

## Chart Showing Stratigraphic Terminology Used in the Indiana Geological Survey's Petroleum Database Management System (PDMS)

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This is a draft edition prepared for immediate inclusion in the recent beta release of the PDMS. It has not yet gone through formal review and may contain errors, omissions, and unapproved terminology.

For convenience and clarity, the Petroleum Database Management System (PDMS) uses stratigraphic terminology simplified from formally recognized nomenclature. This chart summarizes PDMS terminology and illustrates relationships with currently accepted rock-unit names in Indiana.

**Columns 1-8** on the left show Indiana rock-unit names used in the PDMS and their hierarchy. The presentation is limited to the correspondence of terminology -- the size of unit divisions portrayed does not infer the relative thickness, lateral extent, or length of time for deposition associated with the actual rock intervals. Most of the names correspond directly to accepted nomenclature as presented in Shaver and others (1986), *Compendium of Paleozoic Rock-Unit Stratigraphy in Indiana -- A Revision*, and certain stratigraphic revisions made since its publication (Droste and Carpenter, 1990). In fact, Columns 1-8 are essentially a modified and greatly simplified version of Plate 2 of Shaver and others (1986). The reader should refer to these original sources for a more complete discussion of Indiana stratigraphy and its nomenclature. The following changes have been made to the named rock-units depicted in Plate 2 of Shaver and others (1986).

- 1. Most of the "miscellaneous" terminology, and terms referring solely to surface exposures are not presented. A few surface terms without subsurface equivalents are used for units or contacts with distinctive features which allow them to be traced into the subsurface.
- 2. Chronostratigraphic units and bionomenclature are not presented.
- Some commonly used industry and informal names are used, shown either in parentheses as part of the formal name, or as named units in the "Member/Informal" columns.

In the remaining Columns 9-11, unit names have been shortened from their corresponding formal equivalents to conserve space in the PDMS.

**Completion Formation (Column 9)** is the name of the geologic unit or formation in which the well is completed (a well interval opened for hydrocarbon production or other operation). The term "formation" is used here in the common petroleum industry parlance, referring to any given stratigraphic unit. The unit may or may not correspond to a formally named unit, and the interval may include more or less section than a formally recognized formation.

As presented in Column 9, Completion Formation represents optional choices for identifying an interval in the borehole. For example, "Pennsylvanian," "Pennsylvanian MV," "Pennsylvanian CBM," and "Dugger" may be appropriate choices for an interval in a particular well.

Additionally, Completion Formations are more coarsely grouped than the stratigraphic picks noted in Columns 1-8. For example, the Completion Formation "Muscatatuck" is the designated Completion Formation for a well with a completion interval that falls within the Geneva Dolomite. Broader grouping is necessary because more specific determinations in many cases cannot be reliably made from well to well, or to conform with legacy terminology used in earlier records at the Indiana Geological Survey (IGS).

Strictly speaking, the terms "Pennsylvanian Coal CBM" and "Pennsylvanian Coal MV" are

neither formal nor informal units. What's more, they denote gas production, which has nothing to do with being a stratigraphic unit. They are exceptionally termed Geologic Units in the PDMS so that they can be manipulated as Completion Formations in computer-generated, color-coded Pay Maps (maps showing productive Geologic Units) prepared by the Indiana Geological Survey. "Pennsylvanian Coal CBM" refers to any coal interval in Pennsylvanian rocks that produce methane gas and "Pennsylvanian Coal MV" indicates gas production from mine voids resulting from underground coal mining. A search for "Pennsylvanian" as a Completion Formation in the Search Menu will return all wells completed in the Pennsylvanian, including those identified as "Pennsylvanian Coal CBM" and "Pennsylvanian Coal MV." A separate search option can be used to find only coalbed gas wells (both "Penn. Coal MV" and "Penn. Coal CBM").

Pay Zones (Column 10) represent well intervals in reservoirs used specifically for oil and gas operations. They differ from Completion Formations in that completion intervals used for saltwater disposal, waste disposal, non-potable water supply, and other non-petroleum purposes are not included. Zones used for water injection (waterflood) and other types of enhanced recovery are considered Pay Zones. Unlike the Completion Formation, Pay Zones do not occupy space in the PDMS data tables. Instead, they are derived programmatically from the values for Completion Formations and Well Events for a given well. Pay Zones are used in the PDMS Map Viewer to show the distribution of wells producing from common intervals. Due to correlation difficulties and numerous cases of insufficient information about completed wells, Pay Zones are grouped into even broader units than Completion Formations. As an example, a well completed in either the Yankeetown, Renault, or Aux Vases Completion Formations is assigned to the Paoli Pay Zone. The explanations of "Pennsylvanian Coal CBM" and "Pennsylvanian Coal MV" described in the above section Completion Formations (Column 9) also apply.

TD Formation, Test Formation, Show Formation (Column 11) all use the same terminology. TD Formation is the geologic unit or formation penetrated at the total depth of a Well Event (Each well in the PDMS has been divided into one or more chronological Well Events that represent a well's history). Test Formation refers to a geologic unit that has been tested for production. A Show Formation is a geologic unit in which the presence of oil or gas has been indicated. To avoid certain correlation difficulties in some areas and to provide greater overall continuity, some of the named intervals are grouped into broader geologic units than those identified in Columns 1-8. For the most part, these names match those used for Pay Zones, except that more units are included in Column 11 because Pay Zones are limited to wells completed in specific zones whereas TD, Test, and Show Formations may include any stratigraphic unit.

Core Formation (Column 12) is the geologic unit or formation of a cored interval. The