

SOUTHEAST TEXAS LIGNITE BELT  
ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY  
YEGUA-JACKSON TREND  
SHEET 1

SCALE 1:125,000

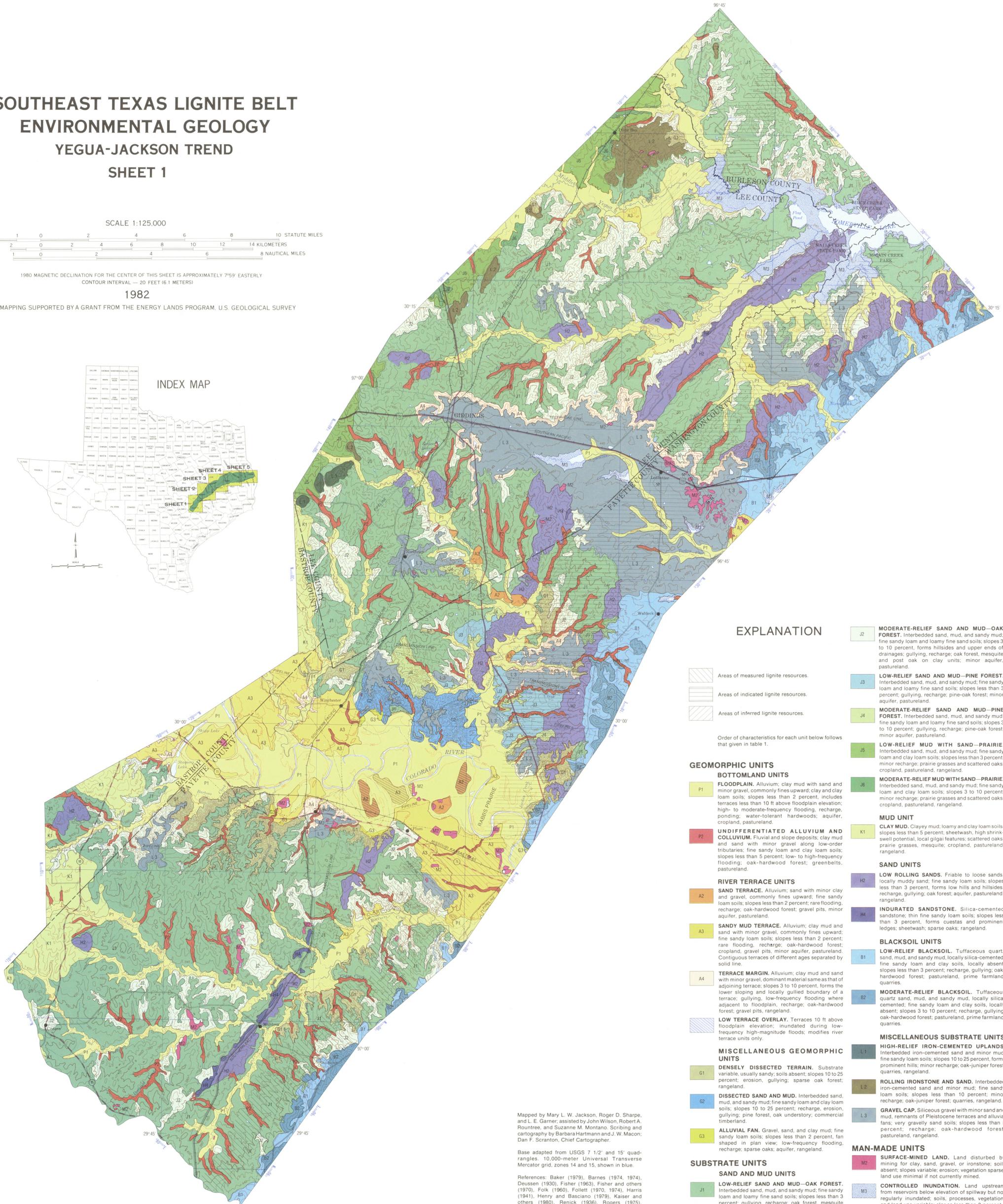
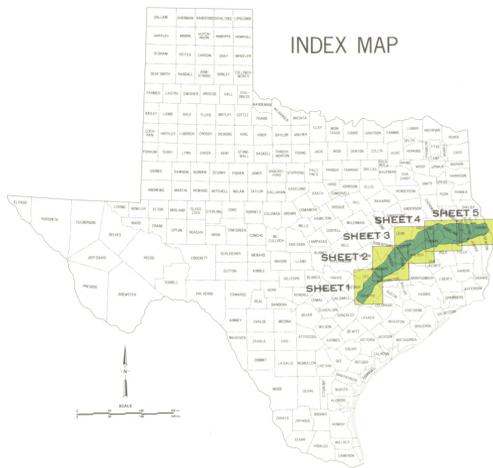


1980 MAGNETIC DECLINATION FOR THE CENTER OF THIS SHEET IS APPROXIMATELY 7°59' EASTERLY  
CONTOUR INTERVAL — 20 FEET (6.1 METERS)

1982

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INDEX MAP



EXPLANATION

- Areas of measured lignite resources.
- Areas of indicated lignite resources.
- Areas of inferred lignite resources.

Order of characteristics for each unit below follows that given in table 1.

GEOMORPHIC UNITS

BOTTOMLAND UNITS

- FLOODPLAIN.** Alluvium; clay mud with sand and minor gravel, commonly fines upward; clay and clay loam soils; slopes less than 2 percent; includes terraces less than 10 ft above floodplain elevation; high- to moderate-frequency flooding, recharge, ponding; water-tolerant hardwoods; aquifer, cropland, pastureland.
- UNDIFFERENTIATED ALLUVIUM AND COLLUVIUM.** Fluvial and slope deposits; clay mud and sand with minor gravel along low-order tributaries; fine sandy loam and clay loam soils; slopes less than 5 percent; low- to high-frequency flooding; oak-hardwood forest; greenbelts, pastureland.

RIVER TERRACE UNITS

- SAND TERRACE.** Alluvium; sand with minor clay and gravel, commonly fines upward; fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 2 percent; rare flooding, recharge; oak-hardwood forest; gravel pits, minor aquifer, pastureland.
- SANDY MUD TERRACE.** Alluvium; clay mud and sand with minor gravel, commonly fines upward; fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 2 percent; rare flooding, recharge; oak-hardwood forest; cropland, gravel pits, minor aquifer, pastureland. Contiguous terraces of different ages separated by soil line.
- TERRACE MARGIN.** Alluvium; clay mud and sand with minor gravel, dominant material same as that of adjoining terrace; slopes 3 to 10 percent, forms the lower sloping and locally gullied boundary of a terrace; gully, low-frequency flooding where adjacent to floodplain, recharge; oak-hardwood forest; gravel pits, rangeland.
- LOW TERRACE OVERLAY.** Terraces 10 ft above floodplain elevation; inundated during low-frequency high-magnitude floods; modifies river terrace units only.

MISCELLANEOUS GEOMORPHIC UNITS

- DENSELY DISSECTED TERRAIN.** Substrate variable, usually sandy; soils absent; slopes 10 to 25 percent; erosion, gully, sparse oak forest, rangeland.
- DISSECTED SAND AND MUD.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and clay loam soils; slopes 10 to 25 percent; recharge, erosion, gully; pine forest, oak understory; commercial timberland.
- ALLUVIAL FAN.** Gravel, sand, and clay mud; fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 2 percent, fan shaped in plan view; low-frequency flooding, recharge; sparse oaks; aquifer, rangeland.

SUBSTRATE UNITS

SAND AND MUD UNITS

- LOW-RELIEF SAND AND MUD—OAK FOREST.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and loamy fine sand soils; slopes less than 3 percent; gully, recharge; oak forest, mesquite and post oak on clay units; minor aquifer, pastureland.
- MODERATE-RELIEF SAND AND MUD—OAK FOREST.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and loamy fine sand soils; slopes 3 to 10 percent; forms hillsides and upper ends of drainages; gully, recharge; oak forest, mesquite and post oak on clay units; minor aquifer, pastureland.
- LOW-RELIEF SAND AND MUD—PINE FOREST.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and loamy fine sand soils; slopes less than 3 percent; gully, recharge; pine-oak forest; minor aquifer, pastureland.
- MODERATE-RELIEF SAND AND MUD—PINE FOREST.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and loamy fine sand soils; slopes 3 to 10 percent; gully, recharge; pine-oak forest; minor aquifer, pastureland.
- LOW-RELIEF MUD WITH SAND—PRAIRIE.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and clay loam soils; slopes less than 3 percent; minor recharge; prairie grasses and scattered oaks; cropland, pastureland, rangeland.
- MODERATE-RELIEF MUD WITH SAND—PRAIRIE.** Interbedded sand, mud, and sandy mud; fine sandy loam and clay loam soils; slopes 3 to 10 percent; minor recharge; prairie grasses and scattered oaks; cropland, pastureland, rangeland.

MUD UNIT

- CLAY MUD.** Clayey mud; loamy and clay loam soils; slopes less than 5 percent; sheetwash, high shrink-swell potential, local gully features; scattered oaks, prairie grasses, mesquite; cropland, pastureland, rangeland.

SAND UNITS

- LOW ROLLING SANDS.** Friable to loose sands, locally muddy sand; fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 3 percent; forms low hills and hillsides; recharge, gully; oak forest; aquifer, pastureland, rangeland.
- INDURATED SANDSTONE.** Silica-cemented sandstone; thin fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 3 percent; forms cuestas and prominent ledges; sheetwash; sparse oaks; rangeland.

BLACKSOIL UNITS

- LOW-RELIEF BLACKSOIL.** Tuffaceous quartz sand, mud, and sandy mud, locally silica-cemented; fine sandy loam and clay soils, locally absent; slopes less than 3 percent; recharge, gully; oak-hardwood forest; pastureland, prime farmland, quarries.
- MODERATE-RELIEF BLACKSOIL.** Tuffaceous quartz sand, mud, and sandy mud, locally silica-cemented; fine sandy loam and clay soils, locally absent; slopes 3 to 10 percent; recharge, gully; oak-hardwood forest; pastureland, prime farmland, quarries.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBSTRATE UNITS

- HIGH-RELIEF IRON-CEMENTED UPLANDS.** Interbedded iron-cemented sand and minor mud; fine sandy loam soils; slopes 10 to 25 percent, forms prominent hills; minor recharge; oak-juniper forest; quarries, rangeland.
- ROLLING IRONSTONE AND SAND.** Interbedded iron-cemented sand and minor mud; fine sandy loam soils; slopes less than 10 percent; minor recharge; oak-juniper forest; quarries, rangeland.
- GRAVEL CAP.** Siliceous gravel with minor sand and mud, remnants of Pleistocene terraces and alluvial fans; very gravelly sand soils; slopes less than 5 percent; recharge; oak-hardwood forest; pastureland, rangeland.

MAN-MADE UNITS

- SURFACE-MINED LAND.** Land disturbed by mining for clay, sand, gravel, or ironstone; soils absent; slopes variable; erosion; vegetation sparse; land use minimal if not currently mined.
- CONTROLLED INUNDATION.** Land upstream from reservoirs below elevation of spillway but not regularly inundated; soils, processes, vegetation, and land use variable; slopes less than 3 percent.

- Abandoned underground lignite mine site.

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