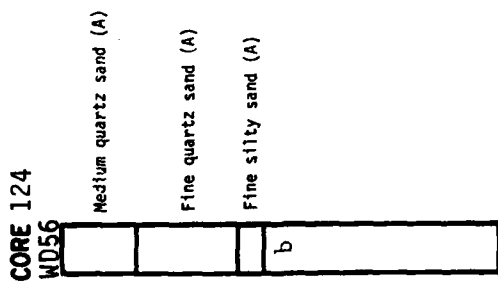
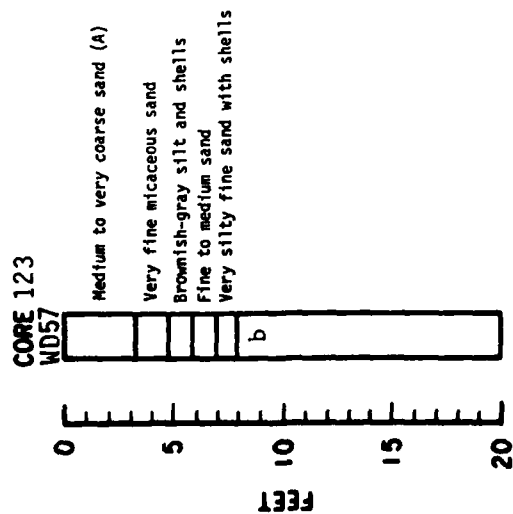


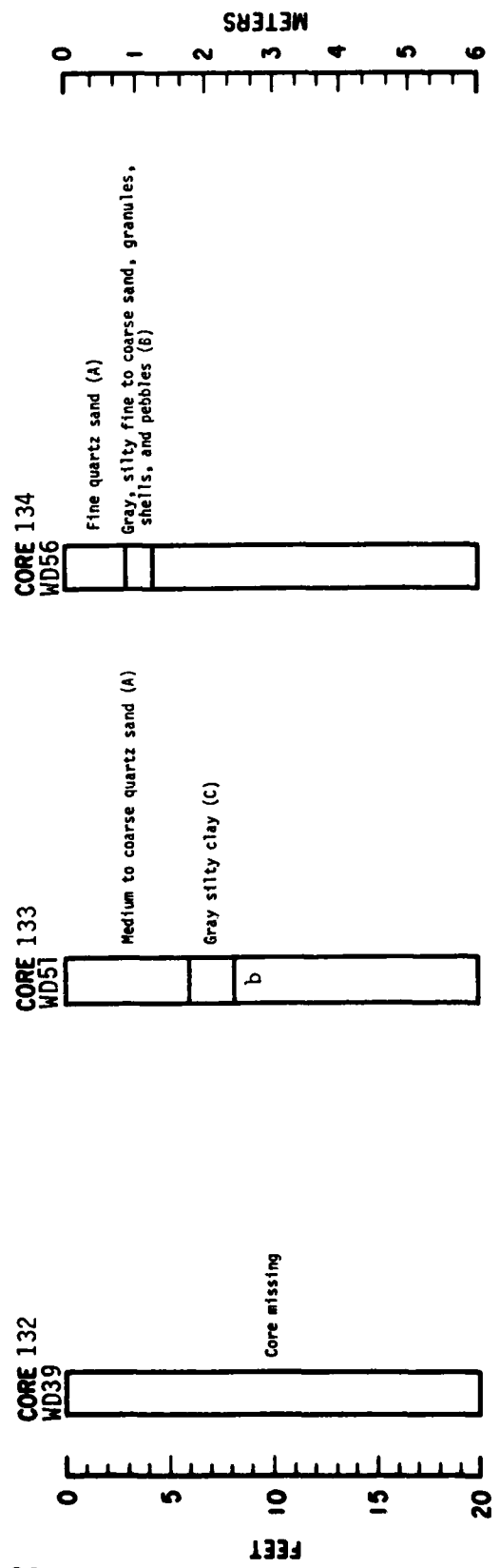
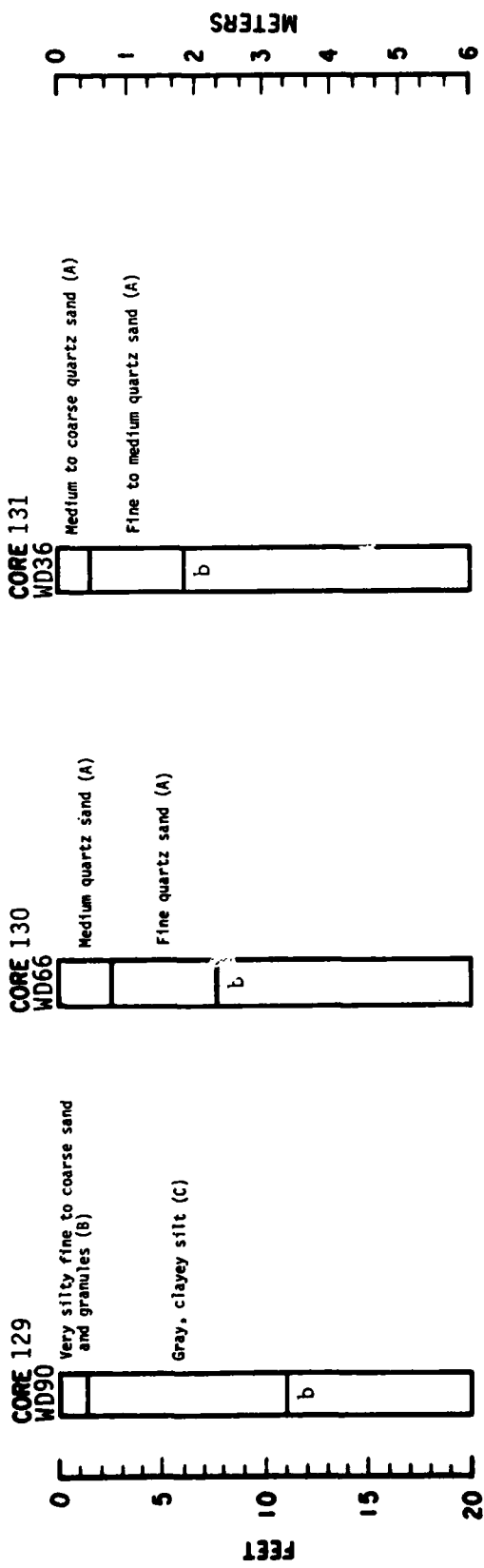


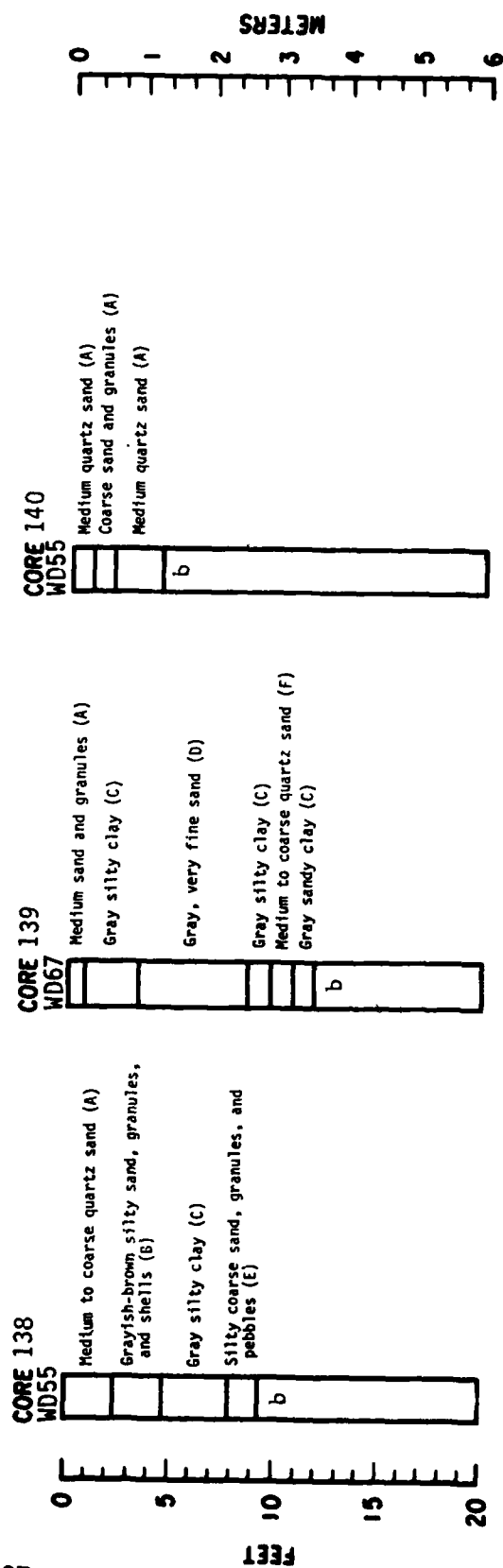
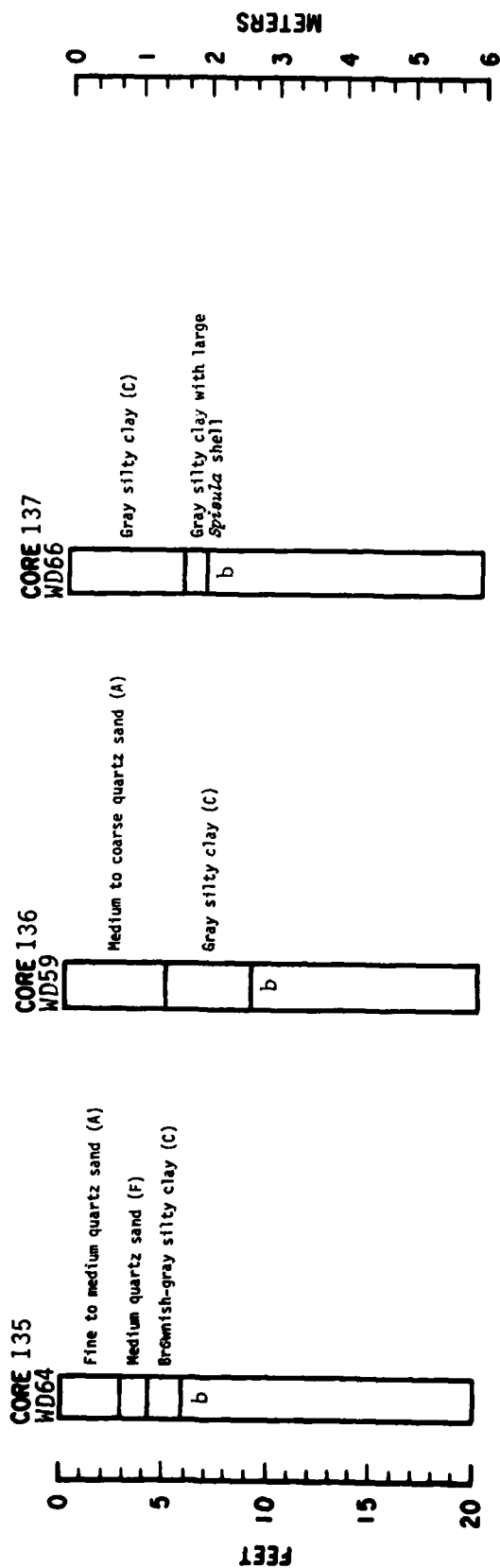


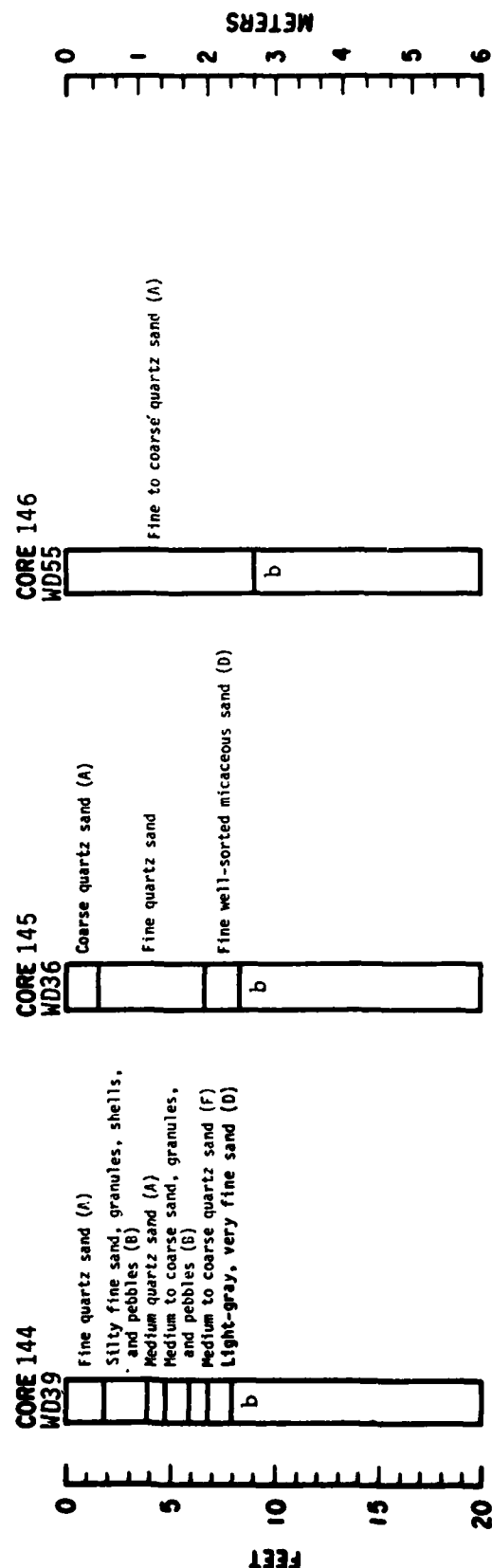
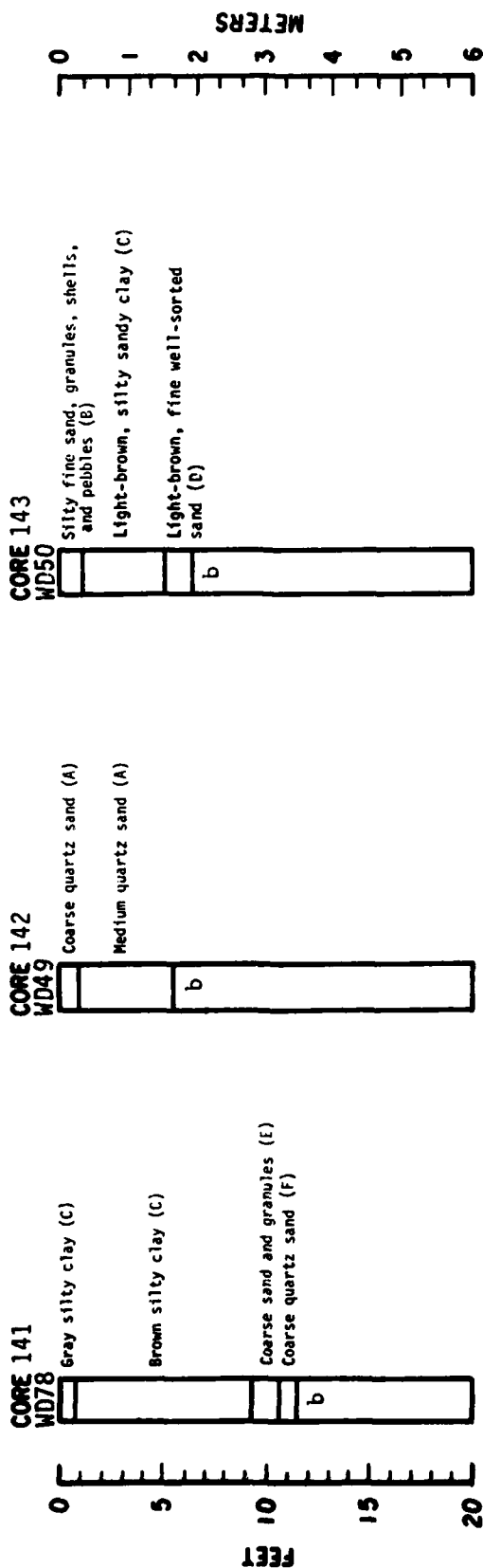






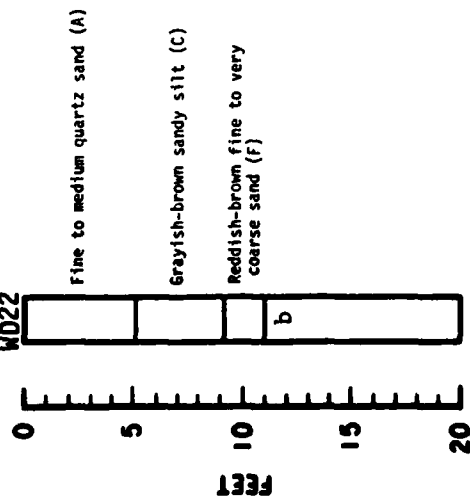






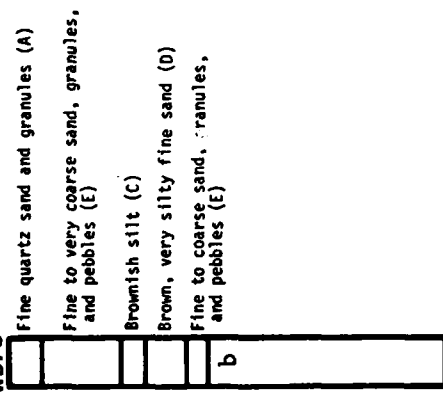
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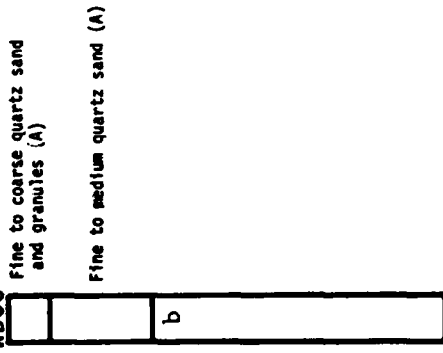
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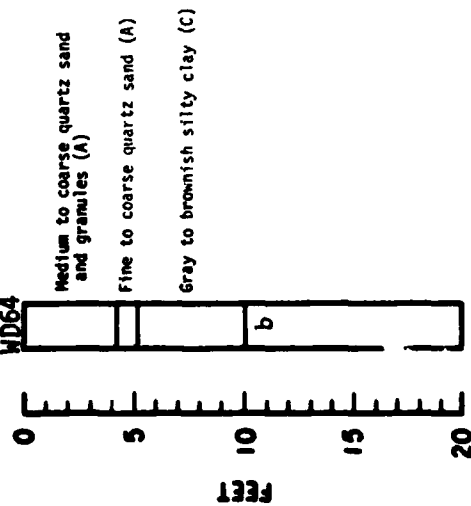
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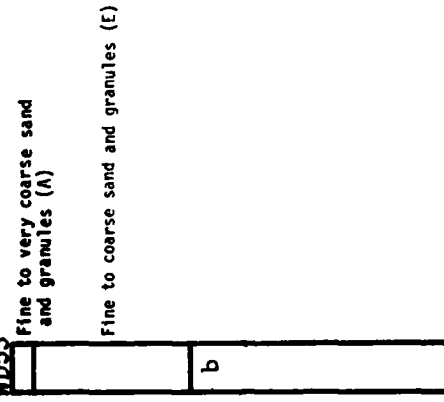
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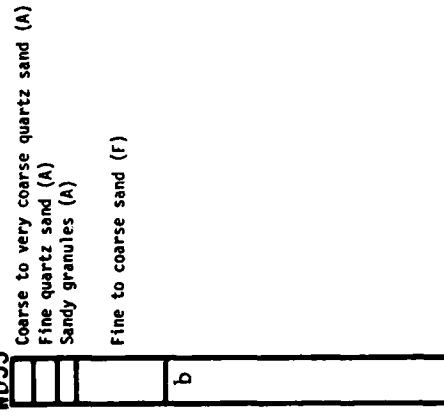
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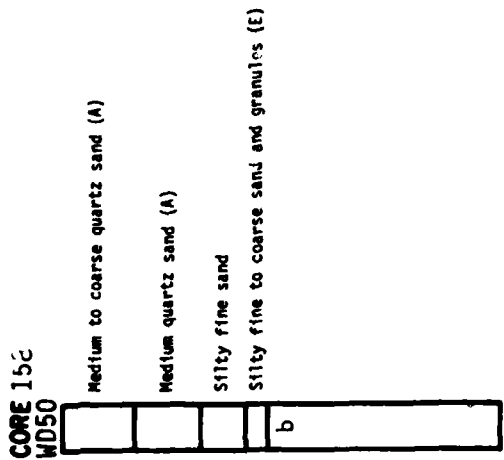
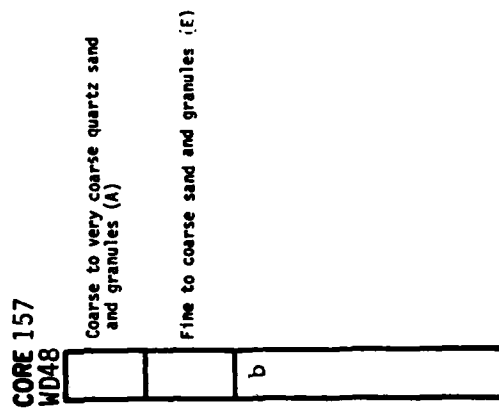
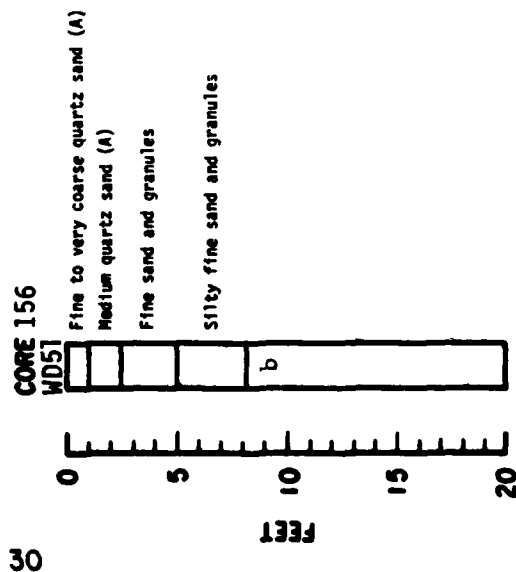
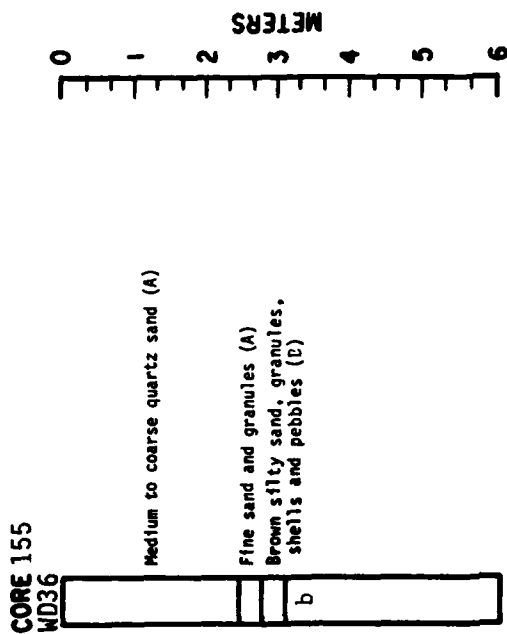
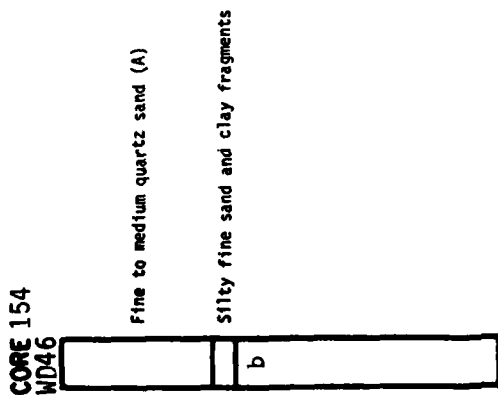
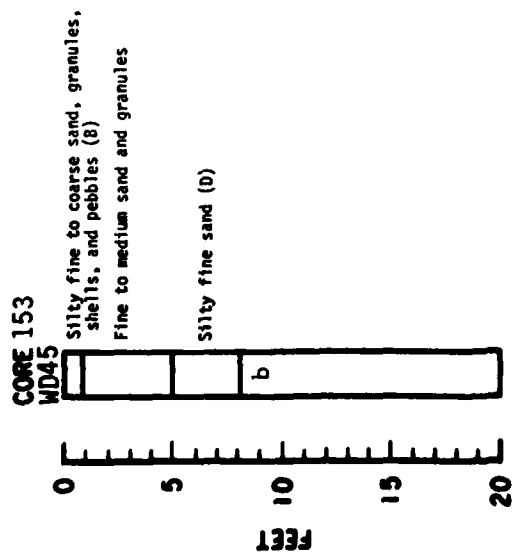
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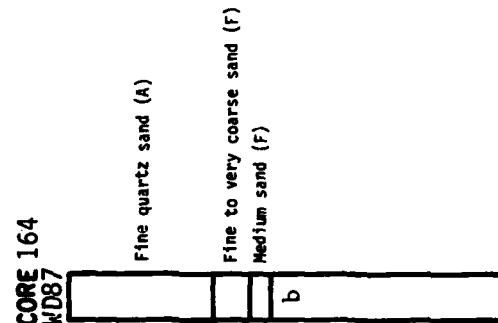
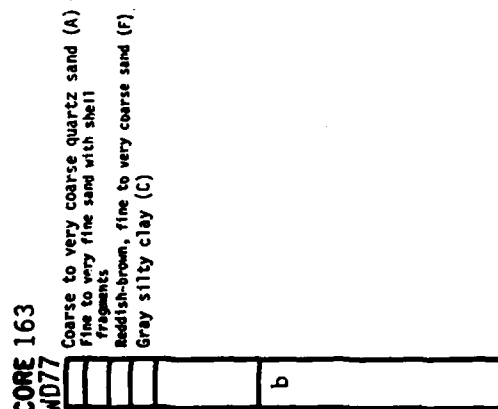
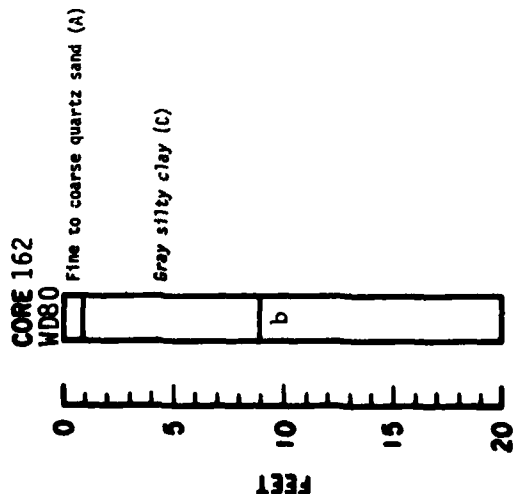
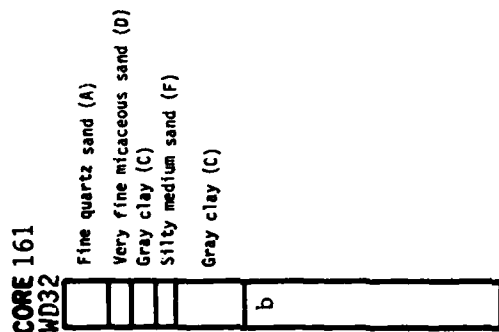
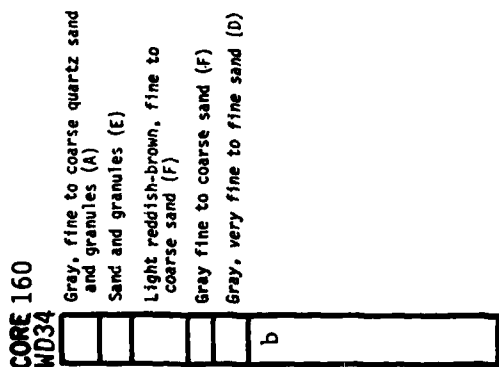
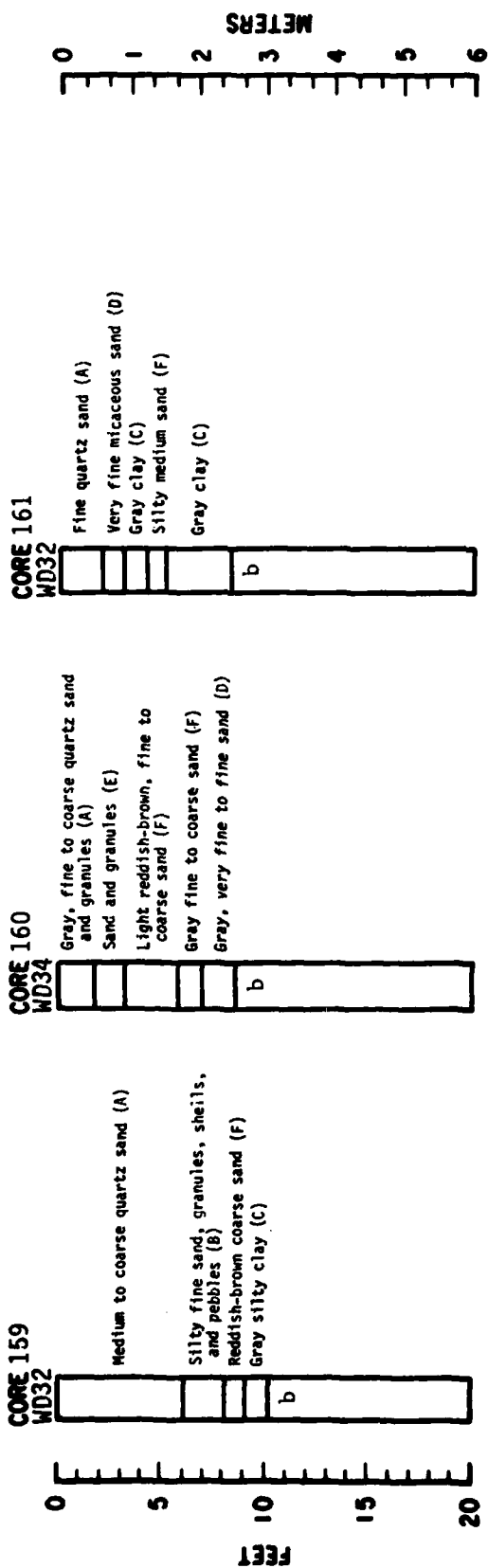


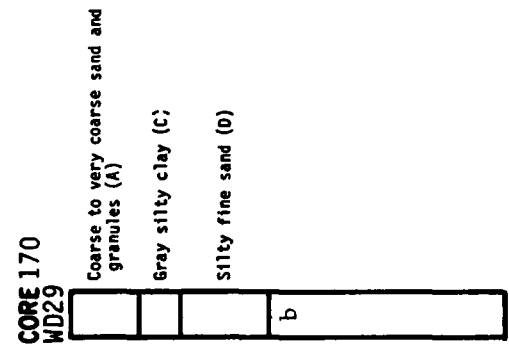
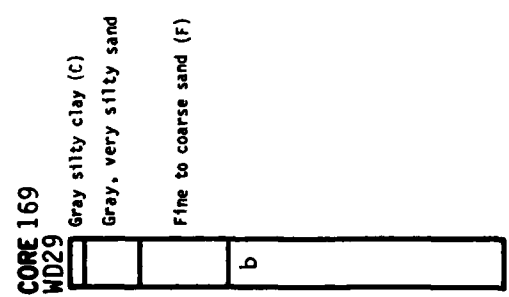
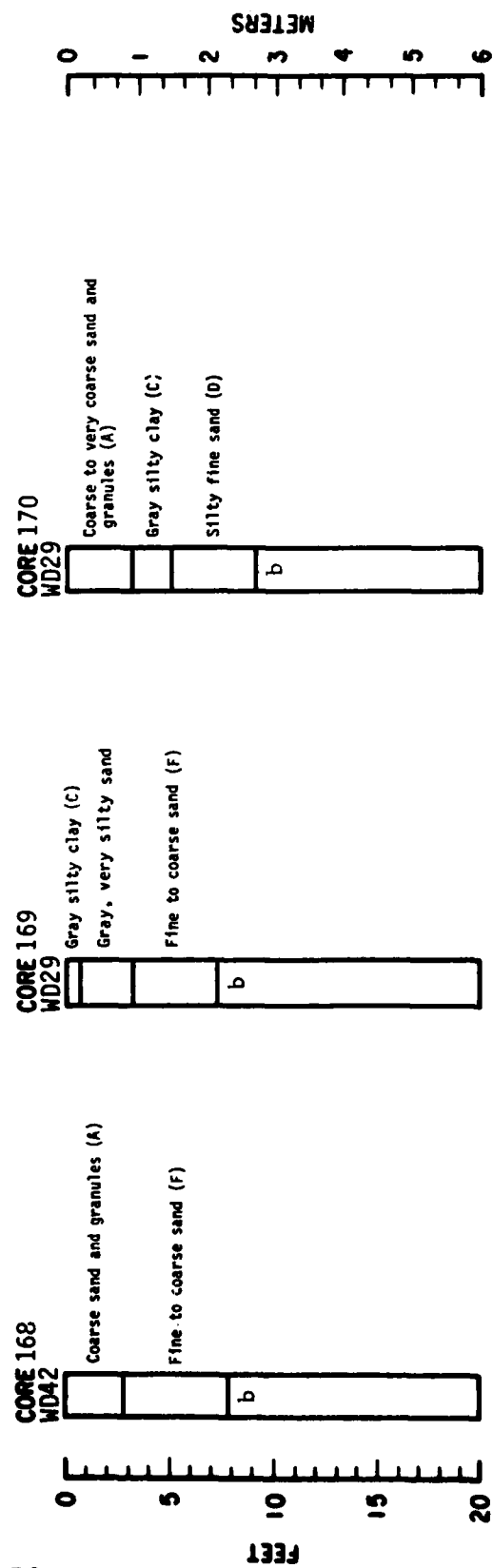
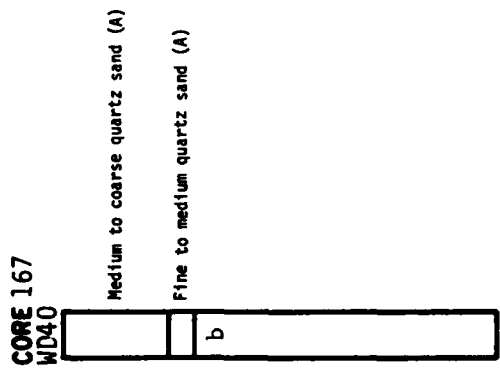
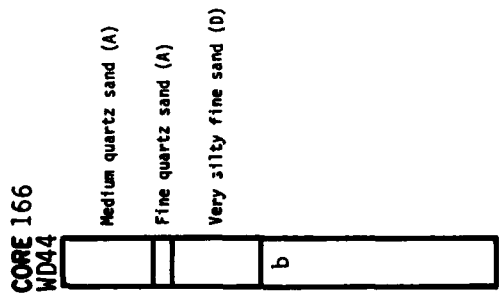
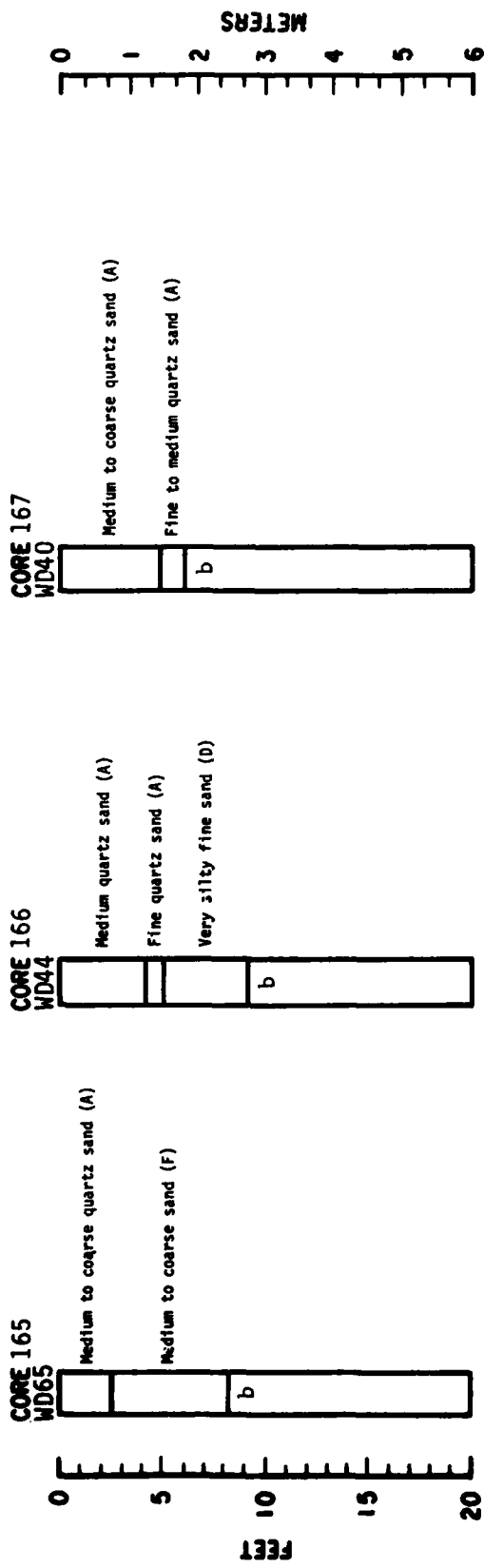
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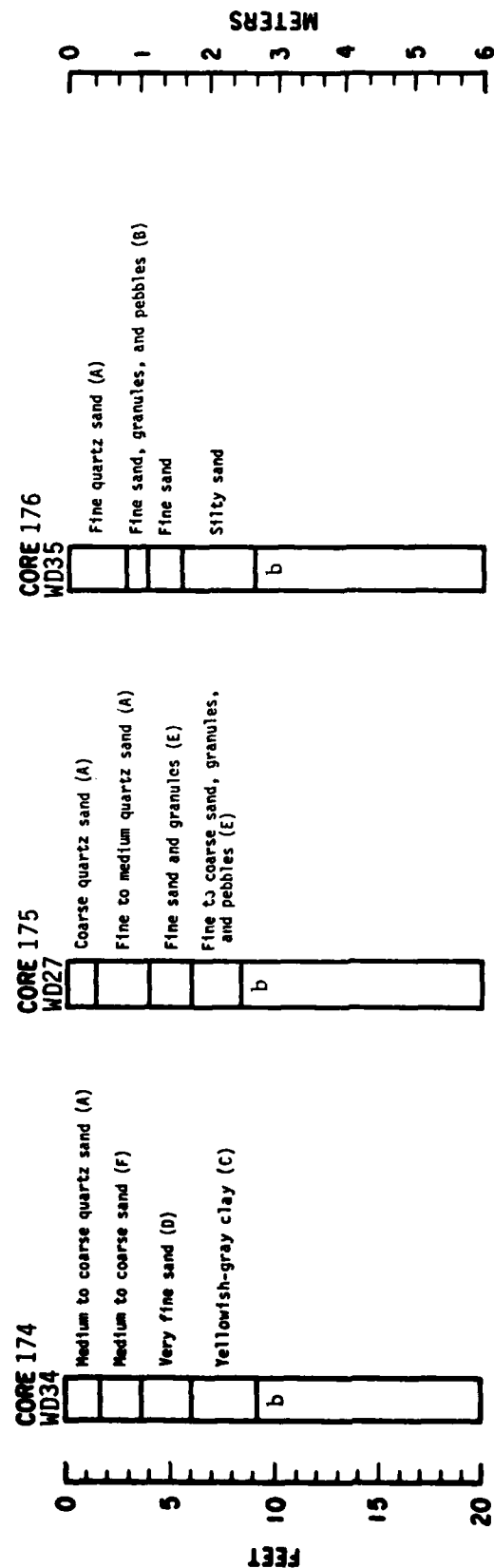
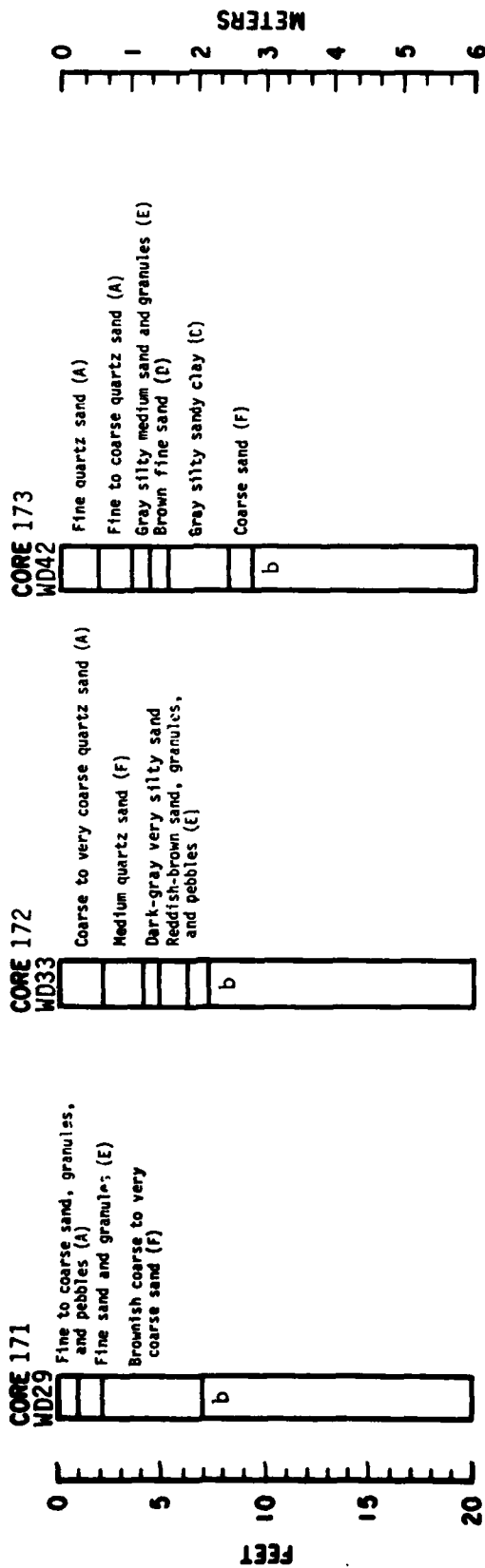
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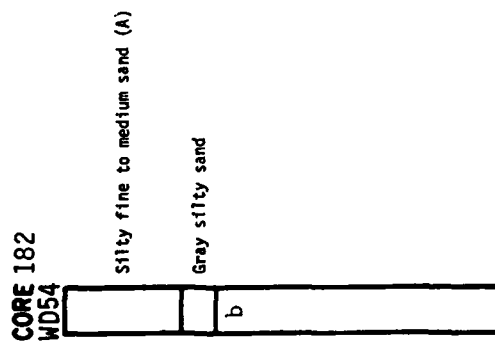
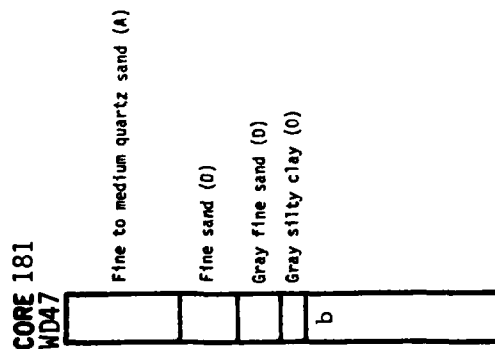
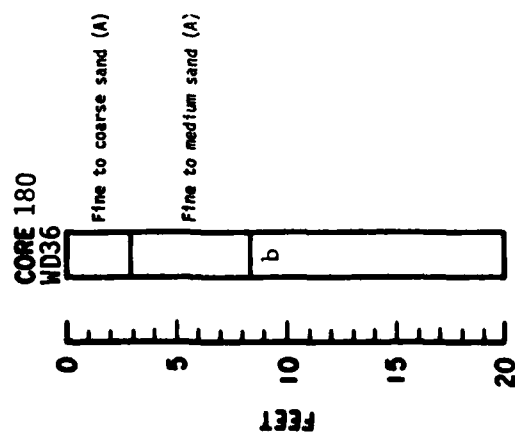
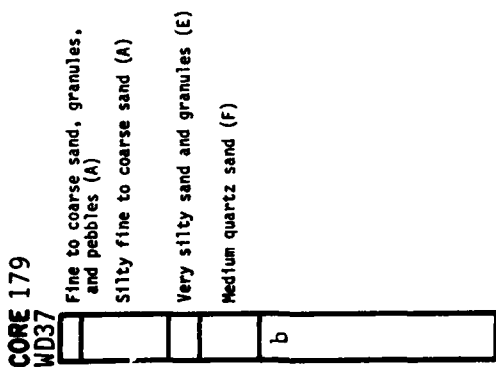
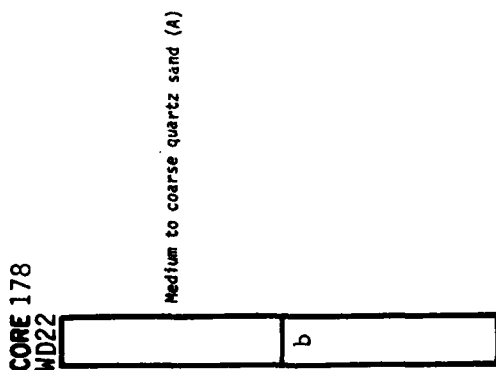
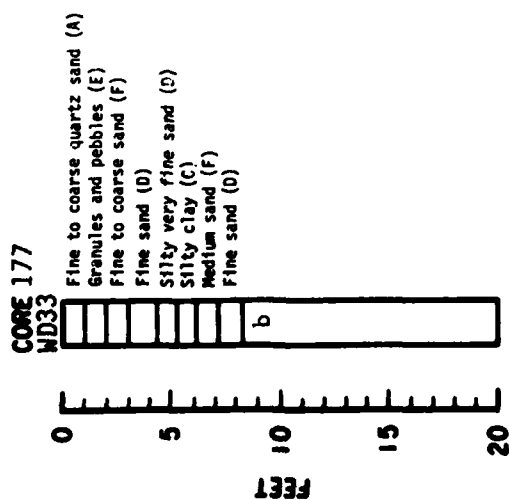


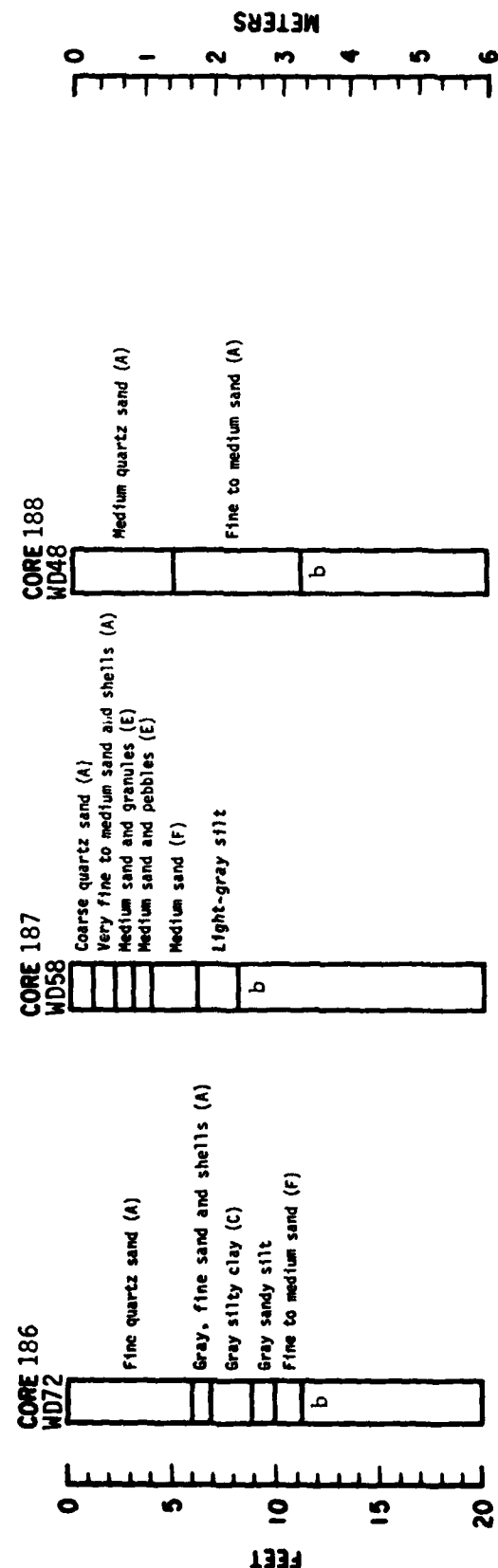
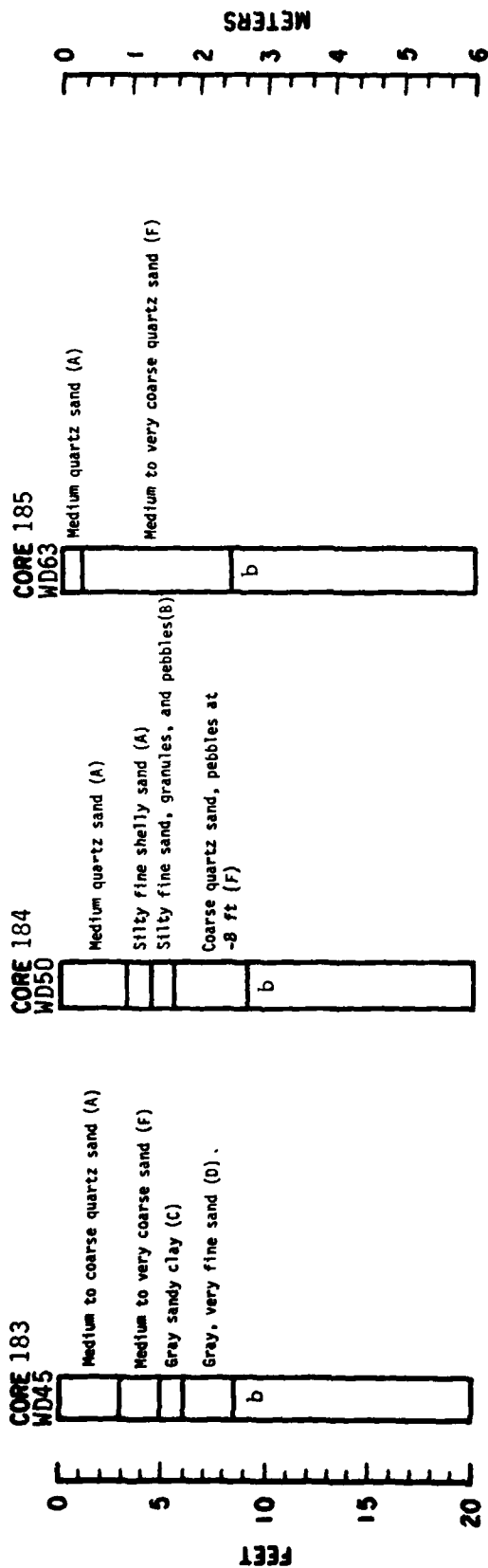


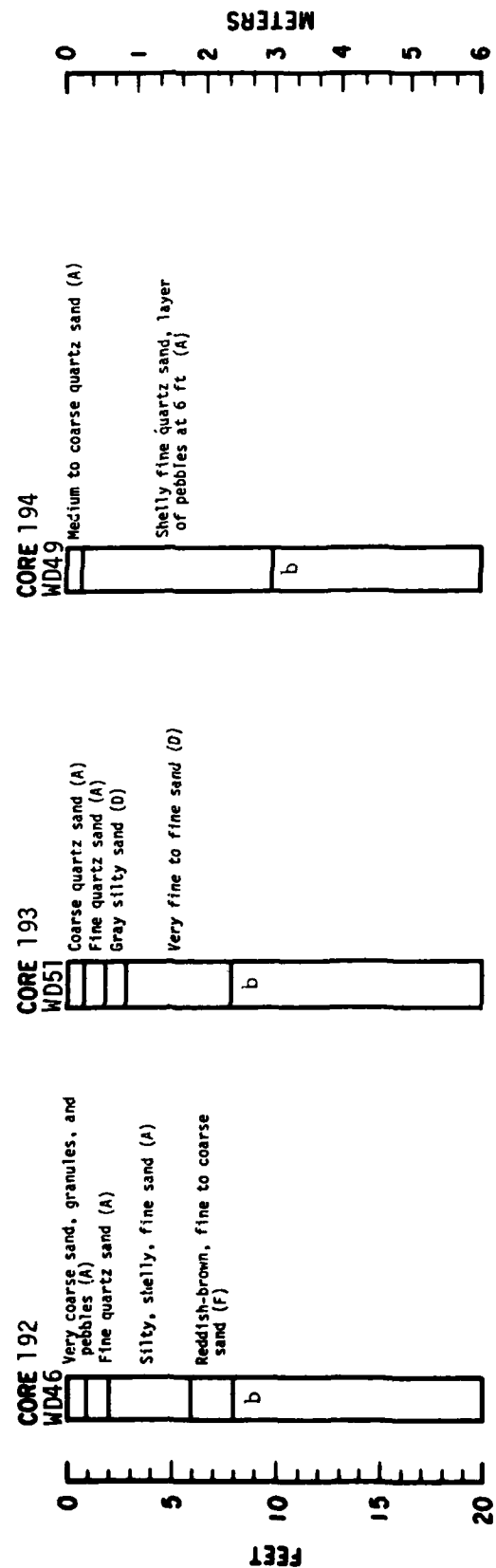
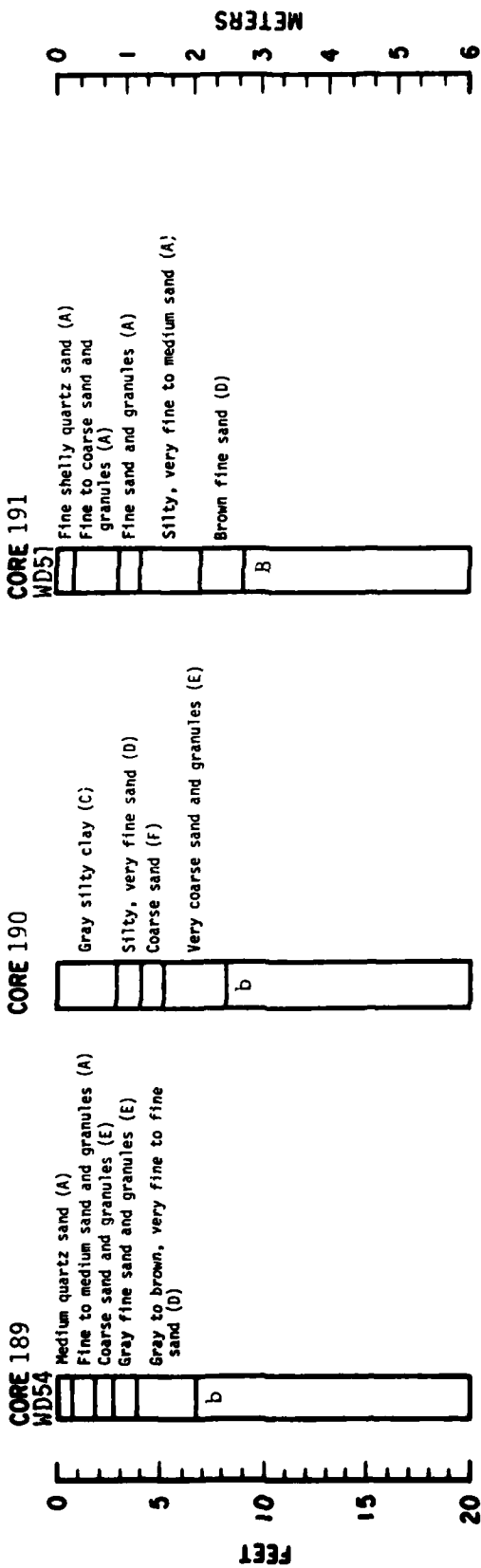


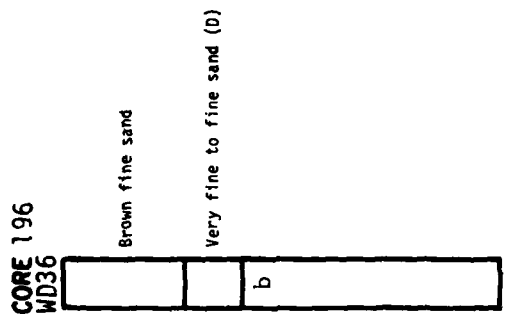
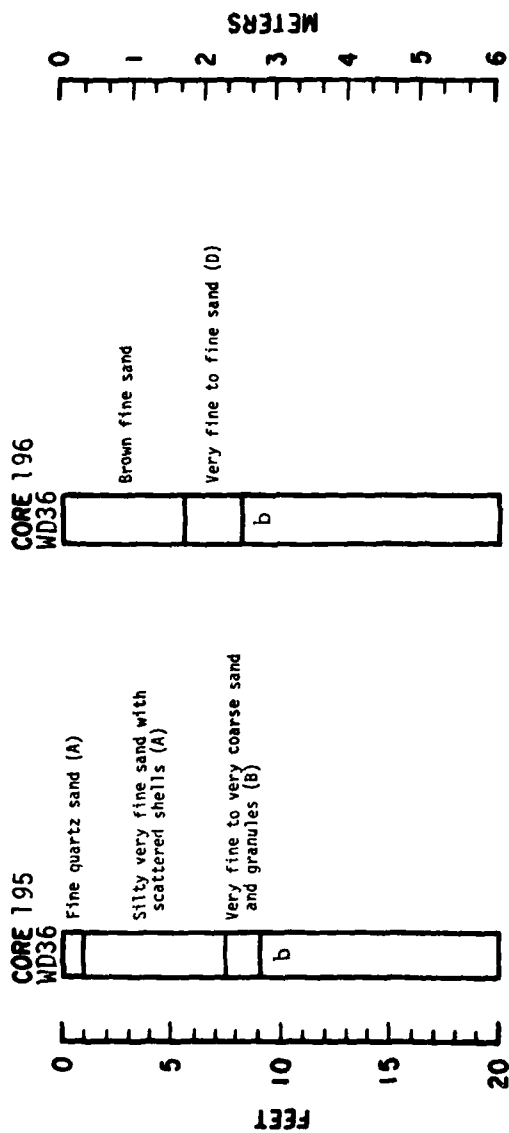












APPENDIX B

GRANULOMETRIC DATA AND CUMULATIVE CURVE PLOTS

This appendix contains the results of CERC's Rapid Sediment Analyzer (RSA) size analyses of 258 sediment samples from 104 cores (Table B-1) in the study area (see Fig. 2). Analyses are based on sand-size fractions only.

The samples are identified by core number and sample interval below the top of the core. Specific locations of the samples from each core are given in Appendix A.

Experience has shown that grain-size values from RSA analyses are consistent and slightly coarser than results of dry sieve analyses of identical samples. To relate these RSA data to other sieve data, empirical relations for converting RSA means and standard deviation to sieve analyses equivalents have been determined. The relationships, developed from RSA and sieve analyses at a 0.25-phi interval, are:

$$\text{mean: } \bar{x}_{\phi \text{ sieve}} = 1.0735 \bar{x}_{\phi \text{ RSA}} + 0.1876$$

RSA standard deviation values may be converted to sieve sorting equivalents by the formula:

$$\text{standard deviation: } \sigma_{\phi \text{ sieve}} = 1.4535 \sigma_{\phi \text{ RSA}} - 0.146$$

Table B-1. Results of RSA size analyses of 258 sediment samples.

Core	Interval (ft)	Mean		Median		Std. dev.	
		(phi)	(mm)	(phi)	(mm)	(phi)	(mm)
93	Top	2.72	0.152	2.55	0.170	0.40	1.322
94	No data						
95	Top	1.20	0.436	1.07	0.475	0.94	1.915
96	Top	1.07	0.476	0.93	0.525	0.59	1.505
96	-3	1.41	0.376	1.32	0.401	0.55	1.464
96	-6	1.20	0.435	1.17	0.444	0.64	1.558
96	-8	1.66	0.310	1.60	0.330	0.44	1.357
96	11	1.91	0.266	1.87	0.274	0.52	1.434
97	Top	1.23	0.426	1.23	0.426	0.53	1.444
97	-2	2.71	0.153	3.44	0.092	1.03	2.042
97	-3	0.68	0.624	0.50	0.707	0.79	1.729
98	No data						
99	Top	0.83	0.563	0.73	0.603	0.64	1.558
99	-3	1.67	0.314	1.66	0.316	0.42	1.338
99	-6	1.02	0.493	1.39	0.382	0.90	1.866
99	-8	1.65	0.319	1.81	0.285	1.09	2.219
99	8.7	2.61	0.164	2.57	0.168	0.60	1.516
100	Top	2.23	0.213	2.25	0.210	0.47	1.385
100	-4	2.78	0.146	3.82	0.071	0.84	1.790
100	-8	2.96	1.290	No data		0.96	1.945
101	Top	1.90	0.268	1.86	0.275	0.98	1.967
102	Top	1.23	0.426	1.17	0.444	0.47	0.721
102	-3	1.37	0.386	1.30	0.406	0.57	0.673
102	-5	1.48	0.358	1.66	0.316	0.71	0.611
103	Top	1.05	0.482	1.06	0.479	0.47	0.721
103	-3	1.20	0.435	1.22	0.429	0.53	0.692
104	Top	0.65	0.637	0.59	0.664	0.72	0.607
104	-3	0.72	0.607	0.71	0.611	0.54	0.687
104	-6	0.46	0.726	0.54	0.687	0.68	0.624
105	Top	1.88	0.271	1.79	0.290	0.52	1.431
106	Top	0.82	0.566	0.55	0.685	0.84	1.788
106	-4	1.56	0.340	1.64	0.321	1.12	0.340
107	Top	2.45	0.183	2.73	0.151	0.82	1.765
108	Top	1.68	0.312	1.65	0.319	0.75	1.678
108	-3	1.89	0.270	1.84	0.279	0.86	1.819
108	-	2.46	0.181	2.40	0.190	0.48	1.393
109	Top	2.40	0.190	2.47	0.181	0.90	1.862
109	-4	2.25	0.210	2.00	0.250	0.67	1.593
109	-8	2.19	0.220	2.10	0.233	0.45	1.367
110	Top	0.96	0.514	0.94	0.521	0.94	0.521
110	-2	2.61	0.163	3.34	0.098	0.79	0.578
110	-4	1.00	0.500	0.94	0.528	0.83	0.562
110	-6	0.97	0.510	0.77	0.586	1.09	0.469
110	-10	0.83	0.562	0.70	0.615	0.80	0.574
111	Top	0.99	0.503	0.96	0.514	0.25	0.840
111	-3	0.80	0.574	0.73	0.602	0.36	0.779
111	-5	1.12	0.460	1.04	0.486	0.27	0.829
112	Top	1.25	0.421	1.16	0.447	0.81	1.753
112	-2	1.77	0.293	1.50	0.354	0.89	1.850
112	-6	2.10	0.233	2.08	0.237	0.76	1.198
113	Top	1.30	0.406	1.22	0.429	0.42	0.747
113	-3	1.27	0.414	1.10	0.466	0.47	0.721
113	-6	1.55	0.341	1.43	0.371	0.37	0.773
114	Top	2.09	0.235	1.98	0.253	0.83	1.773
114	-6	2.50	0.177	2.35	0.196	0.61	1.526
115	Top	1.20	0.435	1.03	0.489	0.40	0.757
115	-4	1.12	0.460	1.06	0.479	0.49	0.712
115	-7	1.49	0.356	1.35	0.392	0.44	0.737
116	Top	1.47	0.360	1.36	0.389	0.42	0.747
116	-3	0.14	0.907	0.00	1.000	0.76	0.590
116	-6	2.13	0.228	2.09	0.234	0.48	0.716
117	Top	0.78	0.582	0.59	0.664	0.68	0.624
117	-3	1.47	0.360	1.45	0.366	0.51	0.702
117	-5	1.53	0.346	1.39	0.381	0.55	0.683
118	Top	1.39	0.381	1.34	0.396	0.60	1.512
118	-6	1.74	0.298	1.71	0.306	0.61	1.525
119	Top	1.30	0.407	1.26	0.417	0.67	1.594
119	-2	2.00	0.250	1.83	0.282	0.76	1.697
120	Top	2.08	0.237	2.03	0.245	1.06	2.089
120	-11.5	1.85	0.278	1.69	0.311	1.15	2.211
121	Top	1.28	0.412	1.24	0.423	0.62	1.537
122	Top	1.60	0.288	1.68	0.313	0.47	1.386
123	Top	1.27	0.414	1.30	0.406	0.71	0.611
123	-3	1.30	0.406	1.31	0.403	0.73	0.602
123	-4	3.39	0.095	3.53	0.086	0.38	0.768
124	Top	1.90	0.268	1.80	0.287	0.62	1.535
124	-3	1.62	0.325	1.59	0.331	0.91	1.882
124	-7	2.55	0.171	2.66	0.159	0.68	1.600
125	No data						
126	Top	0.41	0.752	0.45	0.732	0.64	0.641
126	-3	1.48	0.358	1.37	0.386	0.42	0.747
126	-6	1.43	0.371	1.40	0.378	0.46	0.726
127	Top	1.62	0.325	1.51	0.351	0.49	1.404
127	-3	1.89	0.270	1.87	0.274	0.46	1.376
128	Top	2.75	0.149	2.66	0.158	0.24	1.185
128	-5	0.164	0.321	1.47	0.361	0.60	1.514
129	Top	1.98	0.253	2.21	0.216	1.70	3.244
130	Top	1.44	0.369	1.38	0.384	0.49	1.404
130	-3	1.92	0.264	1.89	0.270	0.51	1.429
130	-6	2.28	0.206	2.30	0.203	0.46	1.376
131	Top	1.42	0.374	1.42	0.374	0.46	1.376
131	-3	1.54	0.344	1.53	0.346	0.52	1.434
131	-6	1.58	0.334	1.53	0.346	0.50	1.414
132	Top	1.37	0.387	1.23	0.426	0.32	1.248
132	-3	1.18	0.440	1.19	0.438	0.55	1.464
132	-6	1.48	0.358	1.48	0.358	0.42	1.338
132	-8	1.26	0.418	1.24	0.423	0.60	1.516
133	Top	1.24	0.423	1.18	0.441	0.51	1.424
133	-3	1.24	0.423	1.14	0.454	0.53	1.444
133	-6	1.52	0.349	1.45	0.366	0.61	1.526
134	Top	1.39	0.382	1.29	0.409	0.54	1.454
134	-3	2.57	0.168	2.61	0.164	0.45	1.366
135	Top	2.25	0.210	2.28	0.206	0.43	1.347
135	-3	2.19	0.219	3.95	0.065	0.98	1.972
135	-4	1.18	0.441	1.10	0.467	0.49	1.404
135	-5.5	1.42	0.374	0.00	1.000	0.88	1.840
136	Top	0.86	0.551	0.75	0.595	0.69	1.613
136	-3	1.03	0.490	0.97	0.511	0.68	1.602
136	-4	2.37	0.193	2.64	0.160	0.83	1.778
137	Top	1.74	0.299	3.95	0.065	1.25	2.378
137	-1	1.82	0.283	3.78	0.073	1.11	2.158
138	Top	1.30	0.406	1.24	0.423	0.50	0.707
138	-3	1.48	0.358	1.36	0.389	0.50	0.707
139	Top	2.50	0.177	3.22	0.107	1.05	2.071
139	-4	2.57	0.168	3.13	0.114	0.99	1.986
139	-8	2.37	0.193	3.06	0.120	1.18	2.266
140	Top	1.61	0.328	1.39	0.383	0.80	1.747
141	-9	1.73	0.301	1.64	0.321	0.76	1.693
142	Top	1.06	0.479	0.99	0.503	0.45	0.732
142	-3	1.36	0.389	1.24	0.423	0.48	0.716
142	-6	1.28	0.411	1.15	0.450	0.51	0.702
143	No data						
144	Top	2.01	0.249	1.77	0.293	0.81	1.756
145	Top	1.13	0.458	0.74	0.596	0.88	1.846
145	-2	1.82	0.284	1.89	0.270	0.80	1.737
145	-8	2.49	0.178	2.38	0.192	0.61	1.529
146	Top	1.38	0.385	1.27	0.415	0.65	1.570
146	-5	1.86	0.276	1.64	0.321	0.95	1.938
146	-10	1.89	0.270	1.84	0.279	0.80	1.743
147	Top	1.77	0.294	1.52	0.349	0.95	1.932

Table B-1. Results of RSA size analyses of 259 sediment samples.--Continued

Core	Interval (ft)	Mean		Median		Std. dev.	
		(phi)	(mm)	(phi)	(mm)	(phi)	(mm)
147	-5	2.02	0.246	1.82	0.284	0.76	1.689
148	Top	1.79	0.289	1.91	0.266	0.77	1.705
148	-3	0.58	0.169	0.46	0.727	0.73	1.695
148	-6	2.72	0.152	2.58	0.084	0.83	1.778
149	Top	1.42	0.373	1.43	0.371	0.60	0.659
149	-3	1.35	0.392	1.30	0.406	0.55	0.683
150	-2	1.12	0.460	1.02	0.493	0.46	1.376
150	-5	1.10	0.467	0.90	0.536	0.85	1.803
150	-6	2.34	0.198	3.94	0.065	1.34	2.532
151	-2	1.02	0.493	0.88	0.543	0.87	1.828
152	Top	1.15	0.451	0.97	0.510	0.96	1.945
152	-6	0.98	0.506	0.73	0.604	0.83	1.782
152	-8	1.57	0.338	1.33	0.399	1.03	2.042
153	-8	2.23	0.213	2.26	0.209	0.53	1.444
154	Top	1.38	0.384	1.25	0.420	0.65	1.569
155	Top	1.02	0.493	0.84	0.559	0.53	1.444
155	-3	1.15	0.451	1.12	0.460	0.46	1.376
155	-6	0.88	0.543	0.84	0.559	0.59	1.505
155	-11	2.09	0.235	2.25	0.210	0.97	1.959
156	Top	1.01	0.497	1.08	0.473	0.82	1.765
156	-2	1.18	0.441	1.14	0.454	0.86	1.815
156	-6	2.34	0.198	2.37	0.193	0.53	1.444
156	-9	2.94	0.130	3.09	0.117	0.53	1.444
157	Top	0.60	0.659	0.41	0.752	0.79	0.578
157	-3	0.65	0.637	0.50	0.707	0.72	0.607
157	-6	0.35	0.784	0.15	0.901	0.87	0.547
158	Top	2.02	0.247	2.09	0.235	0.86	1.815
158	-7	1.73	0.301	1.91	0.266	0.97	1.959
159	Top	1.46	0.364	1.36	0.391	0.80	1.741
159	-5	1.46	0.363	1.34	0.395	0.69	1.614
160	Top	0.04	0.973	-0.53	1.444	1.25	2.378
160	-3	0.44	0.737	0.30	0.812	1.21	2.313
160	-6	1.45	0.366	1.52	0.349	0.96	1.945
160	-8	2.45	0.183	2.44	0.1840	0.43	1.347
161	Top	2.10	0.233	2.04	0.243	0.51	1.424
161	-3	2.62	0.163	2.70	0.154	0.48	1.395
162	Top	-0.12	1.087	-0.17	1.125	0.63	1.548
162	-4	1.92	0.264	3.20	0.109	1.12	2.173
162	-7	2.28	0.206	3.14	0.113	1.12	2.173
163	Top	0.45	0.732	0.21	0.865	0.81	1.753
163	-2	2.64	0.160	2.67	0.157	0.39	1.310
164	Top	2.26	0.209	2.28	0.206	0.55	1.464
164	-3	2.52	0.174	2.53	0.173	0.37	1.292
164	-7	2.53	0.173	2.64	0.160	0.52	1.434
165	No data						
166	Top	1.40	0.379	1.32	0.401	0.71	1.636
166	-3	1.39	0.382	1.36	0.390	0.62	1.537
166	-9	2.81	0.143	3.07	0.119	0.71	1.636
167	Top	1.10	0.466	0.95	0.517	0.64	0.641
167	-3	1.30	0.406	1.29	0.408	0.54	0.687
167	-6	2.04	0.243	1.96	0.257	0.70	0.615
168	Top	1.57	0.336	1.49	0.357	1.09	2.127
168	-6	2.20	0.218	2.10	0.234	0.78	1.720
169	Top	2.28	0.206	2.62	0.162	1.20	2.320
169	-7	1.66	0.316	1.60	0.329	1.08	2.120
170	-2	1.52	0.349	1.06	0.480	1.02	2.028
170	-6	2.24	0.212	2.41	0.188	0.77	1.705
171	Top	1.17	0.444	0.98	0.508	1.14	2.200
171	-4	0.78	0.582	0.47	0.724	0.94	1.919
171	-7	1.59	0.332	1.32	0.400	1.16	2.239
172	Top	0.17	0.889	-0.06	1.042	0.86	1.815
172	-3	1.52	0.349	1.49	0.356	0.53	1.444
172	-5	1.94	0.261	2.13	0.228	0.86	1.815
172	-7	1.03	0.490	1.16	0.448	0.88	1.840
173	Top	2.23	0.213	2.22	0.215	0.55	1.464
173	-3	0.43	0.742	0.25	0.841	0.57	1.485
173	-6	0.61	0.655	0.35	0.785	1.06	2.085
173	-9	-0.96	0.514	0.88	0.545	0.56	1.474
174	-3	0.74	0.599	0.62	0.651	0.48	1.395
174	Top	1.46	0.363	1.41	0.376	0.73	1.659
174	-6	2.00	0.250	2.10	0.233	0.83	1.778
175	Top	0.77	0.586	0.53	0.692	0.82	0.566
175	-3	1.46	0.363	1.29	0.408	0.56	0.678
175	-6	1.08	0.473	1.11	0.465	1.18	0.441
175	-9	0.75	0.594	0.48	0.776	0.83	0.562
176	Top	2.48	0.179	2.51	0.176	0.41	1.329
176	-3	2.25	0.210	2.40	0.189	0.79	1.729
177	Top	1.83	0.281	2.10	0.233	0.92	0.528
177	-3	2.13	0.228	2.11	0.231	0.41	0.752
178	Top	1.07	0.476	0.96	0.514	0.42	0.747
178	-3	1.52	0.348	1.42	0.373	0.45	0.732
178	-6	1.47	0.360	1.34	0.389	0.61	0.655
178	-10	0.83	0.562	0.92	0.528	0.99	0.503
179	Top	1.73	0.603	0.75	0.595	1.09	2.129
179	-3	1.19	0.438	1.26	0.418	0.96	1.945
179	-6	1.43	0.371	1.77	0.293	1.35	2.549
179	-8	2.06	0.240	2.36	0.195	1.01	2.014
180	Top	1.06	0.480	0.93	0.512	0.67	1.591
180	-4	1.59	0.332	1.53	0.346	0.62	1.537
180	-6	1.60	0.338	1.65	0.319	0.68	1.602
180	-9	1.67	0.314	1.77	0.293	0.71	1.636
181	Top	1.75	0.297	1.54	0.344	0.81	1.758
181	-8	2.02	0.246	1.96	0.257	0.74	1.676
182	Top	2.12	0.230	2.02	0.247	0.71	1.633
182	-6	2.00	0.250	1.85	0.285	0.90	1.872
183	Top	1.85	0.278	1.73	0.302	0.88	1.843
183	-7	2.80	0.144	2.78	0.146	0.66	1.582
184	Top	1.78	0.291	1.68	0.312	0.45	0.742
184	-3	1.90	0.267	1.85	0.277	0.44	0.737
184	-6	1.38	0.384	1.19	0.438	0.50	0.707
184	-9	1.01	0.496	0.94	0.521	0.70	0.615
185	Top	1.42	0.375	1.39	0.381	0.49	0.712
185	-3	0.47	0.721	0.42	0.747	0.47	0.721
185	-6	0.86	0.550	0.75	0.594	0.48	0.716
186	Top	1.84	0.279	1.65	0.318	0.95	1.932
186	-6	2.24	0.212	2.38	0.192	0.94	1.919
186	-10	1.92	0.265	1.74	0.300	1.01	2.012
187	Top	1.19	0.440	1.04	0.485	0.89	1.859
187	-8	2.97	0.127	3.14	0.114	0.77	1.700
188	Top	1.37	0.387	1.19	0.437	0.70	1.626
188	-3	1.83	0.282	1.62	0.326	0.96	1.943
188	-8	1.63	0.322	1.49	0.355	1.10	2.147
189	Top	1.99	0.252	2.02	0.247	0.83	1.774
189	-7	2.85	0.139	2.81	0.643	0.55	1.466
190	-5	1.09	0.470	1.06	0.480	0.64	1.558
191	Top	1.66	0.316	1.94	0.261	1.30	2.462
191	-3	1.32	0.401	1.26	0.418	1.12	2.173
192	Top	1.12	0.460	0.90	0.535	1.01	2.013
192	-6	1.77	0.292	1.56	0.340	1.23	2.344
193	Top	0.84	0.559	0.82	0.566	0.96	1.945
193	-3	2.15	0.225	2.66	0.156	1.18	2.266
193	-6	3.15	0.113	3.23	0.107	0.57	1.292
194	Top	1.09	0.470	0.98	0.507	1.00	2.000
194	-5	2.33	0.199	2.43	0.186	0.55	1.464
194	-8	1.94	0.261	1.90	0.268	0.87	1.828
195	Top	2.65	0.159	3.02	0.123	0.88	1.840
195	-3	2.61	0.164	2.85	0.139	0.74	1.670
196	Top	2.75	0.149	2.77	0.147	0.43	1.347

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