

## 6. SITE 1259<sup>1</sup>

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### BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

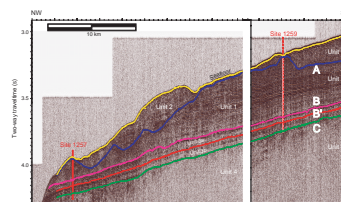
Site 1259 is located in a water depth of 2354 meters below sea level (mbsl) on the gently dipping ( $\sim 1^\circ$ ) north-facing slope of Demerara Rise, which is  $\sim 380$  km north of Suriname (see Fig. F1, p. 5, in Shipboard Scientific Party ["Site Survey and Underway Geophysics"], this volume). The site is located on a ridge of Paleogene sediments subcropping near the seafloor and is the second shallowest of all sites forming the intended paleoceanographic depth transect across Demerara Rise. The major objectives were the following:

1. Core and log a Paleogene–Albian section to evaluate paleoceanographic and paleoclimatic changes, with emphasis on major and abrupt events during this interval that include the Eocene/Oligocene [E/O] and Paleocene/Eocene [P/E] boundaries and Cretaceous oceanic anoxic events [OAEs]).
2. Reconstruct the history of the opening of the Equatorial Atlantic Gateway by obtaining benthic foraminifer proxy data. These data will help to understand changes in bottom water circulation over Demerara Rise during the gradual opening of the seaway.
3. Recover continuous and expanded sediment records of the Paleogene and Cretaceous in order to reconstruct short- and long-term changes in greenhouse forcing.

#### Seismic Stratigraphy

The seismic stratigraphy established for Demerara Rise, including Horizons "A," "B," "B'," and "C," has been correlated proximally to Site 1259 with line GeoB219 (Fig. F1); the closest of the three holes drilled at this site is 170 m from this line. Industry line C2206a crosses the site

F1. Seismic lines GeoB219 and GeoB220, p. 39.



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orthogonal to line GeoB219 (Fig. F2). Lines GeoB219 and GeoB220 form a single northeast-trending strike line that ties Sites 1257 and 1259 (Fig. F1).

Reflector A, representing the top of a presumably early Miocene erosional unconformity, outcrops at the seafloor on the nearest seismic line. The Miocene section recovered in the core is probably not present at the extrapolated site position on the seismic line. Adjacent to the site position, however, seismic Unit 1, which lies above Reflector A, appears transparent and incoherent in seismic profile. It is variable in thickness but in general thickens in the upslope (southerly) direction.

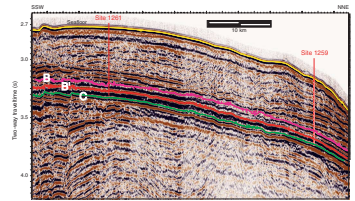
At Site 1259 and between Reflectors A and B, seismic Unit 2 is 465 m thick (~405 m using laboratory measured velocity information). The topmost sequence (180 ms [~130 m]) in this seismic unit consists of incoherent reflections that are not transparent as in Unit 1. The equivalent stratigraphic succession, 10- to 15-km upslope, consists of parallel high-amplitude reflections that terminate abruptly. Sediments composing this seismic facies at the drill site location likely have undergone some degree of mass flow displacement that disrupts reflector coherency.

Below 130 m, Unit 2 is represented by a 120-m-thick sequence of high-amplitude parallel coherent reflections followed by low-amplitude coherent reflections down to Reflector B at 463 ms subbottom (442 meters below seafloor [mbsf]). Seismic Unit 2 dips (~0.6°) to the north, slightly less than the seafloor dip. The parallel coherent reflections are occasionally separated by thin (15–20 m thick) horizons of low amplitude and poor coherency. They tend to pinch out up- and downslope. This echo character likely represents pelagic deposition with rare interbedded mass flow deposits. The high-amplitude sequence probably represents a different lithology than the underlying low-amplitude facies. This entire sequence of parallel reflections does not continue downslope to Site 1257 but appears eroded and composed of slope-failure sediment.

Reflector B is a high-amplitude laterally coherent double-wavelet reflection that correlates with the approximate position of the Cretaceous/Tertiary (K/T) boundary at previous sites. It laterally correlates to Site 1257 from Site 1259. Seismic Unit 3, between Reflectors B (462 ms subbottom [~400 mbsf]) and C (571 ms subbottom [~505 mbsf]) is a ~105-m-thick flat-lying sequence that dips <1° to the north. The upper part of this unit between Reflectors B and B' is called Subunit 3a. It is acoustically incoherent and relatively transparent, extending from ~400 to 445 mbsf (462–503 ms subbottom). The basal part of Unit 3 is Subunit 3b, which lies between Horizons B' and C (503–571 ms subbottom [~445–505 mbsf]). It is defined on the basis of a series of strong parallel coherent reflections that are laterally contiguous for several kilometers. At the base of Subunit 3b, just above Reflector C, is an incoherent low-amplitude reflection event that may represent another interbedded mass flow deposit.

Horizon C forms a regional unconformity that separates the Upper Cretaceous black shales and younger sediments from Albian and older synrift sediments (seismic Unit 4). At Site 1259, Reflector C is an angular unconformity, with underlying reflections cropping against it at relatively shallow angles (~2°) as they appear on the strike line GeoB219. On the industry seismic line C2206a, which intersects the site in a dip profile (northeast), these low-angle reflections are not resolved and the underlying sequence appears locally conformable (i.e., a disconformity).

F2. Seismic reflection lines C2206a and GeoB219, p. 40.



## OPERATIONS

### Transit from Site 1258 to Site 1259

The 32.6-nmi transit to Site 1259 was made in 4 hr at an average speed of 8.15 kt. As the ship settled on the site's coordinates, a positioning beacon was launched at 1208 hr on 1 February 2003, initiating operations at Site 1259.

### Hole 1259A

The same rotary core barrel (RCB) bottom-hole assembly used at the previous sites was deployed, tagging the seafloor at 2365.0 meters below rig floor (mbrf) (2353.8 mbsl). Hole 1259A was spudded at 1830 hr on 1 February and RCB cored from 0 to 391.1 mbsf. Poor recovery in Cores 41R and 42R and elevated pump pressures suggested an obstructed bit. The bit deplugger was dropped two times before pump pressures indicated the bit was clear. Coring resumed in Hole 1259A to 558.8 mbsf, recovering a total of 60 cores (average recovery = 66.6%) (Table T1). With the depth objective achieved, the hole was filled with sepiolite mud and the drill string was retracted. While pulling out of the hole, 20,000–30,000 lb of drag was noted, mostly in the upper section of the hole, probably the result of caving Neogene foraminifer sands. The bit cleared the rig floor at 0300 hr on 4 February, ending Hole 1259A. Continued operations at Site 1259 were postponed because a nonaccident-related medical evacuation of one of the ship's crew was required. After retraction of the thrusters and hydrophones and retrieval of the beacon, the ship departed for Barbados for the evacuation that was to be followed by operations at Site 1260 before returning to Site 1259.

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T1. Coring summary, p. 78.

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### Hole 1259B

We departed the Site 1260 operational area and returned to Site 1259, offsetting 130 m northeast of Hole 1259A. Hole 1259B was spudded at 0830 hr on 13 February, and we recovered an RCB core (Core 1R) at 0–9.6 mbsf. The hole was washed from 9.6 to 305.0 mbsf, cored from 305.0 to 381.9 mbsf, washed from 381.9 to 420.5 mbsf, and cored from 420.5 to 556.2 mbsf (average recovery = 69.2% in the cored intervals) (Table T1). With the depth objective achieved, the hole was displaced with 150 bbl of sepiolite mud for abandonment. The bit was pulled clear of the seafloor at 2135 hr on 14 February, ending operations in Hole 1259B.

### Hole 1259C

The ship was offset 60 m southwest of Hole 1259B (i.e., back toward Hole 1259A), and Hole 1259C was spudded at 2300 hr on 14 February. The hole was drilled from 0 to 308 mbsf, RCB cored from 308.0 to 373.3 mbsf, drilled from 373.3 to 436.0 mbsf, RCB cored from 436.0 to 445.6 mbsf, drilled from 445.6 to 480.0 mbsf, and RCB cored from 480.0 to 553.7 mbsf (recovery = 80.0% in the cored intervals) (Table T1). With the science objectives achieved, the hole was displaced with 172 bbl of sepiolite mud for abandonment. The bit was pulled clear of the rotary table at 1315 hr on 16 February, officially ending Hole 1259C.

## LITHOSTRATIGRAPHY

Site 1259 represents one of the shallower sites (current water depth = ~2354 mbsl) of the Leg 207 Demerera Rise transect. The sediments recovered at Site 1259 range in age from early Miocene–Cenomanian (see “[Biostratigraphy](#),” p. 11) and include records of several critical events, including those at the P/E and K/T boundaries. Hole 1259A was cored continuously to 559 mbsf and spot cored in Holes 1259B and 1259C to recover duplicate or triplicate copies of these critical time intervals and a complete record of the Upper Cretaceous (Cenomanian–Santonian) black shale interval.

Five lithostratigraphic units were recognized at Site 1259 (Fig. F3; Table T2). The oldest unit recovered (Unit V) consists of gray quartzose sandstone and dark-colored silty claystone and calcareous siltstone to sandstone. The superjacent unit (Unit IV) is predominantly composed of submillimeter-scale laminated calcareous claystones rich in organic matter and laminated limestones. The three youngest lithostratigraphic units (Units I–III) recovered at this site contain pelagic sediments. They are composed of calcareous chinks, with various amounts of clay and siliceous microfossils. These pelagic sediments are moderately to pervasively bioturbated.

The lithostratigraphic units recognized at this site generally parallel those reported during Leg 207 for Sites 1257, 1258, 1260, and 1261, as well as those for Site 144 (Hayes, Pimm, et al., 1972), but include a >60-m-thick sequence of lower Miocene pelagic oozes and chinks (Unit I and Subunit IIA) that was not recovered elsewhere. The quartz sandstone encountered in Unit V at Site 1259 is petrographically similar to the sandstone recovered at Sites 1258, 1260, and 1261, but the silty claystones and calcareous siltstones in Unit V were only recovered at Site 1259.

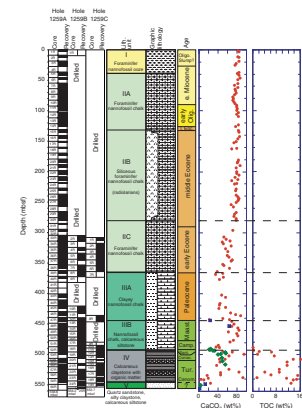
### Lithostratigraphic Units

#### Unit I

Interval: 207-1259A-1R-1, 0 cm, through 5R-2, 0 cm  
Depth: 0.00–37.90 mbsf  
Thickness: 37.90 m  
Age: middle Miocene–early Oligocene  
Lithology: foraminifer nannofossil ooze

Unit I consists of a foraminifer nannofossil ooze that exhibits a homogeneous texture and pale yellow color. It contains rare black mottles but discrete traces are rare to absent. Calcareous nannofossils are the dominant sediment component (up to 75%) and planktonic foraminifers constitute 25%–30% of the sediment. Clay, opaque minerals, quartz, and fragments of siliceous microfossils were observed as minor constituents in smear slides. The base of Unit I is placed at a distinct lithologic change from foraminifer nannofossil ooze to foraminifer nannofossil chalk. Unit I includes a major stratigraphic age inversion, with sediments of Oligocene age on top of lower Miocene strata, indicating a slump deposit or other type of slope failure.

F3. Carbonate and TOC content, p. 41.



T2. Summary of units and subunits, p. 81.



## Unit II

Intervals: 207-1259A-5R-2, 0 cm, through 39R-5, 140 cm; 207-1259B-2R-1, 0 cm, through 8R-4, 106 cm; and 207-1259C-1R-1, 0 cm, through 7R-2, 120 cm  
Depths: Hole 1259A: 37.90–368.25 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 305.00–368.26 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 308.00–366.55 mbsf  
Thickness: 330.35 m (Hole 1259A)  
Age: early Miocene–early Eocene  
Lithology: foraminifer nannofossil chalk

Unit II consists of light greenish gray to greenish gray foraminifer nannofossil chalk, foraminifer nannofossil chalk with radiolarians, and nannofossil chalk with foraminifers, containing 50%–80% carbonate in dominant lithologies (Fig. F3). *Zoophycos* and *Planolites* trace fossils are common, and *Chondrites* are present but less common. The unit is divided into three subunits based on the relative abundance of radiolarians and foraminifers. Subunits IIA and IIB both have a significant foraminifer component (20%–50%), with Subunit IIB distinguished from Subunit IIA on the basis of its higher siliceous microfossil content (15%–30% radiolarians and siliceous fragments). Foraminifer abundance declines in Subunit IIC to values of ~10%–20%. The upper contact of Unit II is placed at a distinct lithologic change from nannofossil ooze to nannofossil chalk, whereas the lower unit boundary contact corresponds to an equally prominent, but more gradual, downhole increase in clay content. The lower boundary corresponds to the biostratigraphically recognized P/E boundary (see “[Biostratigraphy](#),” p. 11) and is expressed as a significant drop in carbonate content and a distinct clay layer.

### Subunit IIA

Interval: 207-1259A 5R-2, 0 cm, through 15R-1, 0 cm  
Depth: 37.90–130.90 mbsf  
Thickness: 93.00 m  
Age: early Miocene–late Eocene  
Lithology: foraminifer nannofossil chalk

Subunit IIA is composed of carbonate-rich (80 wt%) (nannofossils and foraminifers) pelagic sediments with trace amounts (<5%) of clay, zeolite, and diagenetic calcite. Black mottles and streaks are found occasionally throughout the subunit and are often concentrated in burrows (*Chondrites* and *Zoophycos* trace fossils). The sediments typically range from homogeneous to slightly burrow mottled.

The top of this subunit is placed at a distinct lithologic change from nannofossil ooze to nannofossil chalk at 37.90 mbsf (Hole 1259A). Below this transition, sediments exhibit light–dark color cycles. These cycles occur to varying extents throughout Subunit IIA. The color cycles are expressed as a progression from light greenish gray chalk to 20-cm-thick bands of greenish gray chalk followed by greenish gray chalk with common bioturbation. There is a gradual change to lighter values between Sections 207-1259A-10R-5 and 10R-6 that coincides with the Oligocene/Miocene boundary (see “[Biostratigraphy](#),” p. 11). The base of Subunit IIA is placed at a marked increase in abundance of radiolarians from absent or trace amounts to abundances of 15%–25%.

### Subunit IIB

Interval: 207-1259A-15R-1, 0 cm, through 31R-1, 0 cm  
Depth: 130.90–285.10 mbsf

Thickness: 154.20 m

Age: late Eocene–middle Eocene

Lithology: foraminifer nannofossil chalk with radiolarians

Subunit IIB consists of light greenish gray foraminifer nannofossil chalk with radiolarians (Fig. F4A). The chalk contains abundant foraminifers (15%–30%) but is distinguished from the overlying and underlying lithostratigraphic Subunits IIA and IIC by high abundances of siliceous microfossils. Radiolarian contents range from 5% to 10% at the top (Core 207-1259A-15R) and base (Core 30R) of the subunit and reach peak levels (25%–30%) in Cores 18R through 20R. This subunit is mottled and is moderately to heavily bioturbated. Discrete trace fossils include *Zoophycos*, *Chondrites*, and *Planolites*. Distinct light–dark color cycles can be recognized in the lowermost cores (Cores 207-1259A-27R through 30R).

#### Subunit IIC

Intervals: 207-1259A-31R-1, 0 cm, through 39R-5, 140 cm; 207-1259B-2R-1, 0 cm, through 8R-4, 106 cm; and 207-1259C-1R-1, 0 cm, through 7R-2, 120 cm

Depths: Hole 1259A: 285.10–368.25 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 305.00–368.26 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 308.00–366.55

Thickness: 83.15 m (Hole 1259A)

Age: middle Eocene–early Eocene (P/E boundary at base)

Lithology: foraminifer nannofossil chalk and nannofossil chalk with foraminifers

Subunit IIC consists of light greenish gray nannofossil chalk with foraminifers and clay, with carbonate contents of ~60 wt% (Fig. F4B). Calcareous nannofossils represent the major calcareous component (>50%), and planktonic foraminifers compose an additional 10%–35%. Bioturbation is pervasive to moderate, with white and greenish gray mottles and burrows. Discrete *Planolites* and *Zoophycos* trace fossils are common.

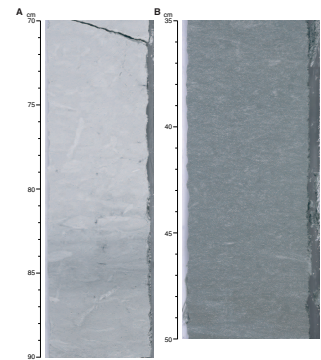
A distinct pattern of cyclic variations of lighter- and darker-colored sediment is observed throughout Subunit IIC. Intervals of light greenish gray sediment alternate at decimeter intervals with either greenish gray, yellowish brown, or pale olive-colored sediments. From smear slide analyses, it appears that the dark intervals have higher clay contents, whereas light intervals are rich in zeolite and calcite.

The upper boundary of this subunit is placed at the last consistent downcore occurrence of radiolarians. The transition between lithologies characteristic of Units II (relatively carbonate rich) and III (relatively clay rich) is gradual, but the base of Unit II is placed at the P/E boundary, a recognizable interval that can be correlated among holes and sites (Fig. F5). The P/E boundary is associated with a clay-rich layer in Holes 1259B and 1259C (see “Biostratigraphy,” p. 11) (Fig. F5B); the lack of a similar clay layer in Hole 1259A is attributed to drilling disturbance. Magnetic susceptibility records display a very prominent signal at this level in all three holes.

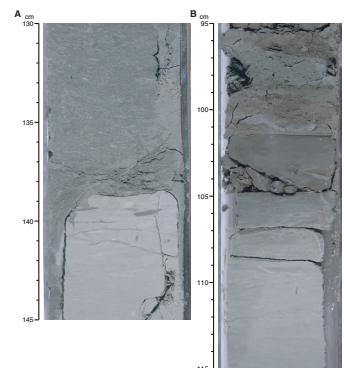
#### Unit III

Intervals: 207-1259A-39R-5, 140 cm, through 52R-5, 13 cm; 207-1259B-8R-4, 106 cm, through 18R-7, 53 cm; and 207-1259C-7R-2, 120 cm, through 11R-3, 50 cm

F4. Representative lithologies, Units I and II, p. 42.



F5. Boundary between Units II and III, p. 43.



Depths: Hole 1259A: 368.25–492.96 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 368.26–494.52 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 366.55–492.43 mbsf  
Thickness: 126.26 m (Hole 1259B)  
Age: late Paleocene–Campanian  
Lithologies: clayey nannofossil chalk

Unit III is composed of nannofossil chalk, calcareous siltstone, clayey nannofossil chalk, and glauconitic claystone with nannofossils. Planktonic foraminifers, calcite debris (both biogenic and diagenetic), and zeolites are minor to major constituents in parts of the unit. Carbonate contents are generally <60 wt%. Dominant colors are shades of greenish gray, although reddish brown hues are prominent for several meters above and, to a lesser extent, below the K/T boundary. Subtle to distinct color cyclicity on a decimeter scale between light and darker intervals is observed throughout this unit. Unit III is subdivided into two subunits based on differences in the abundance of foraminifers and clay content. This unit also contains the K/T boundary interval, including an apparent ejecta layer recovered in all three holes (Fig. F6B).

The sediment in Unit III has a higher clay content than Unit II, but the transition is gradational. The contact is placed at the P/E boundary. Unit III is distinguished from the underlying Unit IV by its pervasively bioturbated fabric and low organic matter content. The base of Unit III is placed at a distinct color change from green glauconite-rich claystone to dark gray claystone with organic matter. This contact is sharp in Hole 1259C (Fig. F7B) but appears gradational in Holes 1259A and 1259B because of pervasive bioturbation of green glauconitic claystone into the dark gray claystone (Fig. F7A).

#### Subunit IIIA

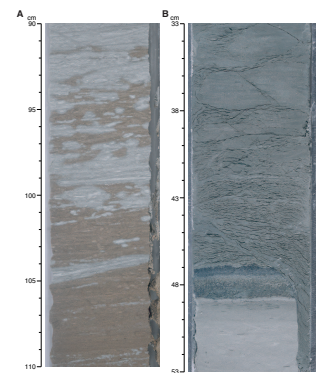
Intervals: 207-1259A-39R-5, 140 cm, through 47R-3, 75 cm; 207-1259B-8R-4, 106 cm, through 13R-1, 48 cm; and 207-1259C-7R-2, 120 cm, through 8R-5, 98 cm  
Depths: Hole 1259A: 368.25–442.33 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 368.26–445.18 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 366.55–442.47 mbsf  
Thickness: 76.92 m (Hole 1259B)  
Age: late Paleocene  
Lithology: clayey nannofossil chalk and nannofossil chalk with clay

Subunit IIIA is a clayey nannofossil chalk to a nannofossil chalk with clay. It is distinguished from Unit II and Subunit IIB by its relatively high clay content (with the contact placed at the P/E and K/T boundaries, respectively). Discrete *Zoophycos*, *Chondrites*, and *Planolites* burrows are common, and this subunit is pervasively bioturbated (Fig. F6A). Trace amounts of pyrite and occasional pyrite nodules are present in all cores.

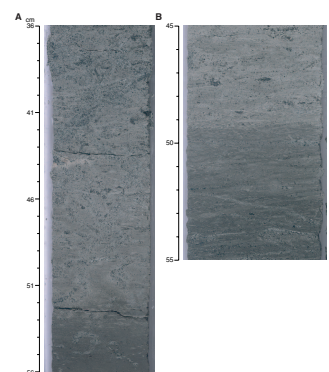
Subunit IIIA displays subtle to distinct alternations between lighter- and darker-colored clayey nannofossil chalk on 30-cm-scale intervals throughout. Colors are dominantly shades of greenish gray but become olive to reddish brown in the lower portions of the subunit.

The lower boundary of Subunit IIIA is the base of the K/T spherule layer. The spherule layer is overlain by an interval of greenish gray clay grading upward into light greenish gray calcareous clay that grades into the reddish brown cyclic interval mentioned above. The spherule bed is graded and is in sharp contact with a 1-mm thin white layer (Fig. F6B). The spherule bed is 1.5–1.9 cm thick and varies in color from black to white into light greenish gray and dark green.

F6. K/T boundary ejecta layer, p. 44.



F7. Boundary between Units III and IV, p. 46.



### Subunit IIIB

Intervals: 207-1259A-47R-3, 75 cm, through 52R-5, 13 cm; 207-1259B-13R-1, 48 cm, through 18R-7, 53 cm; and 207-1259C-8R-5, 98 cm, through 11R-3, 50 cm

Depths: Hole 1259A: 442.33–492.96 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 445.18–494.52 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 442.47–492.43 mbsf

Thickness: 50.63 m (Hole 1259A)

Age: late Maastrichtian–Campanian

Lithology: nannofossil chalk with clay and calcareous debris, calcareous siltstone, and glauconitic claystone

Subunit IIIB is dominantly a nannofossil chalk with varying amounts of nannofossils, calcareous debris, and clay. This subunit displays very distinct rhythmic alternations between light greenish gray and greenish gray colors at 5- to 20-cm-thick intervals. The lighter intervals have a higher percentage of nannofossils and foraminifers, whereas the darker intervals have a higher clay content. Bioturbation is moderate to pervasive with distinct black *Zoophycos* and *Chondrites* burrows (Fig. F8). Pyrite, barite, and marcasite increase in abundance downhole. Glauconite is present in the lower portion of the subunit (clayey chalk and claystone), and a greenish color marks the lowermost part of Subunit IIIB (Table T2; Fig. F8B, F8C). The top of this glauconite-rich interval can be correlated among the three holes (see also “Physical Properties,” p. 33, and “Composite Depths,” p. 25).

The boundary between Subunits IIIB and IIIA is placed at the base of the K/T boundary ejecta layer (Fig. F6B), but the lithologic transition between the subunits is gradational. On the other hand, a distinct color and lithologic change defines the boundary between Subunit IIIB (greenish gray to olive-gray clayey chalk and claystone) and Unit IV (black laminated calcareous claystone with organic matter) (Fig. F7).

### Unit IV

Intervals: 207-1259A-52R-5, 13 cm, through 60R-1, 0 cm; 207-1259B-18R-7, 53 cm, through 24R-4, 42 cm; and 207-1259C-11R-3, 50 cm, through 19R-1, 0 cm

Depths: Hole 1259A: 492.96–549.10 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 494.52–548.52 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 492.43–547.10 mbsf

Thickness: 56.14 m (Hole 1259A)

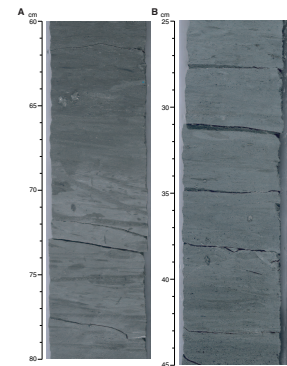
Age: Santonian–Cenomanian

Lithology: laminated calcareous claystone with organic matter, clayey chalk, and limestone

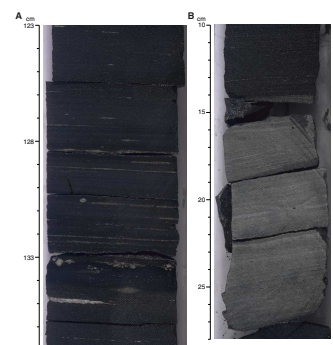
Unit IV primarily consists of dark olive-gray to black, submillimeter-scale laminated calcareous claystone with organic matter (black shale) and clayey chalk and limestone with organic matter (Fig. F9). The upper contact of Unit IV lies below a distinct lithologic transition from the glauconite-rich greenish to olive-gray sediment of lower Unit III to olive-gray and black calcareous claystone with organic matter. The lower part of this transition is heavily mixed by bioturbation and includes some discrete large burrows (Fig. F7A). The lower boundary of Unit IV is defined by the first occurrence of dark greenish gray to gray, medium-grained quartz sandstone (quartz arenite) (Holes 1259A and 1259C) and dark gray calcareous siltstone and silty clay intercalations (Hole 1259B).

The uppermost part of Unit IV at Site 1259 contains a massive dark gray to black bioturbated claystone with organic matter, which is Santo-

F8. Sedimentary structures in Subunit IIIB, p. 47.



F9. Typical lithologies in Unit IV, p. 49.





nian in age (Table T2). The remainder of Unit IV shows well-developed submillimeter-scale laminations and has a strong petroliferous odor. Contacts between the major lithologies in the unit are gradational over a centimeter to decimeter scale and form the rhythmic light–dark color variations that are typical for Unit IV.

Carbonate content is highly variable and ranges as high as ~95 wt% in individual carbonate-rich layers and as low as ~5 wt% in black claystones (Fig. F3). The lighter intervals have higher carbonate content largely due to a higher abundance of diagenetic calcite (see Fig. F9B). Other carbonate constituents include nannofossils (concentrated in fecal pellets), foraminifers, and shell fragments. Total organic carbon (TOC) values range from ~5 to 16 wt%, with one sample as high as 29 wt%. Rock-Eval analyses indicate Type II kerogen, which is consistent with a marine origin of the organic matter. The organic matter is clearly visible in thin sections. Fish scales and bone fragments (francolite) and amorphous to cryptocrystalline phosphatic nodules (collophane) up to 2 cm in diameter are common throughout, either parallel to bedding or concentrated in thin gravity deposits and can be seen as white to light brown blebs and streaks on core surfaces. A distinct feature in the black claystone are white millimeter-scale calcite stringers composed entirely of foraminifers filled with sparry calcite. A distinct minor lithology in Unit IV is a calcite cemented, unsorted glauconitic claystone, with phosphatic nodules, fish remains, and shells (Table T2; Figs. F15, F31). A similar lithology was found in Unit IV at Sites 1258 and 1260.

## Unit V

Intervals: 207-1259A-60R-1, 0 cm, through 60R-1, 140 cm; 207-1259B-24R-4, 42 cm, through 25R-CC, 10 cm; and 207-1259C-19R-1, 0 cm, through 19R-4, 87 cm

Depth: Hole 1259A: 549.10–550.50 mbsf; Hole 1259B: 548.52–556.01 mbsf; and Hole 1259C: 547.10–551.39 mbsf

Thickness: 7.49 m (Hole 1259B)

Age: unknown

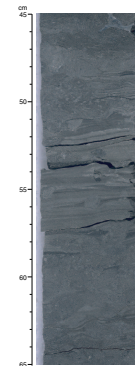
Lithology: quartz sandstone, silty claystone, and calcareous siltstone

Unit V is composed of quartz sandstone, calcareous siltstone, and silty claystone. The top of the unit is placed at the first downhole occurrence of a dark greenish gray to gray, medium-grained quartz sandstone (quartz arenite). Sand grains are angular to subrounded and are cemented by calcite. The sandstone contains minor amounts of glauconite, pyrite, and bioclastics (echinoid fragments, bivalves, gastropods, and large agglutinated benthic foraminifers). No sedimentary structures were observed. The sandstone is 1.40 m thick in Hole 1259A, <5 cm thick in Hole 1259C, and was not recovered in Hole 1259B. At the base of the sandstone in Holes 1259A and 1259C is a sharp transition to very dark gray and brownish calcareous siltstones and silty claystones (Fig. F10). These siltstones and silty claystones contain “tepee-structures” and apparent tempestites, as well as strongly bioturbated intervals. The burrows are filled with quartz silt.

## Summary

The oldest interval recovered at Site 1259 is a unit dominated by interbedded dark gray and brownish calcareous siltstones and silty clay-

F10. Typical lithology and sedimentary structures, Unit V, p. 51.



stones, as well as gray, medium-grained sandstone (Unit V) of unknown age. The lithology shows strongly bioturbated intervals and is characterized by tepee-structures and apparent tempestites. These observations suggest deposition in a shallow-marine environment, possibly including tidal flats.

Cenomanian–Santonian sediments are dominated by laminated calcareous claystones and laminated chalks/limestones of Unit IV. Organic carbon concentrations in Unit IV reach 29 wt%, with the organic matter of marine origin. High productivity and low bottom water oxygen levels resulted in the preservation of large volumes of organic and phosphatic matter in the sediments. Zeolites (clinoptilolite) and rare radiolarians suggest siliceous microfossils were a common component of Unit IV sediment. Carbonate values are highly variable (5–95 wt%) and reflect diagenetic dissolution and precipitation of calcite. Macrofossils occur frequently (mainly fish fragments and inoceramids) in the black claystones, but trace fossils are absent. The lack of bioturbation, the relatively high TOC content, and common phosphoritic layers suggest a deposition in a restricted, probably shallow, but fully marine environment.

The nonlaminated, unsorted glauconitic claystone intercalated with the TOC-rich claystones in Unit IV is interpreted as a storm deposit. If correct, this interpretation limits water depths at this site to less than storm wave base. Alternatively, a period of very slow sedimentation and slightly higher oxygen levels could allow for the bioturbation and concentration of glauconite and phosphatic material. The bioturbated claystone with organic matter in the uppermost part of Unit IV may represent slightly more oxygenized conditions at the seafloor, allowing bioturbation and preventing laminae preservation during part of the Santonian.

Open marine conditions and oxic bottom waters were established by the early Campanian, as indicated by the bioturbated pelagic marls of Unit III. Variations in sedimentary fabric and minor sedimentary components in the pelagic sediments in Units III–I suggest that conditions at the seafloor and/or overlying water column fluctuated substantially during the latest Cretaceous and Paleogene interval.

The K/T boundary interval seems to be complete in all three holes at Site 1259. It consists of the uppermost Maastrichtian of Subunit IIIB, followed by a discrete graded spherule layer, and the basal Paleocene calcareous claystone of Subunit IIIA. The spherules are up to 2.5 mm in diameter, an exceptional size considering the distance to the proposed location of impact.

The P/E boundary seems to be relatively complete in Holes 1259B and 1259C, whereas its recovery was incomplete in Hole 1259A. The most extensive record appears to be the 50-cm-thick greenish and reddish brown clay layer in Hole 1259B (see [“Biostratigraphy,”](#) p. 11). The lack of carbonate in this layer is consistent with sedimentary changes expected across the P/E boundary.

Similar to other Leg 207 sites, gravity flow deposits and temporal gaps are common in the uppermost pelagic record at Site 1259. The inversion of ages in Unit I (Hole 1259A), where ~20 m of Oligocene sediment overlies lower Miocene oozes, is most probably due to mass-failure displacement or faulting. Several hiatuses were recognized in Hole 1259A, with the most prominent ones occurring in the pelagic chalks of Unit IIA, at the transition between the clayey chalks and claystones of Units III, and in Unit IV (see [“Sedimentation Rates,”](#) p. 27).



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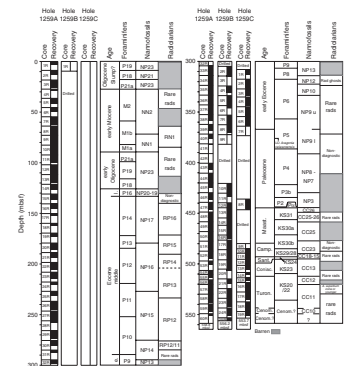
The three holes at Site 1259 recovered sediments of early Miocene to Cenomanian age. The lowermost cores yielded marginal marine to non-marine sediments of presumable Cenomanian or Albian age. The marine succession contains calcareous nannofossils, planktonic foraminifers, and radiolarians in varying abundances and states of preservation, depending on lithology and sediment induration. The shipboard examination of these microfossil groups from core catcher samples was supplemented by additional samples from in the cores. The biostratigraphic data permitted zonal or stage assignments to be made for the entire sequence. Datum levels are summarized in Figure F11 and in Tables T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, and T9.

A 26-m-thick nannofossil foraminiferal ooze (Cores 207-1259A-1R to 3R [upper part of lithostratigraphic Unit I]) at the top of the section has been attributed an early Oligocene age, reflecting a major slump or another type of redeposited sediment. This unit overlies a 342-m-thick, partly siliceous foraminiferal nannofossil ooze to chalk (Sample 207-1259A-4R-1, 0 cm, to 39R-5, 55 cm [lithostratigraphic Subunits IIA–IIC]) of early Miocene–earliest Eocene age, including the E/O boundary. Based on biostratigraphic data, two hiatuses were recognized in this interval: (1) the early Oligocene/early Miocene hiatus (Sections 207-1259A-10R-5 to 10R-6), with the late Oligocene being absent, and (2) the middle–late Eocene transition (Sections 207-1259A-15R-1 to 15R-2), with the proper boundary interval (planktonic foraminiferal Zone P15) missing. All microfossil groups studied are abundant and well preserved. An expanded section of 160 m of middle Eocene sediments was encountered.

The subsequent 75 m of clayey nannofossil chalk (Samples 207-1259A-39R-5, 55 cm, to 47R-3, 75 cm [lithostratigraphic Subunit IIIA]) is attributed to the Paleocene with a minor hiatus in its lower part, spanning parts of the early Paleocene (Core 207-1259A-46R). The P/E boundary is at 139 cm in Section 207-1259A-39R-5. At the base of the lowermost lowest Danian, a boundary clay and a spherule layer, which is believed to mark the base of the Tertiary, is developed. The K/T boundary sequence is considered to be complete or nearly complete because all the lower Danian and upper Maastrichtian biozones are represented in all holes.

The 50 m of upper Maastrichtian to mid-Campanian nannofossil chalk (Samples 207-1259A-47R-3, 75 cm, to 52R-5, 13 cm [lithostratigraphic Subunit IIIB]) is similar to that of the Paleocene, with calcareous microfossils being relatively rare and moderately preserved. A condensed glauconite-rich interval (80 cm thick) was recovered in Section 207-1259A-52R-4. It separates the Maastrichtian/upper Campanian chalk facies (lithostratigraphic Unit IIIB) from the ~56 m of black shales in lithostratigraphic Unit IV. Detailed high-resolution analyses of calcareous microfossils identify early Campanian assemblages at the top, early Campanian–Santonian assemblages in the upper third, early Santonian–late Coniacian taxa in the middle part, and early Coniacian taxa in the lowermost part of Section 207-1259A-52R-6. Cores 207-1259A-53R to 54R-CC are early Coniacian in age. Calcareous microfossils are generally present throughout the black shale. Foraminifers are often poorly preserved and of low diversity in calcareous interbeds, but pristine (“glassy”) preservation is regularly found in clay-rich intervals. Calcareous nannofossils and planktonic foraminifers of early Turonian age

F11. Planktonic foraminifer, calcareous nannofossil, and radiolarian biozonation, p. 52.



T3. Calcareous nannofossils, p. 82.

T4. Planktonic foraminifers, Hole 1259A, p. 83.

T5. Planktonic foraminifer datums, p. 84.

T6. Radiolarian datums, p. 85.

T7. Datum levels, ages, and preservation of samples, p. 86.

T8. Planktonic foraminifers, Hole 1259B, p. 87.

T9. Planktonic foraminifers, Hole 1259C, p. 89.

are present near the base of the black shale. Section 207-1259C-18R-5 contains nannofossils of mid- to late Cenomanian age. A sharp contact between the laminated black shale and quartz sandstone (lithostratigraphic Unit V) was recovered in Core 207-1259A-60R. The latter unit, of which 1.40 m was recovered, did not provide any calcareous microfossils and was not dated. A more variable lithology (silty claystones and shelly sandstones) was encountered in the bottom part of Holes 1259B and 1259C.

### Calcareous Nannofossils

As at the previous two sites, we recovered primarily Paleogene–mid-Cretaceous sediments from the three holes at Site 1259 that contain generally common to abundant calcareous nannofossils of moderate to good preservation. These allowed for zonal or stage assignments that are summarized in Figure F11 and Tables T3 and T7. Core catcher samples were examined for all holes and supplemented as necessary by samples in the cores for further refinement of the zonal assignments. These revealed major disconformities separating the following sedimentary packages:

1. Approximately 28 m of a winnowed lower Oligocene foraminiferal sand and nannofossil ooze with some Miocene contaminants, apparently representing a slump deposit resting disconformably on the subjacent unit;
2. Approximately 62 m of lower Miocene ooze of the same consistency, apparently in place, separated by another disconformity from the underlying unit;
3. A ~34-m lower Oligocene interval separated by a disconformity from 6 m of upper Eocene calcareous ooze. This unit in turn is separated by a disconformity from the underlying 300-m middle Eocene–Paleocene nannofossil chalks. A minor disconformity may be present in the lowermost Paleocene;
4. A 50-m Maastrichtian–late Campanian chalk beneath a complete K/T boundary; and
5. An early Campanian–Cenomanian black shale sequence, unconformably overlying an undated quartz-cemented sandstone/gray clay sequence at the base.

In the more detailed descriptions that follow, the assemblages and ages pertain to Hole 1258A core catchers unless noted otherwise.

The first core catcher in the Oligocene slump or otherwise reworked interval contains abundant well-preserved *Sphenolithus predistentus* and *Cyclicargolithus abisectus* but no *Sphenolithus distentus* and is assigned to the lower Zone NP23 (Zone CP17); discoasters are overgrown. The subjacent Sample 207-1259A-2-CC yielded well-preserved *Helicosphaera reticulata* and common *Reticulofenestra umbilica* and *Ericsonia formosa* and is assigned to Zone NP21, assuming the latter two index taxa are not reworked. The third core catcher, however, is assigned to the younger Zone NP23, indicating an inverted sequence; it also contained a specimen of *Coccolithus miopelagicus*, which is of early Miocene age.

Samples 207-1259A-4R-CC and 5R-CC contain *Sphenolithus belemnos* and *Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus* along with abundant *Hayaster perplexa*, indicating a zonal assignment of uppermost NN2 Zone or, alternatively, NN3 if the *T. carinatus* is reworked (an assignment to Zone CN2 of the Bukry and Okada zonal scheme avoids that potential problem). Sample

207-1259A-6R-CC contains abundant *H. perplexa* and several large *Discoaster druggii* (up to 19  $\mu\text{m}$ ), the nominate species of Zone NN2. Although the sometimes elusive *D. druggii* was not noted in Samples 207-1259A-7R-CC and 8R-CC, the latter contains abundant and well-preserved *T. carinatus*, the acme of which is encountered near the base of Zone NN2, indicating that level or slightly lower. *Sphenolithus disbelemnos* is very abundant in Sample 207-1259A-9R-CC, suggesting an assignment of uppermost Zone NN1; *Helicosphaera euphrates* is abundant.

Abundant *S. predistentus* and *C. abisectus* along with common *S. distentus* are noted in the section in Sample 207-1259A-10R-CC, this time in normal stratigraphic order, and are assigned to the lower Oligocene Zone NP23 (upper part) (Zone CP18 of the Bukry and Okada compilation). A disconformity representing the missing upper Oligocene must lie within that core or in the core break above. The next three cores downhole (Cores 207-1259A-11R to 13R) contain *S. predistentus* in the absence of *S. distentus*, *R. umbilica*, and *E. formosa*, and belong to the lower portion of Zone NP23 (Zone CP17). *Helicosphaera compacta* is abundant.

The E/O boundary lies at a sharp color change (disconformity) in Section 207-1259A-14R-4, 27.5 cm. *Lanternithus minutus* is abundant above and *Discoaster barbadiensis* and *D. saipanensis* below the break. Specimens of these two discoasters are reworked immediately above the disconformity. Sample 207-1259A-14R-CC contains very large *Cribricentrum reticulatum* (up to 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$ ), which assigns the sample to Zone NP20–19 (CP15). Cores 207-1259A-15R and 16R contain *Dictyococcites bisectus* and both probably belong to the upper part of Zone N17. *Chiasmolithus grandis*, however, was not observed until Sample 207-1259A-17R-CC, which, in the absence of *D. bisectus*, belongs to the lower part of Zone NP17, as does Sample 207-1259A-18R-CC.

A few *Chiasmolithus solitus* in the subjacent Sample 207-1259A-19R-CC might be reworked, but these are common in Cores 207-1259A-20R to 24R, along with *R. umbilica*, and are assigned to the lower part of Zone NP16 (or Subzone CP13B). Zone NP15 is assigned to Cores 207-1259A-26R to 29R based primarily on the presence of *Chiasmolithus gigas*, whereas Zone NP14 is assigned Sample 207-1259A-31R-CC on basis of a few specimens identified as heavily overgrown *Discoaster sublodoensis*.

Preservation and numbers of coccoliths in general continue to deteriorate downsection, making it difficult to distinguish a few possible *Discoaster lodoensis* in Core 207-1259A-32R, which also contains common *Campylosphaera dela* (some with crossbar intact), but no *D. sublodoensis*. This and the subjacent core are assigned to Zone NP13. Zeolites in the latter obscure the nannofossils, a condition not uncommon in this portion of the lower Eocene and where it is easiest to search for zonal markers using cross-polarized rather than plane-transmitted or phase-contrast light.

Common *Tribrahiatus orthostylus*, if not reworked in Sample 207-1259A-34R-CC, denote Zone NP12. A pristine specimen of *Discoaster falcatus* in the sample is reworked, however. *Discoaster multiradiatus*, *D. diastypus*, numerous “glassy” and sometimes misshapen rhombs, plus heavily overgrown triangular forms are interpreted as representing the *Tribrahiatus bramlettei*–*Tribrahiatus contortus* evolutionary transition; hence, this core catcher is assigned to Zone NP10.

Opal-CT lepispheres constitute the background of the partially silicified Samples 207-1259A-36R-CC and 37-CC, again making cross-polarized light the most practical way to search for coccoliths. Abundant

*Zygrhablithus bijugatus*, *D. multiradiatus*, and somewhat misshapen “glassy” rhombs (interpreted as *Rhombaster* spp.), however, indicate the upper part of Zone NP9. *Neochiastozygus junctus* is also abundant and continues, minus the rhombs but with occasional fasciculiths, down to the P/E boundary in Section 207-1259A-39R-3 or 39R-4. Below that level, fasciculiths replace *N. junctus* and *Z. bijugatus* in dominance and preservation improves considerably.

Sample 207-1259A-40R-CC yielded a variety of fasciculiths, *D. lenticularis*, and other characteristic Paleocene taxa such as *Neochiastozygus concinnus*. Zeolites are few in the subjacent clay-rich Sample 207-1259A-41R-CC, and preservation is quite good as indicated by pristine specimens of *Toweius eminens*; the sample belongs to the lower portion of Zone NP9. Helioliths are present in the subjacent core, and *Discoaster mohleri* persists downsection through an interval of nonrecovery (Core 207-1259A-42R) to Sample 207-1259A-43R-CC, which is assigned to the combined Zones NP7–NP8. The subjacent Sample 207-1259A-44R-CC contains common *Ellipsolithus macellus*, large *Cruiciplacolithus tenuis* (with well-developed “feet”), and common *Lopholithus nascens* but no helioliths. Below that, nannofossils are rare and poorly preserved in Sample 207-1259A-46R-CC, which yielded *C. tenuis* and possible *Chiasmolithus danicus* but no *E. macellus*; the sample was assigned to Zone NP3 of the Danian.

Immediately beneath the K/T boundary, *Micula prinsii* is present in Sample 207-1259A-47R-CC, which was assigned to Zone CC26. Its upper Maastrichtian ancestor, *Micula murus*, ranges downhole to Sample 207-1259A-49R-CC, which lies slightly below the lower CC26 zonal boundary. This species can be effectively substituted as the marker taxon for Zone CC26, as *Nephrolithus frequens* has hitherto not been observed in tropical latitudes.

In contrast to the expanded upper Maastrichtian section, the lower Maastrichtian is poorly represented if not absent entirely, as Core 207-1259A-50R is assigned to Zone CC25 and the subjacent core belongs to upper Zone CC23, based on the co-occurrence of *Uniplanarius trifidum* and *Uniplanarius sissinghii*, which top out at the Campanian/Maastrichtian boundary. This zone is traced downhole through Core 207-1259A-51R and into Sample 207-1259A-52R-3, 1 cm.

The transition into the black shales is well displayed in the photograph of Sections 207-1259B-18R-6 and 18R-7 (see “[Lithostratigraphy](#),” p. 4) (Fig. F7). The normally greenish Campanian chalks have a dark gray color but with a greenish tinge at the base where glauconite appears. This glauconite-rich chalk continues downhole to the top of Section 207-1259B-18R-7, where Sample 18R-7, 20 cm, contains essentially the same upper Campanian nannofossil assemblage as above (*U. trifidum*, *U. sissinghii*, *Micula decussata*, and *Aspidolithus parvus constrictus*, etc., of Zone CC23).

Immediately beneath the green glauconitic chalk is a light yellowish to tan chalk separated from the chalk above by a heavily burrowed contact. Glauconite in this unit may have been introduced along with chalk from above by bioturbation; hence, care was taken to sample it where glauconite appeared to be absent. A “toothpick” sample 3 cm beneath the contact (Sample 207-1259B-18R-7, 27 cm) yielded common to abundant *M. decussata*, along with *Eiffelithus eximius*, *A. parvus constrictus* (two specimens), *Broinsonia enormis*, and *Zeugrhabdotus bicresceticus* and a single but well-preserved specimen of the dissolution-resistant *Marthasterites furcatus*. This assemblage belongs to the lowermost

Campanian Zone CC18, which is bounded at the top by *M. furcatus* and at the base by *A. parvus*.

The lithology changes rather abruptly again in Section 207-1259B-18R-7 from the light tan to a darkish brown claystone at ~53 cm, again with a heavily bioturbated contact. A coherent sample 3 cm below the contact at 56 cm also contained a sparse nannoflora with *M. decussata*, *E. eximius*, and *B. enormis* in the absence of *A. parvus*, the age of which could range from CC17 to CC14; planktonic foraminifers suggest a Santonian age, which would constrain the age of the sample to Zones CC17–CC15 (or CC18–CC15 if *A. parvus* is present). Several of the nanofossil datums traditionally used to further subdivide this interval are the dissolution-susceptible holococcoliths that are largely absent in the Cretaceous of the Leg 207 drill sites, such as *Calculites obscurus* (base of CC17) and *Lucianorhabdus cayeuxii* (base of CC16), hence the lack of precision in delineating these zones. We suspect that much of the Santonian is missing and that the lithologic change in Sample 207-1259C-18R-7, 53 cm, represents another hiatus.

Closely spaced samples beginning with Sample 207-1259A-52R-6, 2 cm, through 52R-6, 104 cm, recovered a condensed sequence of Santonian age. Sample 207-1259A-52R-6, 110 cm, continuing through 52R-6, 124–138 cm, contains *E. eximius* in the absence of both *M. decussata* and *Lithastrinus septenarius* and in the presence of occasional *M. furcatus*, all of which were assigned to the lower Coniacian Zone CC13. *Marthasterites* is common to abundant in the core catcher, and its acme seems to be characteristic of selected samples in the lower Coniacian of the Leg 207 sites. Cores 207-1259A-53R and 54R are also assigned to Zone CC13, with three samples (Samples 207-1259A-53R-1, 50 cm; 5R-CC; and 54-CC) also containing *Quadrum gartneri*. Nannoliths in the latter samples are common to abundant and well preserved.

Sample 207-1259A-55R-CC yielded no *M. furcatus* but rather the exclusively Turonian taxon *Liliasterites angularis* in the presence of *E. eximius* and *Stoverius archylosus*; *Eprolithus eptapetalus* is rare. The sample, therefore, is assigned to the mid- to upper Turonian Zone CC12.

Nannoliths are rare but well preserved in Core 207-1259A-57R, which is rich in zeolites and opal-CT lepispheres. *Eiffelithus eximius* is absent, but the numbers of *E. eptapetalus* are proportionately greater relative to the previous core catcher. This acme continues into the subjacent core catcher, and both cores are assigned to the lower Turonian Zone CC11.

Sample 207-1259A-59R-CC was problematic, as the very dark black zeolitic shale yielded rare and poorly preserved coccoliths consisting mostly of *Eprolithus apertior*, *Eprolithus floralis*, *Zeugrhabdotus embergeri*, *Radiolithus planus*, and small prediscosphaerids with small round bases ~6.5  $\mu\text{m}$  across. An examination of samples in the core revealed *L. angularis* and *Tranolithus orionatus* in Sample 207-1259A-59R-1, 138 cm, and common *Eprolithus octopetalus* in Sample 59R-1, 138 cm, which together still indicate a Turonian age. A sample (207-1259C-18R-5, 75 cm), however, was dated as mid- to late Cenomanian in age based on the only specimen of *Lithraphidites acutus* observed on board ship during this leg.

Core 207-1259A-60R recovered only a silica-cemented quartz sand with cement particles that appeared opalescent in phase-contrast light. The two lowest core catchers in Hole 1259B (from Cores 207-1259B-25R and 26R) were both barren of nanofossils, the latter being a gray mudstone with numerous scattered 5- to 10- $\mu\text{m}$  highly birefringed rhombs (dolomite?).



## Planktonic Foraminifers

Planktonic foraminifer biostratigraphy at Site 1259 was based upon a combination of core catchers and samples taken from every section in Hole 1259A as well as from core catchers in Holes 1259B and 1259C. Zonal assignments are summarized in Figure F11 and Tables T4, T5, T8, and T9. Planktonic foraminifer Zones M2 (Miocene) through Zone KS20/KS22 (Turonian) were identified in Hole 1259A, along with significant breaks in the biozonation in the middle Oligocene–lowermost Miocene, the lower/middle Eocene boundary, and the upper Danian. Planktonic foraminifers were present in nearly all samples but varied widely in preservation and abundance. Preservation was best in clay-rich parts of the Turonian–Santonian sequence, although foraminifers were difficult to extract and clean in the black shales. Foraminifers in the light-colored bands of the black shales were frequently filled with calcite spar. Good preservation was found in the Miocene, Oligocene, and middle Eocene, whereas preservation was moderate or poor in the chalk of the lower Eocene, Paleocene, and Maastrichtian–Campanian sequences.

Sample 207-1259A-1R-1, 0–2 cm, contains a mixture of modern diatoms together with modern planktonic foraminifers such as *Orbulina universa*, *Globigerinoides sacculifer*, *Neogloboquadrina dutertrei*, and *Globigerinoides ruber*. The fine fraction (<150 µm) includes fragments of Oligocene foraminifers and pieces of manganese crust. Pleistocene sediments are only a few centimeters thick and were nearly entirely washed off the core top in Hole 1259A, whereas the core top was relatively well preserved in Hole 1259B.

Yellow calcareous ooze in Sample 207-1259A-1R-CC contains a diverse lower Oligocene foraminifer assemblage including common *Turborotalia ampliapertura*, *Turborotalia euapertura*, *Globoquadrina galavisi*, *Chiloguembelina cubensis*, and *Cassigerinella chipolensis*, representing Zone P19. In contrast, Sample 207-1259B-1R-CC contains markers for Oligocene Subzones P21b and P21a and Zones P20 and P19, together with Pleistocene foraminifers. Likewise, Samples 207-1259A-2R-CC and 3R-CC are also of Oligocene age but decrease in age downhole from Zone P18 to Subzone P21a, suggesting either massive contamination of the core catchers in the soupy foraminifer sands or massive reworking. Extensive reexamination of Sample 207-1259A-1R-CC did not reveal any reworked components.

The surficial Oligocene foraminifer sands are likely to represent a slump or reworking, since Samples 207-1259A-4R-CC to 9R-CC contain a succession of foraminifers representing lower Miocene foraminifer zones in stratigraphic order. Samples 207-1259A-4R-CC to 7R-2, 50–54 cm, contain a typical Zone M2 fauna with *Globoquadrina dehiscens*, *Globigerinoides primordius*, *Globoquadrina binaensis*, *Dentoglobigerina altispira*, and *Globigerinoides altiapertura*. The species *Globorotalia mayeri*, *Globigerinella obesa*, *Globigerina angulosuturalis*, and *Globoturborotalita woodi* are secondary components. A small four-chambered, heavily encrusted foraminifer resembling *Neogloboquadrina pachyderma* was found in most Miocene samples and has been provisionally called *Neogloboquadrina nympa* after the species described originally by Jenkins (1966) from the Southern Ocean.

Sample 207-1259A-7R-3, 50–54 cm, contains the highest record of *Fohsella kugleri* in Hole 1259A and marks the top of Subzone M1b. The base of this zone is marked by the first appearance of *G. dehiscens* in Sample 207-1259A-9R-7, 50–54 cm. Typical assemblages in Zone M1 in-



clude *G. mayeri*, *F. kugleri*, *Globoquadrina venezuelana*, *Globoquadrina praedeheiscens*, and *G. altiapertura*. Subzone M1a, defined by the presence of *F. kugleri* in the absence of *G. deheiscens*, extends to Sample 207-1259A-10R-5, 50–54 cm.

A significant unconformity representing the upper Oligocene and possibly part of the basal Miocene occurs between Samples 207-1259A-10R-5, 50–54 cm, and 10R-6, 50–54 cm. Overlying sediments are assigned to Zone M1a based on the presence of the zone marker species *F. kugleri*, whereas sediments below the boundary contain abundant *C. cubensis*, *G. angulosuturalis*, and *C. chipolensis*, indicating lower Oligocene Zone P21a. Between Samples 207-1259A-11R-2, 50–54 cm, and 11R-3, 50–54 cm, the disappearance of *G. angulosuturalis* and the absence of *Turborotalia ampilapertura* suggests Zone P20. However, Sample 207-1259A-11R-5, 50–54 cm, contains *G. angulosuturalis*, suggesting that the sample is either contaminated with material reworked downhole or that the overlying sediments are incorrectly dated as Zone P21a. Zone P19 occurs between Samples 207-1259A-11R-CC and 13R-3, 50–54 cm, and is characterized by the occurrence of *Turborotalia ampilapertura*, *C. chipolensis*, *C. cubensis*, *Globoquadrina tripartita*, and *Globoquadrina globularis*. Finally, Zone P18, characterized by *Pseudohastigerina* spp., was found between Samples 207-1259A-13R-4, 50–54 cm, and 14R-3, 50–54 cm.

We have not observed large-scale inversions of zonal assignments as seen in the Oligocene at Site 1260. However, there are age reversals that raise a flag of caution about the continuity of the section. For example, *G. angulosuturalis*, the marker for Subzone P21a, is present in a few samples from both Zones P18 and P19, including Sample 207-1259A-13R-CC, where it is common. These occasional apparent age reversals at Site 1259 could be the result of downhole contamination, but at least some of the reversals occur in chinks that are not notably disturbed by rotary coring. The other possibility is that the whole section was extensively reworked during the late early Oligocene or perhaps prior to the deposition of Miocene sediments.

The contact between the Eocene and Oligocene occurs in Sample 207-1259A-14R-4, 28 cm. Zone P18 assemblages are juxtaposed with those of Zone P16 that contain *Turborotalia cunialensis*, *Hantkenina alabamensis*, *Turborotalia pomeroli*, and *Globoquadrina pseudovenezuelana*. In turn, Zone P16 assemblages are in contact with Zone P14 faunas between Samples 207-1259A-15R-1, 50–54 cm, and 15R-2, 50–54 cm. Typical species in Zone P14 include *Turborotalia cerroazulensis*, *Morozovella spinulosa*, *Morozovella lehneri*, *Planorotalites renzi*, *H. alabamensis*, and *Acarinina rohri*. Zone P14 can be traced as low as the interval between Samples 207-1259A-19R-2, 50–53 cm, and 19R-3, 50–53 cm.

The remainder of the middle Eocene is well represented in Hole 1259A and consists of an expanded and nearly continuous sequence of biozones and datum levels. Zone P13 is present between Samples 207-1259A-19R-3, 50–53 cm, and 20R-4, 50–54 cm. These samples show the evolution of *Orbulinoides beckmanni* from a taxon with three chambers in the last whorl that is similar to large *Globigerinatheka kugleri* or *Globigerinatheka euganea* to a fully spherical variety in which the final chamber constitutes half or more of the total shell. The lower limits of Zone P13 are defined by the first appearance of large globigerinathekids that resemble the holotype of *O. beckmanni*, a specimen that is similar to a large example of *G. kugleri* (see discussion of Zone P13 in “[Calcareous Nannofossils](#),” p. 12, in the “Site 1260” chapter). Common species in Zone P13 are *Igorina broedermanni*, *M. spinulosa*, *T. pomeroli*, *M. lehneri*,

and *Acarinina bullbrooki*. Zone P12 ranges from Sample 207-1259A-20R-5, 50–53 cm, to 23R-CC, whereas Zone P11, whose top is defined by the last appearance of *Morozovella aragonensis*, extends between Samples 207-1259A-24R-1, 50–54 cm, and 27R-1, 50–54 cm. *Morozovella lehneri* and *M. aragonensis* are both present between Samples 207-1259A-24R-1, 50–54 cm, and 24R-CC. Finally, Zone P10 was identified between Samples 207-1259A-27R-2, 50–54 cm, and 30R-CC, with its top defined by the first appearance of *G. kugleri* and its base approximated by the first appearance of *Guembelitroides nuttali*. Typical species in Zone P10 include *M. aragonensis*, *Acarinina praetopilensis*, *Muricoglobigerina senni*, *Acarinina punctocarinata*, *A. bullbrooki*, and *P. renzi*.

The lower Eocene may contain hiatuses in Zones P9 and P7 because these zones are relatively thin at Site 1259. The lower boundary of Zone P9 is located between Samples 207-1259A-33R-1, 50–54 cm, and 33R-2, 50–54 cm, based upon the lowest occurrence of fragmentary remains of *Planorotalites palmerae*. Assemblages in Zone P9 contain large specimens of *Acarinina aspensis*, with six or more chambers in the last whorl, in addition to *A. praetopilensis*, *Pseudohastigerina micra*, *A. bullbrooki*, *I. broedermanni*, and *M. aragonensis*. Zone P8 is represented by an assemblage that includes large “*Globigerina*” *lozanoi*, *Acarinina pentacamerata*, *M. aragonensis*, *Acarinina quetra*, and *P. renzi* in the absence of both *P. palmerae* and *Morozovella formosa*. Samples 207-1259A-33R-6, 50–54 cm, to 33R-CC are assigned to Zone P8. Zone P7 is recognized by the presence of *M. formosa* together with *M. aragonensis* and was observed only in Sample 207-1259C-1R-CC. In as much as Zone P7 represents ~1.5 m.y. of geologic time, it is likely that there are either unrecognized hiatuses in the biozone or a highly condensed section. In contrast, Zone P6 is represented by an expanded section between Samples 207-1259A-34R-CC and 38R-4, 52–55 cm. The foraminifer fauna consists of *Acarinina soldadoensis*, *Morozovella subbotinae*, *M. aequa*, *Morozovella gracilis*, and *Acarinina wilcoxensis* (major elements) and *Pseudohastigerina* sp., *M. formosa*, *Morozovella lensiformis*, and *Morozovella marginodentata* (secondary elements). We did not subdivide Zone P6 using the first occurrence of *M. formosa* because of very poor preservation in Samples 207-1259A-35R-CC to 37R-CC.

The P/E boundary occurs in Cores 207-1259A-39R, 207-1259B-7R, and 207-1259C-7R based upon a clay-rich horizon and the appearance of a distinctive fauna of “excursion taxa” (Kelley et al., 1998) as well as *Chiloguembelina wilcoxensis*, *Pseudohastigerina* sp., and *I. broedermanni*. The top of Zone P5 is indicated by the extinction of *Morozovella velascoensis* and occurs between Samples 207-1259A-38R-3, 52–55 cm, and 38R-4, 49–52 cm. A core gap in Hole 1259A prevents the detailed identification of the base of Zone P5, which occurs somewhere between Samples 207-1259A-41R-CC and 43R-CC.

A set of four small (~5 cm<sup>3</sup>) samples were taken in the ~80-cm interval above the base of the P/E boundary interval in Section 207-1259C-7R-2 to document the preservation and species composition of the foraminifer assemblage associated with the boundary. The base of the distinctive green clay horizon occurs at 120 cm in this section, and Samples 207-1259C-7R-2, 100–102 cm, 7R-2 108–110 cm, and 7R-2 115–117 cm, were barren of planktonic foraminifers, although all contained small numbers of benthic foraminifers and abundant but poorly preserved spumullarian radiolarians. Sample 207-1259C-7R-2, 70–72 cm, contains a moderately well preserved foraminifer assemblage with abundant *Morozovella allisonensis* and *A. soldadoensis* and rare *Acarinina africana*, *Acarinina sibaiyaensis*, *Subbotina patagonica*, and *Parasubbotina*

*varianta*. Three of these species, *M. allisonensis*, *A. africana*, and *A. sibaiyaensis*, are associated with P/E boundary sections in other tropical and subtropical sites (Central Pacific, Egypt, Spain, New Jersey, and the Blake Plateau) and are known as the excursion fauna because of their abundance and near restriction to the Paleocene/Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) (Kelly et al., 1998). An unusual element of these assemblages is *Parasubbotina paleocenica*, a clavate species that has previously been reported only from ODP Site 1220 in the equatorial Pacific and its type area in coastal Senegal. The West African and equatorial Pacific settings of these previous discoveries suggest that *P. paleocenica* is associated with upwelling conditions. Hence, we infer that the excursion fauna may also represent an expansion of relatively productive waters during the PETM.

All the Paleocene zones are represented at Site 1259. Zone P4 is present between Samples 207-1259A-43R-CC and 45R-1, 50–54 cm, based upon the presence of *Globanomalina pseudomenardii*, *Acarinina nitida*, and *Acarinina subspherica*, all of which make their appearance in this zone. Subzone P3b occurs between Samples 207-1259A-45R-2, 50–54 cm, and 45R-CC. Typical species in Subzone P3b include *M. velascoensis*, *Morozovella angulata*, *Morozovella pasionensis*, *Subbotina velascoensis*, *Subbotina triangularis*, and *Igorina albeari*—a fauna similar to that of Zone P4 but lacking *G. pseudomenardii* and the acarininids. We have not found markers for Subzone P3a in any hole at Site 1259, but Zone P2 is well represented between Samples 207-1257A-46R-CC and the top of Core 207-1259A-47R by a low diversity assemblage of *Praemurica inconstans*, *Praemurica uncinata*, *Morozovella praeangulata*, *Parasubbotina pseudobulloides*, and *Globanomalina compressa*. A sample per section in Core 207-1259B-12R reveals a Subzone P1b fauna in Sample 207-1259B-12R-2, 94–95 cm, with *Subbotina triloculinoides*, *Praemurica pseudoinconstans*, and *P. pseudobulloides*, a Subzone P1a assemblage in Sample 207-1259B-12R-3, 67–68 cm, with *Praemurica taurica* and *Eoglobigerina eobulloides*, and a P $\alpha$  fauna with *Parvularugoglobigerina eugubina*, *Guembelitra cretacea*, and *Woodringina* sp. in Samples 207-1259B-12R-4, 53–54 cm, 12R-CC, and 13R-1, 24–25 cm. The spherule bed that is believed to mark the base of the Danian is in Section 207-1259B-13R-1, 49 cm.

The Maastrichtian occurs between Core 207-1259A-47R and 50R. Sample 207-1259C-8R-7, 66–68 cm, taken ~16 cm below the spherule bed, yielded a diverse assemblage of uppermost Maastrichtian foraminifers including *Abathomphalus mayaroensis* (marker species for Zone KS31) and *Plummerita hantkenoides*, a species known to appear shortly before the Cretaceous/Tertiary (K/T) boundary. At best, *P. hantkenoides* is a rare species in most open ocean sites but its presence in Site 1259 suggests the upper Maastrichtian preserves an unusually complete record of latest Cretaceous paleoclimate and evolution. The combination of cyclostratigraphy and magnetostratigraphy that seems likely to be available at Leg 207 sites should allow the range of *P. hantkenoides* to be determined precisely during postcruise studies. As at other Leg 207 sites, Zone KS31 is represented by rare to common *Rugoglobigerina rugosa*, *Globotruncanita stuarti*, *Pseudoguembelina costulata*, *Pseudotextularia elegans*, *Rugoglobigerina rotundata*, *Rosita contusa*, *Gansserina gansseri*, and *Globotruncana aegyptiaca*. Occasional specimens of *Globotruncanita calcarata* and *Globotruncanita subspinosa* are found in most Maastrichtian samples, suggesting regular reworking from the Campanian. Zone KS31 is present between the K/T boundary and Sample 207-1259A-48R-7, 50–54 cm. The presence of *R. contusa* in the absence of *A. mayaroensis* suggests that Subzone KS30a (the *R. contusa*–*R. fructicosa* Zone) is present in

Samples 207-1259A-48R-CC to 49R-CC. The absence of *R. contusa* in Samples 207-1259A-50R-1, 50–54 cm, to 50R-CC that still contain *G. gansseri* suggests Subzone KS30b, which spans the Campanian/Maastrichtian boundary.

Campanian foraminifer assemblages are poorly preserved and represented by only rare individuals. The *G. aegyptiaca* Zone (KS29) is represented in Sample 207-1259A-51R-CC by *Rugotruncana subcircumnodifer*, *Globotruncana lineana*, *Globotruncanella petaloidea*, and *G. aegyptiaca* along with an abundance of fish bones, glauconite pellets, and benthic foraminifers. Assemblages that may represent either Zone KS29 or KS28 are found in Samples 207-1259A-52R-3, 49–52 cm, and 52R-4, 123–126 cm, in a glauconite-rich horizon that overlies organic-rich claystones at the top of the black shale sequence. These samples contain a diverse but flattened foraminifer fauna with *Heterohelix globulosa*, *Globotruncanella havanensis*, *R. rugosa*, *R. subcircumnodifer*, *Gansserina wiedenmayeri*, *Globotruncanita stuartiformis*, and *Globotruncanita esnehensis*. Sample 207-1259A-52R-5, 26–28 cm, contains mostly benthic foraminifers and pyrite nodules but also *Globigerinelloides prairiehillensis* and *R. rugosa*, suggesting a Campanian age.

In contrast to the Campanian foraminifer assemblages in the glauconite-rich horizon, the underlying brown organic-rich claystones in Sample 207-1259A-52R-6, 111–113 cm, contain a distinctive and well-preserved Santonian assemblage with *Marginotruncana coronata*, *Dicarinella concavata*, *Rosita fornicata*, *Archaeoglobigerina blowi*, and *Dicarinella canaliculata* that in aggregate suggest Zone KS24. Coniacian foraminifers are found in Samples 207-1259A-52R-CC to 54R-CC and include both spar-filled and glassy empty-chambered foraminifers representing Zone KS23. Species in the Coniacian sequence include *Marginotruncana sinuosa*, *Marginotruncana schneegansi*, *Dicarinella imbricata*, *Dicarinella primitiva*, and *Whiteinella inornata*.

Turonian foraminifers were found starting in Sample 207-1259A-55R-1, 130–132 cm, to the lowest identifiable foraminifer assemblages in Sample 59R-CC. Species diversity is relatively high in the upper half of this sequence but decreases to only one or two species that are not diagnostic of either Turonian or Cenomanian age. The upper part of the Turonian includes an abundance of whiteinellids, such as *W. inornata* with weak imperforate bands, *Whiteinella archaeocretacea*, and *Whiteinella baltica*, along with the nearly ever-present *Hedbergella delrioensis*. *Dicarinella imbricata* and *D. canaliculata* are also present in many samples. The clavate species, *Hastigerinelloides watersi*, *Hastigerinelloides amabilis*, and *Hastigerinelloides alexanderi*, are rare components. There is low species diversity in foraminifer assemblages from Sample 207-1259A-58R-4, 42–45 cm, to 59R-CC and consists of little more than *H. globulosa*, *Heterohelix moremani*, *H. delrioensis*, *W. archaeocretacea*, and *W. baltica*, which could indicate either a Turonian (KS20/KS21) or latest Cenomanian (KS20) age. Foraminifers are often small (<180 µm) but are frequently preserved as glassy specimens with empty chambers in the clay-rich parts of the sequence. Foraminifers are entirely absent from Sample 207-1259A-59R-CC and are represented only by a few specimens of *H. moremani* in Sample 207-1259A-59R-CC, along with rare very well rounded quartz grains. The underlying quartz sandstone and claystone sequence in Samples 207-1259B-24R-CC and 25R-CC did not yield any foraminifers.



## Radiolarians

Radiolarians at Site 1259 were found in most of the cored material but were abundant and well preserved only in the middle Eocene. Core catcher samples were examined systematically from Hole 1259A, with an additional limited number of samples taken from Holes 1258B and 1258C.

The earliest Miocene Zone RN1 was identified in Samples 207-1259A-8R-CC and 9R-CC, based on the marker species for the base of the zone (*Cyrtocapsella tetrapera*) and *Calocyclella serrata*, which last occurred at the upper part of Zone RN1.

In the middle Eocene interval, the abundant occurrence of species *Podocyrtis goetheana* in Samples 207-1259A-17R-CC and 18R-CC marks the base of Zone RP16. This combination with the presence of species *Spongatractus pachystylus* (last occurrence [LO] at the top of Zone RP16) in Sample 207-1259A-16R-CC allows restriction of the age of Cores 207-1259A-18R through 16R solely to Zone RP16. *Podocyrtis chalara* is very abundant in Samples 207-1259A-19R-CC and 20R-CC, whereas *Podocyrtis mitra* is absent in the former sample but present, although very rare, in the latter. These samples are, therefore, situated above the base of the evolutionary transition from *P. mitra* to *P. chalara* (which defines the base of Zone RP15). *Sethocyrtis triconiscus* and abundant *P. mitra* in Sample 207-1259A-21R-CC allows its assignment to the upper part of Zone RP14. Therefore, the boundary between Zones RP15 and RP14 is placed in Core 207-1259A-21R. *Podocyrtis fasciolata* and *Podocyrtis trachodes* were observed in Sample 207-1259A-22R-CC, which can be therefore assigned to the lower part of Zone RP14 or the top of Zone RP13. Samples 207-1259A-23R-CC and 24R-CC are assigned to the upper part of Zone RP13 based on the occurrence of abundant *Podocyrtis ampla*, *Podocyrtis sinuosa*, and *Eusyringium fistuligerum*.

Sample 207-1259A-25R-CC contains both *Podocyrtis phyxis* and *P. ampla*, but the former is more abundant than the latter. It is, therefore, placed below the base of Zone RP13. As rare representatives of species *E. fistuligerum* are present in this sample, its age can be restricted to the top of Zone RP12. Therefore, the boundary between Zone RP12 and RP13 is placed in Core 207-1259A-25R.

Cores 207-1259A-25R down to 29R are assigned to Zone RP12 based on the presence of species *Thyrsocyrtis triacantha*. Sample 207-1259A-29R-CC contains both *T. triacantha* and its ancestor, *Thyrsocyrtis tensa*. As the former is more abundant than the latter, Sample 207-1259A-29R-CC can still be assigned to Zone RP12. Radiolarian preservation is moderate to poor in Sample 207-1259A-30R-CC and deteriorates further downhole. The co-occurrence of *Dictyoprora mongolfieri* and *Thyrsocyrtis robusta* suggests that it can be assigned to the lower part of Zone RP12 or RP11.

With respect to the Upper Cretaceous and, more particularly, the Campanian, Sample 207-1259A-51R-CC contains abundant radiolarian specimens (i.e., *Amphipyndax* sp. and *Dictyomitra* sp.) of moderate preservation that could not be identified at the species level. Sample 207-1259A-57R-CC contains moderately well preserved but rare radiolarians. The presence of *Acanthocircus hueyi* allows its assignment to the *Alievium superbum* Zone (lower Turonian or younger).

## PALEOMAGNETISM

Shipboard paleomagnetic measurements from the three holes at Site 1259 resolved numerous Campanian–lower Miocene magnetic polarity zones. Chrons C31r–C29r are tentatively assigned to the Maastrichtian succession, and Chrons C24r–18r of uppermost Paleocene to middle Eocene are well defined.

### Shipboard and Shore-Based Procedures and Data Filters

Details are given in “[Paleomagnetism](#),” p. 16, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter of the standard shipboard analysis using the pass-through cryogenic magnetometer, of the filtering and polarity interpretation procedures of this shipboard data, and of the shore-based progressive demagnetization of discrete minicores. Shipboard measurements of natural remanent magnetization (NRM) and after 10- and 15-mT alternating-field (AF) demagnetization steps were made at 5-cm intervals on all archive halves longer than 15 cm from Cores 207-1259A-1R through 52R, 207-1259B-2R through 18R, and 207-1259C-1R through 17R. In general, the 10-mT step was effective in removing steep downward overprints induced by the drilling process, and the 15-mT step was usually needed to resolve trends toward negative inclination directions but also reduced the magnetic intensity of the majority of the sediment intervals to the background noise level of the cryogenic magnetometer. As at the other Leg 207 sites, we did not analyze the black shale cores rather than partially removing the magnetization of these sediments without obtaining any useful shipboard information. These black shale intervals typically display magnetizations near the background noise level of the shipboard cryogenic magnetometer and were deposited during the Long Cretaceous Normal Polarity Superchron C34n.

Shipboard identification of polarity zones through nearly half of the succession was not possible because of weak magnetization near the noise limit of the cryogenic magnetometer, secondary overprints associated with reddish coloration that could not be removed by shipboard AF demagnetization, and several intervals characterized by reduced core recovery. Therefore, oriented paleomagnetic cylinders were drill pressed at 3-m spacing from all Campanian–middle Eocene sediments from Hole 1259B and Campanian–Maastrichtian sediments from Hole 1259A for combined progressive AF and thermal demagnetization at the magnetic-shielded facility at the University of Munich, Germany. Additional postcruise sampling of sediments from Hole 1259A filled some of the gaps in recovery in Hole 1259B. The magnetic polarity of each minicore was interpreted from an examination of the movement of its magnetic vector during progressive demagnetization (see “[Paleomagnetism](#),” p. 16, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter) (Table T10). These shore-based measurements enabled resolution of removed and characteristic components of magnetization and significantly modified the tentative shipboard polarity interpretations from all facies.

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T10. Characteristic directions of minicores, p. 91.

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## Paleomagnetic Behavior and Interpretations of Magnetostratigraphy

The generalized stratigraphy of sediment facies, biostratigraphic ages, and magnetization characteristics at Site 1259 from the shipboard pass-through cryogenic magnetometer are summarized in Figure F12. Intervals of greenish white to light gray chalk are characterized by very weak magnetization, and nearly half of the measurements after the 15-mT demagnetization step for such intervals were below the  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  A/m background noise level of the magnetometer system. There was a general association of “expanded stratigraphic sections” (e.g., the Maastichtian, middle Eocene, and upper Oligocene) with these low intensities of magnetization, which suggests a dilution of the magnetic minerals by enhanced biogenic input of carbonate and silica tests. Relatively compact intervals, such as upper Eocene and Campanian–Maastichtian greenish gray chinks, had a much stronger magnetic intensity.

### Lower Miocene

The 85-m-thick unit of yellowish to greenish foraminifer–sand facies of early Miocene age (Cores 207-1259A-1R to upper 10R) has moderately strong magnetic intensities, averaging  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$  A/m, with numerous normal and reversed polarity zones (Fig. F12). The green–yellow color transition at  $\sim 40$  mbsf does not appear to affect the magnetic characteristics. The early Miocene, which spans  $\sim 5$  m.y., encompasses  $\sim 12$  pairs of magnetic reversals (see Fig. F5, p. 59, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter). The only “fingerprint” in this polarity pattern is the relatively long normal polarity Chron C6n in the upper M2 foraminifer zone and the upper NN2/lower NN3 nannofossil zones, which we tentatively correlate to the normal polarity zone in Core 207-1259A-5R at this same biostratigraphic level. An assumption of relatively constant sedimentation rates implies that the two overlying polarity pairs in the resedimented foraminifer sand dominated by Oligocene microfossils could be Chrons C5E and C5D, but shipboard resolution of this interval was very poor. Chron C6C of predominant reversed polarity spans the Oligocene/Miocene boundary; therefore, the reversed polarity zone at this biostratigraphic position in Hole 1259A is tentatively assigned to this chron. Limited core recovery precludes establishing the lower Miocene polarity zone pattern, so other polarity chron assignments are not reliable.

### Oligocene

The 40-m-thick Oligocene unit of greenish white chalk has an average magnetization after 15-mT demagnetization of only  $3 \times 10^{-5}$  A/m, which is the background noise level of the magnetometer. Less than 20% of the measurements provide useful polarity information, but the broad biostratigraphic constraints and limited intervals with adequate magnetization are consistent with a possible assignment of Chron C12–Chron C10r. These tentative polarity zone identifications would require future verification from paleomagnetic studies of discrete minicores. We did not attempt to resolve this magnetostratigraphy in our post-cruise program.

F12. Shipboard paleomagnetic data, p. 53.

## Upper Eocene

A narrow 10-m-thick zone of greenish gray chalk from the upper Eocene (Priabonian stage) has a relatively strong magnetization (average =  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  A/m after 15-mT demagnetization) and is characterized by normal polarity with a possible thin reversed polarity band near the base (Fig. F12). Progressive demagnetization of minicores verified the shipboard interpretation (Fig. F13). This polarity and the biostratigraphic constraints (foraminifer Zone P16) may indicate Chrons C15n and C15r.

## Lower–Middle Eocene

The upper portion of the middle Eocene greenish white chalk (foraminifer Zones P12–P14) has a moderate magnetic intensity that averaged  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  A/m after 15 mT. The lower portion (foraminifer Zones P10 and P11) is very weakly magnetized (averaging  $<5 \times 10^{-4}$  A/m) (Fig. F12). Progressive thermal demagnetization of minicores yielded well-defined polarity zones, which are constrained by the biostratigraphy and characteristic pattern to be Chrons C21n–C18r. Low core recovery and wide spacing of minicores in the uppermost portion (Cores 207-1259A-16R to 18R) precluded a reliable chron assignment.

The upper half of the lower Eocene strata (foraminifer Zones P6–P9) displays distinctive cycles of reddish brown to gray or dark to light green. In the cyclic unit of similar age at Site 1258, it appeared that hematite was both the source of the reddish coloration and the carrier of a normal polarity overprint that persisted during AF demagnetization. Progressive thermal demagnetization of minicores was effective in resolving polarity zones, and these are constrained by the biostratigraphy to be Chrons C23n–C22n.

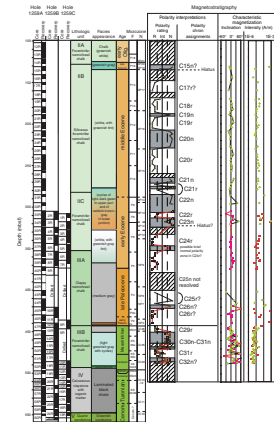
There is a possible hiatus in sedimentation during the middle of the early Eocene that appears to encompass foraminifer Zone P7, nannofossil Zone NP11, and portions of adjacent zones. The polarity zone pattern is consistent with the associated absence of Chrons C24n and C23r.

The lower half of the lower Eocene succession is a weakly magnetized white chalk. This interval and the underlying uppermost Paleocene displays reversed polarity, which is consistent with Chron C24r at the Paleocene/Eocene boundary interval. This thick reversed polarity interval contains a thin band of normal polarity in Core 207-1259A-37R (Fig. F13). The biostratigraphic position of this normal polarity subzone in the lower part of foraminifer Zone P6 is similar to the age of thin normal polarity bands observed in the paleomagnetic results of Site 1258 (Fig. F13) and of possible normal polarity subzones in Chron C24r at Site 1051A (Ogg and Bardot, 2001). However, without declination control on the minicore paleomagnetic behaviors during demagnetization, the validity of any thin polarity band in ODP cores is uncertain. In summary, the lower–middle Eocene succession contains a nearly complete record of Chrons C24r–C18r.

## Paleocene

It was not possible to make unambiguous identification of polarity zones in the upper Paleocene gray chalk or lower Paleocene reddish brown chalk. If one assumes that the ~25-m interval of negligible recovery from Cores 207-1259A-40R to 42R, which were not cored in Holes

F13. Shore-based paleomagnetic data, p. 54.



1259B or 1259C, contained the record of Chron C25n, then the underlying polarity pattern resolved from the minicores could be Chrons C26r–C25r. The relatively condensed reddish brown facies of the basal Paleocene (upper portion of Core 207-1259A-47R) carried a persistent normal polarity overprint that did not respond to AF demagnetization but was not sampled for postcruise analyses due to proximity to the K/T boundary.

### **Campanian–Maastrichtian**

The greenish gray chalk of Campanian–Maastrichtian age is characterized by light–dark cycles and was extensively sampled for postcruise paleomagnetic analyses with the goal of placing cyclostratigraphic constraints on the durations of the polarity chronos. This facies displayed weak intensity and susceptibility during shipboard measurements, and few pieces yielded magnetic intensities above the background noise of the magnetometer upon AF demagnetization (Fig. F12). Progressive thermal demagnetization of the suites of minicores from the duplicate intervals in Holes 1259A and 1259B yielded similar patterns of potential polarity interpretations (Fig. F13). Our tentative interpretation of the combined polarity pattern is a relatively expanded Chron C29r above a more compact record of Chrons C31r–C30n of the lower–middle Maastrichtian.

## **COMPOSITE DEPTHS**

Coring at Site 1259 extended to a total depth of 559 mbsf. Three discrete intervals were targeted for overlap and composite section construction: (1) the lower Eocene foraminifer nannofossil chalks of lithostratigraphic Subunit IIC (including the P/E boundary [~305–375 mcd]), (2) the Campanian–Maastrichtian nannofossil chalks and calcareous siltstones of lithostratigraphic Subunit IIIB (~440–505 mcd), and (3) the Cretaceous black shales (lithostratigraphic Unit IV—calcareous claystone with organic matter [~520–555 mcd]). Magnetic susceptibility and gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density data were collected with the multisensor track (MST) at 2.5-cm intervals on all whole-core sections from Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C. Natural gamma ray (NGR) data were collected at 7.5-cm intervals on all whole cores from Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C. Noncontact resistivity (NCR) data were collected at 2.5-cm intervals on whole cores from Hole 1259A. No NCR data were collected from Holes 1259B and 1259C (see “Physical Properties,” p. 33, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter for a discussion of problems associated with the calibration and accuracy of NCR data). Spectral reflectance data were collected at 2.5-cm intervals on all split cores. Magnetic susceptibility was the primary data set used to correlate between holes in the lower Eocene and the Campanian–Maastrichtian sections of Site 1259. Within the Cretaceous black shales, NGR and GRA bulk density data provided the most reliable core-to-core comparisons.

### **Composite Section**

The depth offsets that compose the composite section for Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C are given in Table T11. In the lower Eocene and P/E boundary section (~305–375 mcd) and from the K/T boundary

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T11. Composite depth offsets, p. 94.

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to the top of the Cretaceous black shales (440–505 mcd), magnetic susceptibility is a sensitive indicator of the fluctuations in the carbonate/clay ratio in the calcareous chinks that compose these two intervals. These magnetic susceptibility data (Figs. F14, F15), combined with the good RCB recovery in all three holes, allowed the construction of a continuous composite section for both intervals. The quasiperiodic variability of the claystone and chalk/limestone composing the black shale unit resulted in strong signal-to-noise ratios in both the GRA bulk density and NGR data sets (Fig. F16). These data sets, combined with good RCB recovery over a significant portion of the black shale interval, allowed for the construction of a continuous composite section from ~520 to 555 mcd. Poor recovery from 495 to 520 mcd precluded the construction of a composite section in this upper interval of the Cretaceous black shales.

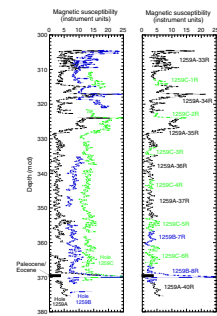
The composite depth scales constructed for each of these three intervals, however, cannot be tied to the intervals above and below because of gaps in the record resulting from poor recovery (e.g., the interval from 375 to 400 mcd). Thus, the absolute depth of these composite sections cannot be accurately determined. As at the other Leg 207 sites, these composite intervals “hang” in the composite depth scale linked only to correlative cores in other holes but not to the other discrete continuous intervals above or below.

The periodic variability in the lower Eocene and Campanian–Maastrichtian intervals at Site 1259 will provide a good basis for postcruise cyclostratigraphic studies. Age control is excellent, with well-defined paleomagnetic datums in both sections (e.g., Chrons C22n and C24 in the lower Eocene and Chrons C30n and C32n in the Campanian–Maastrichtian) (see “Paleomagnetism,” p. 22). Preliminary investigation suggests the dominant periodicities of the magnetic susceptibility data are Milankovitch in nature.

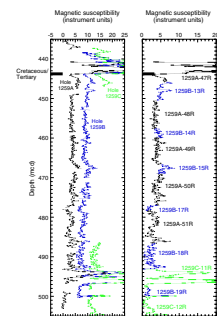
### Splice Record

Following construction of the composite depth section at Site 1259, three discrete splice records were assembled for the aligned cores in the intervals 305–375, 440–505, and 520–555 mcd (Table T12; Figs. F14, F15, F16). Hole 1259A cores were used as the “backbone” for each splice, with cores from Holes 1259B and 1259C used to span gaps between cores in Hole 1259A. Figure F17 provides a qualitative estimate of the confidence of the core-to-core correlations and the resultant splices between cores in Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C. When utilizing these splices as sampling guides, it is advisable to overlap a few decimeters from different holes to accommodate anticipated postcruise revisions to the composite depth scale. The reason for this approach is that distortion of the cored sequence can lead to stretching or compression of sedimentary features. Because much of the distortion occurs in individual cores on depth scales of <9 m, it was not possible to align every feature in the MST and color reflectance records. However, at crossover points along the splice, care was taken to align highly identifiable features from cores in each hole. Postcruise work will establish a detailed correlation between holes by establishing a revised meters composite depth (rmcd) scale that allows differential stretching and squeezing in cores.

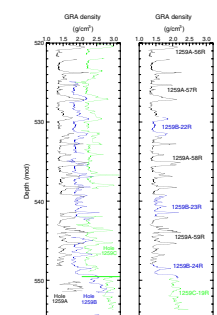
F14. Magnetic susceptibility data, lower Eocene, p. 56.



F15. Magnetic susceptibility data, Campanian–Maastrichtian, p. 57.

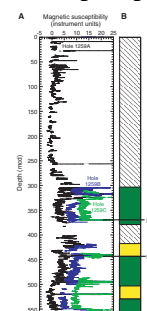


F16. GRA bulk density data, p. 58.



T12. Splice tie points, p. 95.

F17. Magnetic susceptibility data vs. composite depth, p. 59.



## SEDIMENTATION RATES

### Age-Depth Model

An age-depth model was established for Site 1259 by combining all available biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic datums from Hole 1259A (Fig. F18). The diagram was constructed by plotting highest and lowest possible ages for selected paleontological samples examined shipboard against the depth of those samples (Table T13). In addition, the age and depth of magnetic reversals recognized shipboard (Table T14) were also plotted.

The lower Miocene–Cenomanian section is punctuated by at least five unconformities or hiatuses and at least one condensed interval that spans the middle Campanian. Sedimentation rates ranged from 0.4 to 13 m/m.y. and are summarized in Table T15. The upper 50 m at Site 1259A is slumped Oligocene sediments sitting on lower Miocene sediments; this interval was not considered in sedimentation rate calculations.

### Sedimentation Rates and Hiatuses

The lower Miocene nannofossil and foraminifer oozes accumulated at an average rate of 13 m/m.y. Calcareous microfossil datums indicate an unconformity (see letter B on Fig. F18) separating the lower Miocene and lower Oligocene. A 1.3-m.y. unconformity (see letter C on Fig. F18) is also recognized by nannofossil datums at the E/O boundary. The upper Eocene foraminifer-nannofossil chalks accumulated at a rate of 6 m/m.y. and are separated from the middle Eocene siliceous foraminifer-nannofossil chalks by an unconformity (see letter D on Fig. F18).

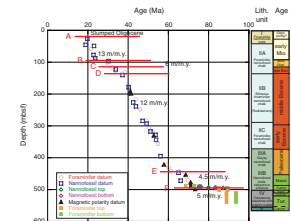
The longest interval of apparently continuous sedimentation is the middle Eocene–early Paleocene section of siliceous and foraminifer nannofossil chalks and clayey nannofossil chalks. Calcareous microfossil datums and paleomagnetic data indicate a relatively constant sedimentation rate of 12 m/m.y. through this interval. The absence of foraminifer Zone P3a suggests an unconformity (see letter E on Fig. F18) in the basal upper Paleocene.

The Maastrichtian and upper Campanian clayey nannofossil chalks are characterized by relatively low accumulation rates of 4.5 m/m.y. A significant unconformity between the upper and lower Campanian (see letter F on Fig. F18) is indicated by calcareous nannofossil data. An expanded view of the lower Paleogene and Upper Cretaceous (Fig. F19) shows the condensed section found in dark brown clay-rich sediments deposited following the middle Campanian unconformity (see letter F on Fig. F18) in Sections 207-1259A-52R-5 and 52R-6. Calcareous nannofossil Zones CC18–CC15 are represented in Sections 207-1259A-52R-5 and 52R-6, indicating a minimum sedimentation rate of 0.4 m/m.y. for the earliest Campanian and Santonian.

### Mass Accumulation Rates

Average mass accumulation rates (MARs) were calculated from linear sedimentation rates (LSRs) and averaged dry bulk density data. MARs were not calculated for Units IV and V because reliable dry bulk density data are not available for these units. MARs remove the influence of compaction on LSR calculation and give a better indication of the quantity of accumulating sediment. The lower Miocene had lower MAR

F18. Age-depth plot, p. 60.

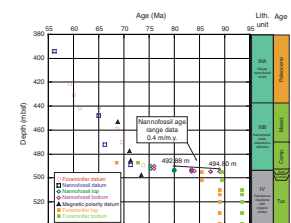


T13. Calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal datums, p. 96.

T14. Magnetostratigraphic datums, p. 97.

T15. LSR and MAR, p. 98.

F19. Expanded age-depth plot, p. 61.





values (1.1 g/cm<sup>2</sup>/k.y.) but higher sedimentation rate (13 m/m.y.) than the middle Eocene (MAR = 1.4 g/cm<sup>2</sup>/k.y.; LSR = 12 m/m.y.), indicating possible burial compaction and infilling of pore space in the Eocene section. The MAR values (0.8 g/cm<sup>2</sup>/k.y.) found in the lower Paleocene–upper Campanian section are consistent with a shift to clay-rich deposition and lower carbonate percentages (see “**Lithostratigraphy**,” p. 4).

MAR and carbonate MAR for the middle Eocene–upper Paleocene are shown in Figure F20. Carbonate MAR was calculated using percentage carbonate analyses that were taken within 4 cm of dry bulk density measurements. Significant gaps in the curve were filled by visual assessment of the locales of carbonate analyses and the nearest dry bulk density measurements with a separation not >30 cm between measurements. If no change in lithology or color was observed, then the data were used for the curve found in Figure F20. The 130- to 430-mbsf interval shows a slight increase in bulk MAR but relatively constant carbonate MAR. This trend is coincident with an increasing clay content downcore, suggesting a relatively constant carbonate production and changing terrigenous input.

## ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY

Concentrations of inorganic carbon and TOC were determined on sediments from Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C. Organic matter atomic carbon/nitrogen (C/N) ratios and Rock-Eval pyrolysis analyses were employed to assess the type of organic matter contained in the sediments. Routine monitoring of interstitial gas contents of Hole 1259A was performed for drilling safety, and the possibility of microbial activity was evaluated from headspace gas contents of this hole.

### Inorganic and Organic Carbon Concentrations

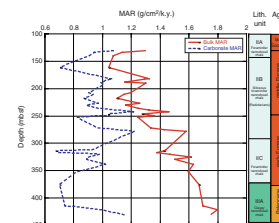
Concentrations of inorganic carbon vary from 0.02 to 11.3 wt% at Site 1259 (Table T16). These concentrations are equivalent to 0.2–93.9 wt% sedimentary CaCO<sub>3</sub>, assuming that all of the carbonate is calcite or aragonite. Carbonate concentrations in the five lithostratigraphic units (see “**Lithostratigraphy**,” p. 4) generally become less with greater depth. However, the black shales that compose most of Unit IV still contain ~50 wt% carbonate, largely because calcite laminae were interspersed among the black shale laminae.

Site 1259 sediments have a wide range of TOC concentrations. The sediments of Units I–III contain <0.8 wt% TOC (Table T16). In marked contrast, the black shales in Unit IV have TOC concentrations between 1.3 and an exceptionally high 29 wt% (Sample 207-1259B- 24R-3, 141–142 cm; C/N ratio = 41). The average TOC content for Unit IV is 9.3 wt%. One sample in Unit V (Sample 207-1259C-19R-3, 83–84 cm) has a TOC of 6 wt% and probably contains woody material; its high C/N ratio of 61 indicates its terrestrial origin. Otherwise, Unit V has low TOC values of <0.5 wt%.

### Organic Matter Source Characterization

Atomic C<sub>organic</sub>/N<sub>total</sub> ratios were employed to help identify the origins of organic matter in Site 1259 sediments. C/N values in organic-lean Units I, II, and III are low, commonly below the range typical of fresh algal organic matter (4–8) (Meyers, 1997). These values are probably an

F20. MAR and carbonate MAR, p. 62.



T16. TOC, inorganic carbon, and total nitrogen, p. 99.



artifact of the low TOC concentrations combined with the tendency of clay minerals to absorb ammonium ions generated during degradation of organic matter (Müller, 1977).

The C/N ratios of the black shales in Unit IV average 29, which is a value typical of land-plant organic matter but also common to Cretaceous black shales (Meyers, 1997). A van Krevelen-type plot of hydrogen index (HI) and oxygen index (OI) values (Fig. F21) indicates that the black shales in Unit IV contain Type II (algal) organic matter. High HI and low  $T_{max}$  values like those found in the black shales (Table T17) are characteristic of thermally immature, relatively well preserved marine organic matter (Espitalié et al., 1977; Peters, 1986). There are four data points in the van Krevelen plot that appear to be a mixture of Types II and III organic matter;  $T_{max}$  values  $>400^{\circ}\text{C}$  for three out of four of these samples confirm greater maturity that is most probably due to incorporation of some organic detrital matter in the black shales. The elevated C/N values that mimic those of land-derived organic matter are likely to be the result of partial alteration of marine organic matter. A probable scenario is that nitrogen-rich components are preferentially degraded during sinking of organic matter to the seafloor, thereby elevating the C/N ratio of the surviving organic matter (Twichell et al., 2002).

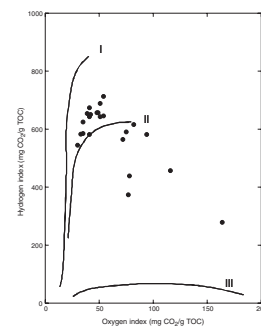
### Interstitial Gas Contents

Sediments at Site 1259 have low interstitial gas concentrations. Neither gas voids nor other evidence of gas release from cores was observed. A significant odor of hydrogen sulfide was noticeable in cores from the black shales (Unit IV; 493–563 mbsf), but the natural gas analyzer, which has a sensitivity of  $\sim 1$  ppmv, did not detect this gas in headspace samples.

Headspace gas results from routine safety monitoring and the special microbial gas study are shown in Figure F22. The routine safety monitoring analyses show methane first appearing at 350 mbsf (bottom of Subunit IIC; foraminifer-nannofossil chalk) and concentrations steadily increasing to a maximum 76,400 ppmv at 545 mbsf (bottom of Unit IV; black shale) before falling to 2,300 ppmv in the last core (Unit V; quartz sandstone). Methane determined as part of the microbial gas study shows higher, though still small (3–50 ppmv), concentrations between 0 and 350 mbsf, then a rapid increase to 56,400 ppmv at the bottom of the black shales in Unit IV. The last core was not measured in the microbial gas study. The differences observed between the two experiments most likely reflects the different treatment of samples prior to analysis (see “Organic Geochemistry,” p. 27, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter). In both cases, however, high methane/ethane ( $C_1/C_2$ ) ratios and the absence of significant amounts of  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  indicate that the methane is biogenic, rather than thermogenic, in origin (Table T18). A biogenic origin is also supported by the disappearance of interstitial sulfate at the same subbottom depth where methane concentrations begin to rise (see “Inorganic Geochemistry,” p. 30); interstitial sulfate generally inhibits microbial methanogenesis (Claypool and Kvenvolden, 1983).

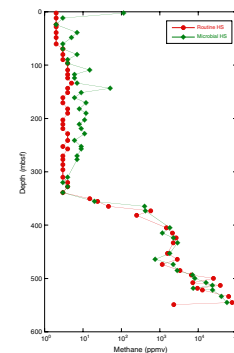
Interstitial gas concentrations and compositions were found to relate to lithology; concentrations increased abruptly and peaked in the black shales. The possible relation between sediment organic matter contents and gas concentrations was investigated by measuring the TOC concen-

F21. Rock-Eval van Krevelen-type diagram, p. 63.



T17. Rock-Eval pyrolysis analyses, p. 102.

F22. Headspace gas and microbial methane concentrations, p. 64.



T18. Headspace analysis of gases, p. 103.

trations of the headspace sediment samples from Hole 1259A. A rough correspondence exists between higher TOC and larger gas concentrations (Fig. F23). Excursions from a simple linear relation suggest that organic matter quality, and not simply quantity, affect gas generation from the black shales. Moreover, dramatic changes in methane concentrations at lithologic boundaries (Fig. F22) suggest either that gas does not freely migrate from its origin in the black shales or that it migrates and is consumed/oxidized at the base of the sulfate reduction zone (see “Inorganic Geochemistry,” p. 30).

## INORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY

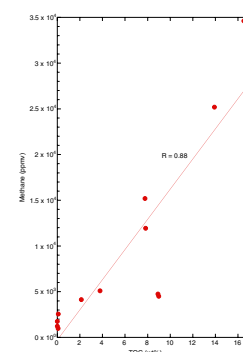
We collected interstitial water from 32 samples at Site 1259, 28 from Hole 1259A (2.55–488.33 mbsf) and 4 from Hole 1259C (525.65–549.22 mbsf). One sample taken from Hole 1259B (interval 207–1259B-25R-1, 89.0–100.0 cm) is not considered in the following discussion, as interstitial water could not be retrieved. The samples from both holes were taken to constitute a single depth profile. However, slight differences in lithology may cause minor breaks in concentration-depth gradients of some chemical parameters. Chemical constituents were determined according to the procedure outlined in “Inorganic Geochemistry,” p. 31, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter. Alkalinity was not determined in three samples because of low yields of interstitial water. Results of the chemical analyses are presented in Table T19.

### Black Shales as a Diagenesis Bioreactor

Interstitial water chemistry at Site 1259 is dominated by the black shales and associated organic matter-rich sediments of Santonian–Cenomanian age (lithostratigraphic Unit IV [~493–549 mbsf]). The downhole pore water concentration profile of sulfate at Site 1259 approaches zero slightly above the top of Unit IV (see Fig. F24F), suggesting that this organic matter-rich unit provides a suitable substrate for ongoing microbial activity at depth. The pore water sulfate gradient from the base of Unit III to the sediment/water interface is essentially linear, suggesting that sulfate reduction is of minor importance at shallower depth intervals. We assume that methane diffusing upward from the black shales may provide the source for metabolic activity, possibly anaerobic methane oxidation (Borowski et al., 1999; Boetius et al., 2000). In contrast to the situation at nearby Site 1257, the smell of hydrogen sulfide was not noticeable within or above the black shales. It is possible that the intense pyritization observed in Unit III sediments is triggered by hydrogen sulfide production and immediate trapping in this zone. In particular, the Paleocene section (Subunit IIIA) is clay rich and therefore iron rich. This assumption is further supported by high dissolved iron concentrations further upward (Fig. F24O), with maximum values >100  $\mu\text{M}$  in the chalky Subunits IIA–IIC. Even though chalks are generally iron poor, the absence of trace quantities of hydrogen sulfide may explain the high values.

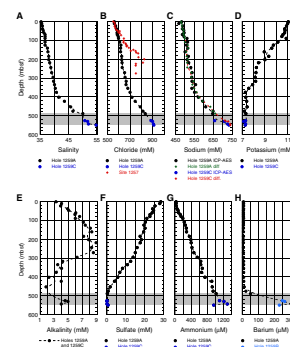
The reducing character of the sedimentary column is also seen in slightly elevated Mn concentrations (Fig. F24P). Nevertheless, only very low concentrations (<1  $\mu\text{M}$ ) are attained in Unit IV. Presumably these sediments lost most of their Mn during or shortly after they were deposited, an interpretation that would indicate deposition under conditions of severe oxygen depletion. Alternatively, the low interstitial water Mn

F23. TOC and methane concentrations, p. 65.



T19. Pore water chemical analyses, p. 104.

F24. Pore water chemical constituents, p. 66.



concentrations observed in Unit IV reflect the formation of Mn-rich carbonate phases (e.g., ankerite/rhodochrosite), which are common in organic matter-rich sediments. Shore-based chemical analysis of the interstitial water “squeeze cakes” will provide a definitive test of these two competing hypotheses.

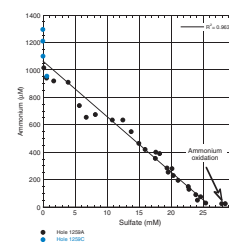
Sulfate depletion is accompanied by increases in ammonium (Fig. F24G), a common respiration product of organic matter consumption. Ammonium concentrations peak in lithostratigraphic Unit IV and decrease linearly toward close to the sediment/seawater interface. In the very shallow subsurface, ammonium must be oxidized because concentrations are close to the detection limit in the two uppermost pore water samples taken. The close relation between sulfate depletion and ammonium buildup is illustrated by the linear inverse correlation shown in Figure F25.

The complete absence of sulfate in Unit IV most probably promotes two other phenomena typically seen in organic matter-rich sediments: (1) mobilization of Ba and (2) formation of dolomite. Increases in Ba concentration (Fig. F24H) are governed by barite solubility (Church and Wolgemuth, 1972) and are prone to even slight contamination by seawater sulfate. The highest dissolved Ba levels attained in Unit IV are >300  $\mu\text{M}$  and exhibit a smooth profile. For this reason, we assume that seawater contamination is minimal at this site. It seems noteworthy to mention that elevated Ba levels are still present in Subunit IIIB, where authigenic barite crystals of millimeter to centimeter scale are frequently observed (see “Lithostratigraphy,” p. 4). Similar sedimentological and mineralogical relationships are reported elsewhere (Brum-sack, 1986; Torres et al., 1996).

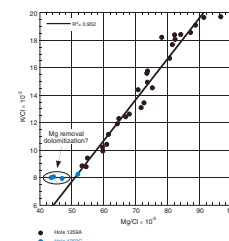
The downhole interstitial water concentration profile for Mg shows three different trends: an almost linear decrease from the sediment/water interface toward the P/E boundary (Hole 1259A [367 mbsf]) (see “Lithostratigraphy,” p. 4), constant or slightly increasing values in the clay-rich Unit III, and decreasing values from the center of Unit IV to the base of the black shales (Fig. F24K). It seems surprising that clay-rich Unit III particularly shows no sign of Mg removal with depth, even though clays may represent an important Mg sink. Because salinity increases are evident at Site 1259 (see “Lithostratigraphic Unit IV as an Aquifer for Brines,” p. 32), we have normalized Mg values to chloride. The downcore profile of the Mg/Cl ratio (Fig. F24Q) is quite linear, suggesting Mg removal throughout the sedimentary column. The same is essentially true for K, an element that is incorporated into clay minerals during burial diagenesis. The K profile (Fig. F24D) exhibits a stepwise decrease downcore and, again, rather constant values in Unit III. When normalized to Cl, a smooth downcore decrease is evident (Fig. F24R). The pronounced positive correlation between the Mg/Cl and K/Cl ratios (Fig. F26) suggests a common removal process, most likely incorporation into clay minerals.

In direct contrast, the downhole pore water concentration profile for Ca is nonlinear and shows a clear break at ~300 mbsf, close to the P/E boundary (Fig. F24I). Below this interval, an almost linear Ca increase toward the base of Unit IV is evident. Also, a clear relationship between Ca and alkalinity is not visible immediately. Alkalinity buildup is noticeable downcore to ~300 mbsf (Fig. F24E). Below this depth, significantly lower values are observed, most likely resulting from carbonate precipitation. Again, Cl normalization shows a much clearer picture (Fig. F24S), with increasing Ca/Cl ratios in Unit I to Subunit IIB, decreasing values in Subunit IIC, and essentially constant values down to

F25. Pore water sulfate vs. ammonium, p. 69.



F26. Pore water Mg/Cl vs. K/Cl, p. 70.



the base of Unit IV. The decrease in Ca/Cl ratio parallels the drop in alkalinity, indicating carbonate precipitation. The poor preservation of nannofossils and foraminifers in this interval supports this assumption (see “**Biostratigraphy**,” p. 11).

The downhole pore water Sr profile at Site 1259 shows a steady increase from the sediment/water interface to increasingly high values (>1600  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the deepest sample analyzed (~549 mbsf) (Fig. F24J). The shape of this pore water Sr profile contrasts with the typical ooze–chalk transition “middepth maximum” (Baker et al., 1982) and suggests that carbonate diagenesis in the Paleogene strata as inferred from the Ca and alkalinity profiles is dominated by calcite precipitation rather than dissolution or in situ “recrystallization.” Even when normalized to Cl, Sr shows an almost linear increase downcore (Fig. F24T), suggesting a source (possibly aragonite-rich shallow-water carbonate sediments) underlying the section drilled.

Li concentrations (Fig. F24L) increase steadily down to 400 mbsf. Below this depth interval, a linear increase exists. Li/Cl ratios, by contrast, are almost constant below 300 mbsf (Fig. F24U), suggesting a source in the overlying sedimentary column. There is a striking linear correlation between Ca/Cl and Li/Cl ratios in the upper 270 m of the sedimentary column (Fig. F27), suggesting a common source. Whether carbonate recrystallization or ash alteration is dominating cannot be ruled out without additional isotopic investigations.

The B profile shows slight increases down to 300 mbsf (Fig. F24M), possibly resulting from B desorption processes (Brumsack and Zuleger, 1992). Below this interval, B adsorption onto clay minerals is indicated.

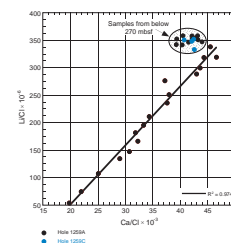
Increases in dissolved Si concentrations with depth to ~300 mbsf reflect biogenic Si (Fig. F24N), particularly in Subunit IIB. At greater depth, decreases in dissolved Si may also be associated with chert or silicate mineral formation. The depth profiles of B and Si concentrations are strikingly similar, suggesting clay mineralogy may influence both chemical parameters. Below the black shale unit, low Si concentrations may be attributed either to the absence of clays or to transformation of biogenic Si into opal-CT or even quartz (Dixit et al., 2001).

### Lithostratigraphic Unit IV as an Aquifer for Brines

Another prominent feature of interstitial water chemistry is an increase in Cl concentration with depth of >60% relative to the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Ocean (IAPSO) value (Fig. F24A–F24C). This increase is paralleled by Na, but the Na/Cl ratio decreases toward Unit IV, from seawater values of 0.86 to below 0.80 (Fig. F24V). It is noteworthy to mention that the maximum in salt content is located at the base of Unit IV at ~549 mbsf. Unfortunately, we were unable to retrieve an interstitial water sample from below the black shales, but we assume that this unit may act as an aquifer for the brine. We cannot exclude that a fraction of the K, Ca, Sr, Mg, and Li (Fig. F24D, F24I–F24L) is also associated with this brine (Figs. F26, F27).

In summary, the interstitial water profiles from this site primarily reflect ongoing organic matter diagenesis in the black shales, carbonate diagenesis, the dissolution of biogenic Si, and, possibly, a minimal influence of ash alteration. In contrast to the findings at Site 1257, we cannot completely rule out the existence of underlying deeper-seated evaporites, as suggested for Site 144 by Waterman et al. (1972).

F27. Pore water Ca/Cl vs. Li/Cl, p. 71.



## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical property measurements at Site 1259 were conducted on whole cores, split cores, and discrete samples. Whole-core measurements conducted with the MST included GRA bulk density (2.5-cm spacing), magnetic susceptibility (2.5-cm spacing), NCR (5-cm spacing), and NGR (15-cm spacing). Compressional (*P*)-wave velocity was measured in the transverse direction on split cores at ~50-cm intervals and along both transverse and longitudinal directions on cube samples taken at a frequency of two per core between 310 and 480 mbsf in Hole 1259B.

Moisture and density (MAD) properties were determined on discrete samples at a frequency of one per section from all three holes at Site 1259. Sampling for MAD was reduced across critical intervals, important transitions, and throughout the Cretaceous shale sequence. A full description of the various measurement techniques is in “[Physical Properties](#),” p. 33, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter.

### Density and Porosity

MAD properties determined at Site 1259 include bulk density, porosity, grain density, water content, and void ratio (Table [T20](#)). Bulk density was determined on whole-core sections using the MST (GRA density) and on discrete samples. GRA-derived density tends to underestimate the true bulk density because RCB cores do not completely fill the inner diameter of the liner. The average difference between the GRA and MAD densities for Hole 1259A was 0.155 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. In the absence of logging data, it is important to calibrate the MST-derived GRA density with the MAD measurements from the laboratory. Average differences in the MAD- and GRA-derived densities between lithostratigraphic units has been calculated for samples taken from all three holes of Site 1259 (Table [T21](#)). If the GRA data sets are to be used for quantitative purposes, it is recommended that they should first be corrected to the MAD data.

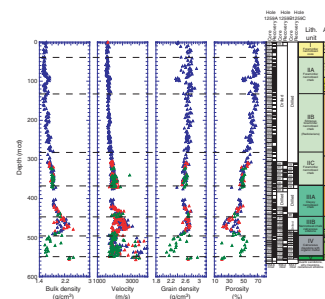
There is no discernible increase in the bulk density of the upper 80 mcd of sediment at Site 1259, suggesting that this interval is apparently underconsolidated (Fig. [F28](#)). Large variations in both porosity and grain density occur through the interval. A significant increase in the bulk density and a corresponding drop in porosity and grain density occurs between 80 and 100 mcd and coincide with a general coarsening of the sediments (see “[Lithostratigraphy](#),” p. 4) as well as a hiatus in sediment accumulation rate (see “[Sedimentation Rates](#),” p. 27). Below this perturbation, density increases and porosity decreases with depth from 110 to 370 mcd. Through this interval, variations in density, grain density, and porosity appear to track changes in the relative proportions of carbonate and biogenic silica (see “[Lithostratigraphy](#),” p. 4). An offset in MAD data at the lithostratigraphic Subunit IIB/IIC boundary (~285 mcd) occurs through an interval of sparse recovery that marks a shift from radiolarian ooze to nannofossil chalk.

Below 400 mcd, bulk density increases significantly across the K/T boundary, which separates the clayey nannofossil chalk of Subunit IIIA from the nannofossil chalk calcareous siltstone of Subunit IIIB. Density, porosity, and velocity measurements all increase significantly in variability between 410 and 475 mcd and then gradually decrease in both magnitude and variability below 475 mcd, down to the top of Unit IV.

[T20](#). MAD of discrete samples, p. 105.

[T21](#). GRA vs. MAD bulk density, p. 109.

[F28](#). Discrete physical property measurements, p. 72.





This variability is associated with cyclic changes in the composition and degree of lithification of the sediments. A finer-scale cyclic signal in this interval is best seen in the GRA data from the MST (Fig. F29).

Unit IV is characterized by low and variable bulk densities, decreasing grain density with depth, and a peak in porosity in the middle of the unit. Two anomalously low porosity values can be matched with peaks in the bulk density and are from limestone layers commonly found interbedded through the Unit IV shale sequences. A distinct increase in porosity through the middle part of Unit IV is unexplained. The frequency of MAD sampling is not sufficient to fully characterize the variability of Unit IV, and a better representation is given by the MST data described below. Limited sampling in Unit V reveals an abrupt increase in bulk density and grain density and a drop in porosity.

### Acoustic Velocity

P-wave velocity was measured on split cores using the modified Hamilton Frame apparatus. In addition, measurements of transverse (x- and y-direction) and longitudinal (z-direction) velocity were conducted on cube samples from Hole 1259B (Table T22).

The general depth trend of acoustic velocity correlates directly with bulk density and inversely with porosity (Fig. F28). However, variability in the velocity is more pronounced through Subunit IIC and into the top of Subunit IIIA. This variability coincides with alternations between bands of light greenish gray sediment with high clay content (low velocity) and intervals rich in zeolite and calcite (high velocity) (see “Lithostratigraphy,” p. 4).

Beginning in the middle of Subunit IIIA and throughout Subunit IIIB, velocities increase to values between 1800 and 3000 m/s. This large range in velocities reflects the cyclic alternations between dark clay-rich intervals and light-colored calcite intervals. Just below the K/T boundary, velocity values reach ~3200 m/s before gradually decreasing to ~1900 m/s at the transition into Unit IV. In Unit IV (calcareous claystone with organic matter), velocity of the laminated organic-rich claystones averages 1800 m/s, whereas sandstone/limestone velocities vary between 2000 and >4000 m/s (Figs. F28, F29).

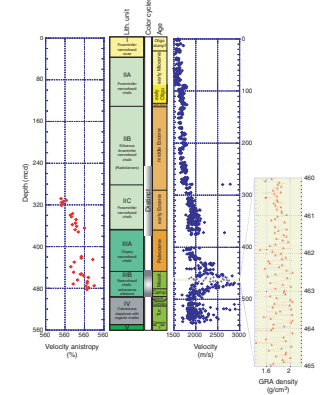
Anisotropy of velocity measurements were performed on cubes taken from Hole 1259B between 310 and 480 mbsf (Fig. F29). This interval coincides with the greatest variability in the velocity, density, and porosity measurements. Anisotropy increases downhole. At 300 mcd, velocities are ~1% faster along the longitudinal z-axis, but by 350 mcd, velocities are 2%–3% higher in the transverse direction. Transverse velocity is generally 1%–6% higher in Unit III, reflecting changes in sediment composition, varying rebound effects through clayey intervals, or a combination of both (Fig. F29).

### Whole-Core Multisensor Track

Poor core recovery hampers the interpretation of MST data trends in Unit I and Subunit IIA. Unit II tends to have a somewhat higher magnetic susceptibility and gamma ray signal than Unit I, with a drop in the density, magnetic susceptibility, and NGR signals at 100 mcd (Fig. F30).

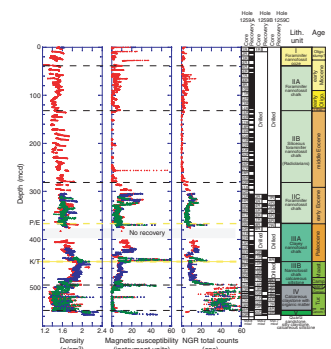
The transition into the siliceous foraminifer nannofossil chalk of Subunit IIB is marked by a decrease in both the magnetic susceptibility

F29. Acoustic velocity and velocity anisotropy, p. 73.



T22. P-wave velocity, p. 110.

F30. MST data, p. 74.



and NGR data to background noise levels. Near the bottom of Subunit IIB, beginning at ~250 mcd, a gradual increase in magnetic susceptibility and NGR can be discerned. This increase continues across the boundary into Subunit IIC and culminates at 310 mcd, where recovery in Holes 1259B and 1259C supplement the record and a distinct series of peaks in both magnetic susceptibility and NGR sensors is seen. NGR counts through the middle part of Subunit IIC, an interval of alternating clay and zeolite/calcite-rich layers reach 20 counts per second (cps), whereas magnetic susceptibility rises to >15 (magnetic susceptibility values are reported herein as raw instrument units; see “Physical Properties,” p. 33, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter for conversion of these data to SI units).

NGR and magnetic susceptibility signals are cyclical through the lower 40 m of Subunit IIC, where the P/E boundary is recovered, and are represented by a short pronounced excursion in magnetic susceptibility values to 25 and NGR emissions of 30 cps. Just below the P/E boundary, there is a 30-m gap in recovery in the upper part of lithostratigraphic Subunit IIIA.

Following this gap in recovery, a continuous spliced sequence is made (see “Composite Depths,” p. 25) that extends from the middle of Subunit IIIA, across the K/T boundary, through the nannofossil chalk and calcareous silstone of Subunit IIIB, and down to the transition into Unit IV. Alternating dark clay-rich intervals and light-colored carbonate intervals bracket the K/T boundary, which is seen in all three holes as a peak in magnetic susceptibility (>30) and a sharp rise to just less than 30 cps in NGR emissions.

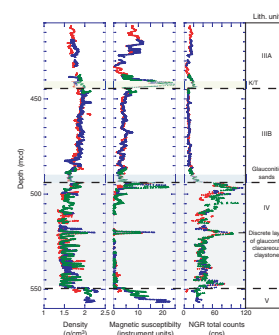
GRA density gradually decreases below the K/T boundary. NGR emissions through this same interval remain relatively constant until ~485 mcd, where a gradual rise correlates with the appearance of the glauconitic sands transitioning into the organic-rich interval of Unit IV.

Unit IV is characterized by highly variable GRA and NGR signals that correspond to the alternation of laminated organic-rich intervals and cemented limestone and sandstone intervals (Fig. F31). In general, the NGR readings are highest near the top of the unit, with emissions reaching 120 cps. NGR counts decrease until ~520 mcd, where a spike in the magnetic susceptibility and GRA records represents a distinct coarse-grained glauconite-rich calcareous claystone (see “Lithostratigraphy,” p. 4). Below this spike, NGR emissions vary around an average of ~35 cps.

Excellent covariance is shown between the NGR and GRA signals in Unit IV, with organic-rich layers having lower density and higher radioactivity and limestone intervals with higher density but lower radioactivity. A density minima occurs through the interval from 490 to 550 mcd (Fig F31) that may reflect higher organic carbon content (higher porosity). The magnetic susceptibility signal through Unit IV shows a small but gradual increase beginning below the glauconitic calcareous claystone at ~520 mcd. This change may indicate a concomitant change in sediment composition that explains the observed trend in GRA density.

The boundary between Units IV and V is sharp and best defined by a large increase in GRA density. An increase in susceptibility across this boundary, however, is more gradual. NGR emissions drop upon entering Unit V but remain above 25 cps.

F31. MST data across the K/T boundary, p. 75.



## Synthetic Seismograms

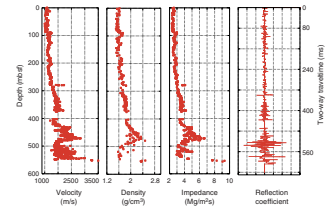
A synthetic seismogram is generated from formation velocity and density. In the absence of logging data at Site 1259 and reliable MST data from RCB cores, density and velocity measurements were obtained from MAD properties and Hamilton Frame measurements, respectively. MAD samples taken within 2.5 cm of Hamilton Frame velocity measurements were used in the calculation of downhole impedance:

$$\text{velocity (m/s)} \times \text{density (Mg/m}^3\text{)}.$$

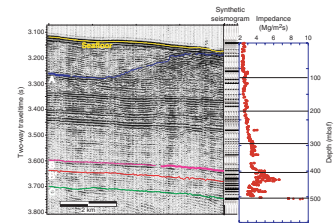
Downhole impedance contrasts across successive layers yield the reflection coefficient series (Fig. F32). An Ormsby wavelet was convolved with the reflection coefficient series to generate a synthetic seismogram (Fig F33).

Hole 1259A was offset 300 m from the seismic line, and changes in the depth structure of the shallowest sediments are difficult to account for over this offset; however, by aligning Reflector C on the seismic section with the prominent reflection at the base of the synthetic seismogram there is excellent agreement between marked impedance contrasts and major reflectors. Once shifted, the synthetic seismogram matches accurately to the seismic data, which allowed regional Reflectors B, B', and C to be correctly identified in the time domain (Fig. F33). Reflector C represents the base of the black shales. Reflector B' matches the impedance spike found at ~520 ms (two-way traveltime) (Fig. F32), the height of distinct cyclical alternations between dark clay-rich intervals and light-colored limestone intervals (~475 mbsf) (Fig. F32), whereas Reflector B is the density and velocity step across the K/T boundary denoting the transition from Subunits IIIA to IIIB (see "Lithostratigraphy," p. 4).

F32. Impedance and reflection coefficient profiles, p. 76.



F33. Impedance contrasts, p. 77.



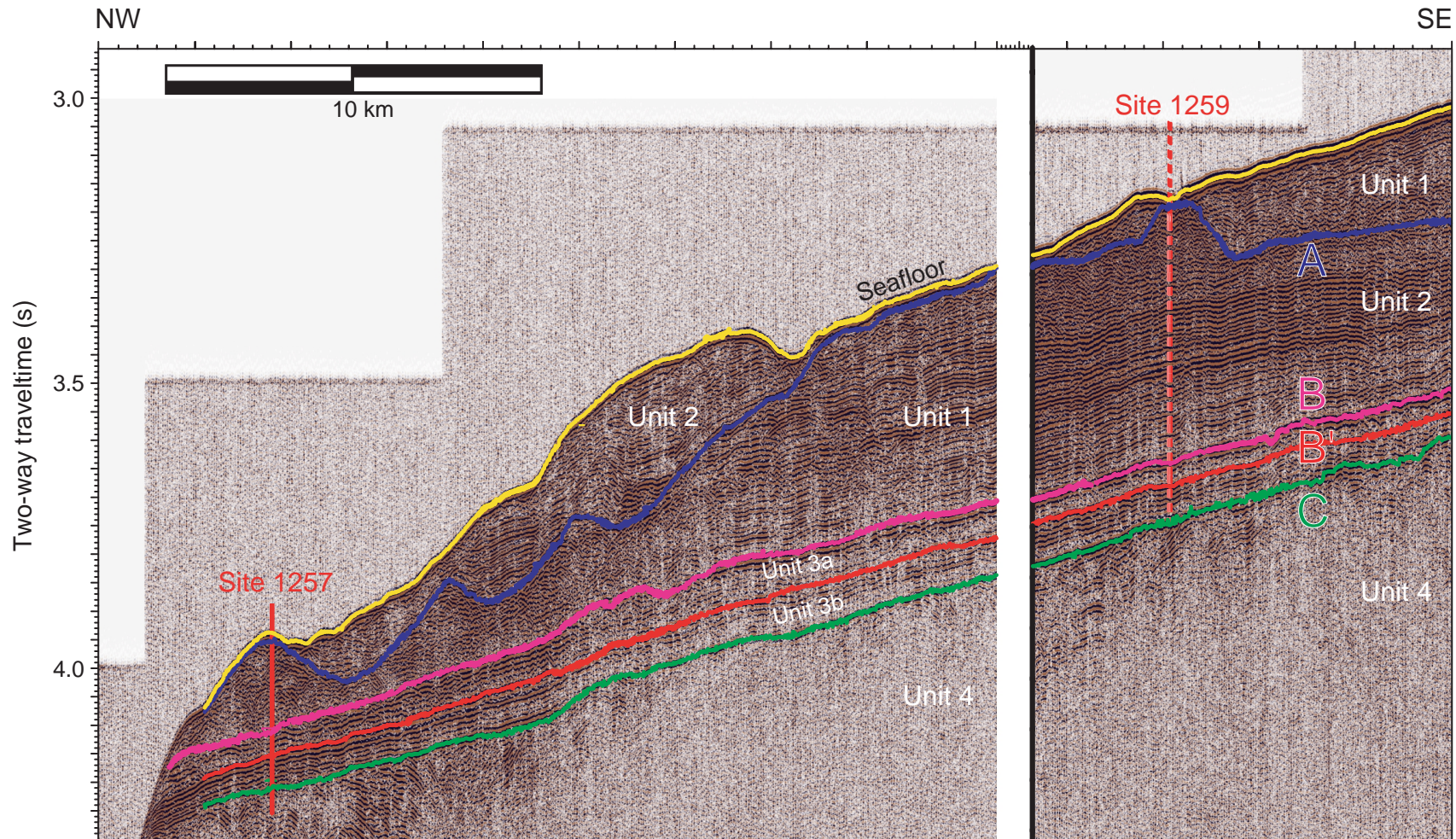
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**Figure F1.** Seismic line GeoB219 at Site 1259 and GeoB220 at Site 1257. Seismic Unit 1 is above Horizon A, Unit 2 is between Horizons A and B, Subunit 3a is between Reflectors B and B', and Unit 4 is below Horizon C. See Figure F1, p. 5, in Shipboard Scientific Party, this volume ["Seismic Stratigraphy and Underway Geophysics"] for a location map for this line.





**Figure F2.** Industry multichannel seismic reflection line C2206a passing orthogonal to line GeoB219 across Site 1259. See Figure F1, p. 5, in Shipboard Scientific Party, this volume (“Seismic Stratigraphy and Underway Geophysics”) for a location map for this line. It shows the seismic tie from this site to Site 1260. The position of Reflector A is uncertain on this low-resolution profile.

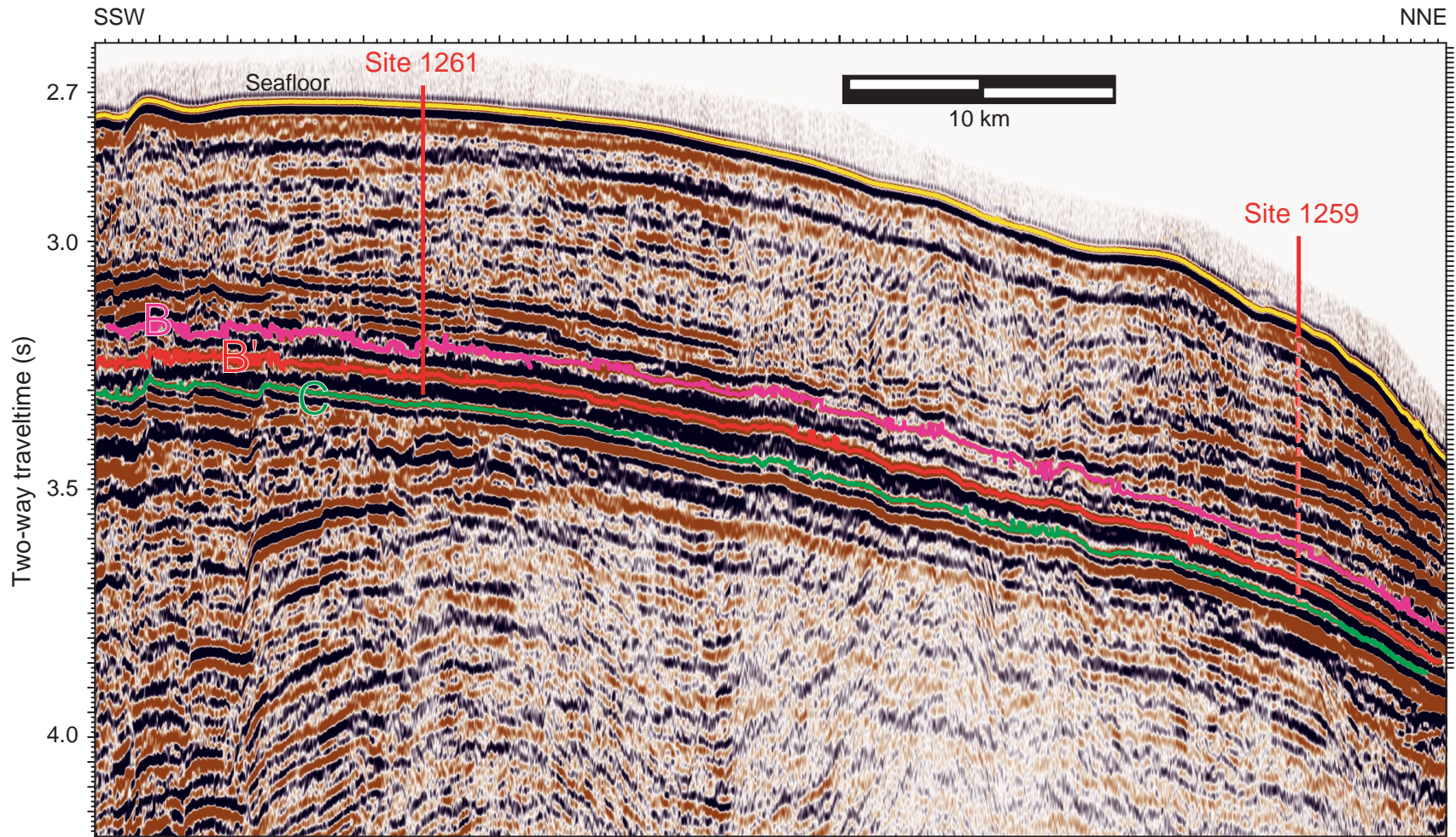
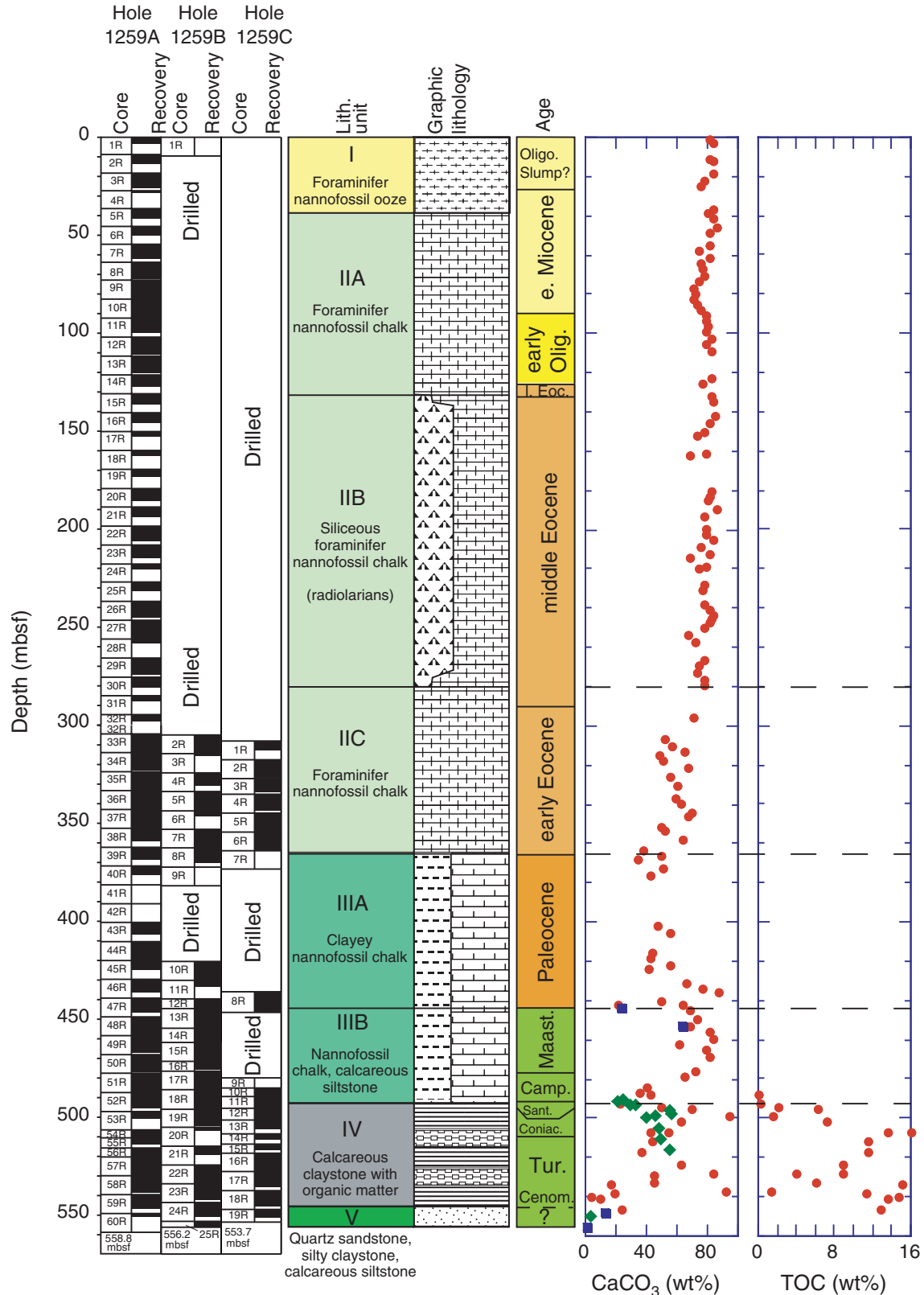
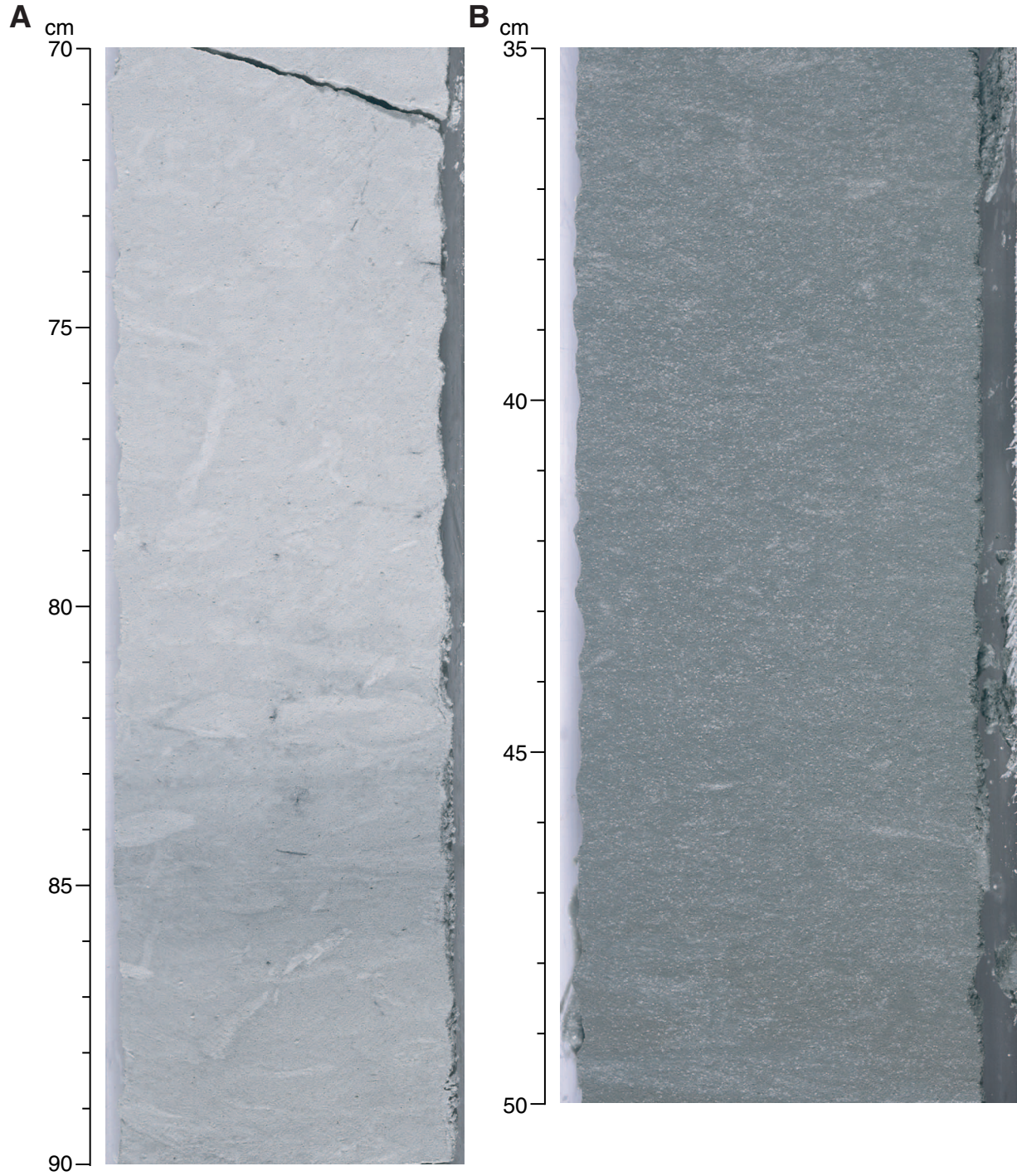


Figure F3. Comparison of core recovery, lithostratigraphic units, ages, carbonate, and total organic carbon (TOC) content at Site 1259. Carbonate and TOC content values are primarily from Hole 1259A (red dots), with few additional carbonate data from Holes 1259B (blue squares) and 1259C (green diamonds).



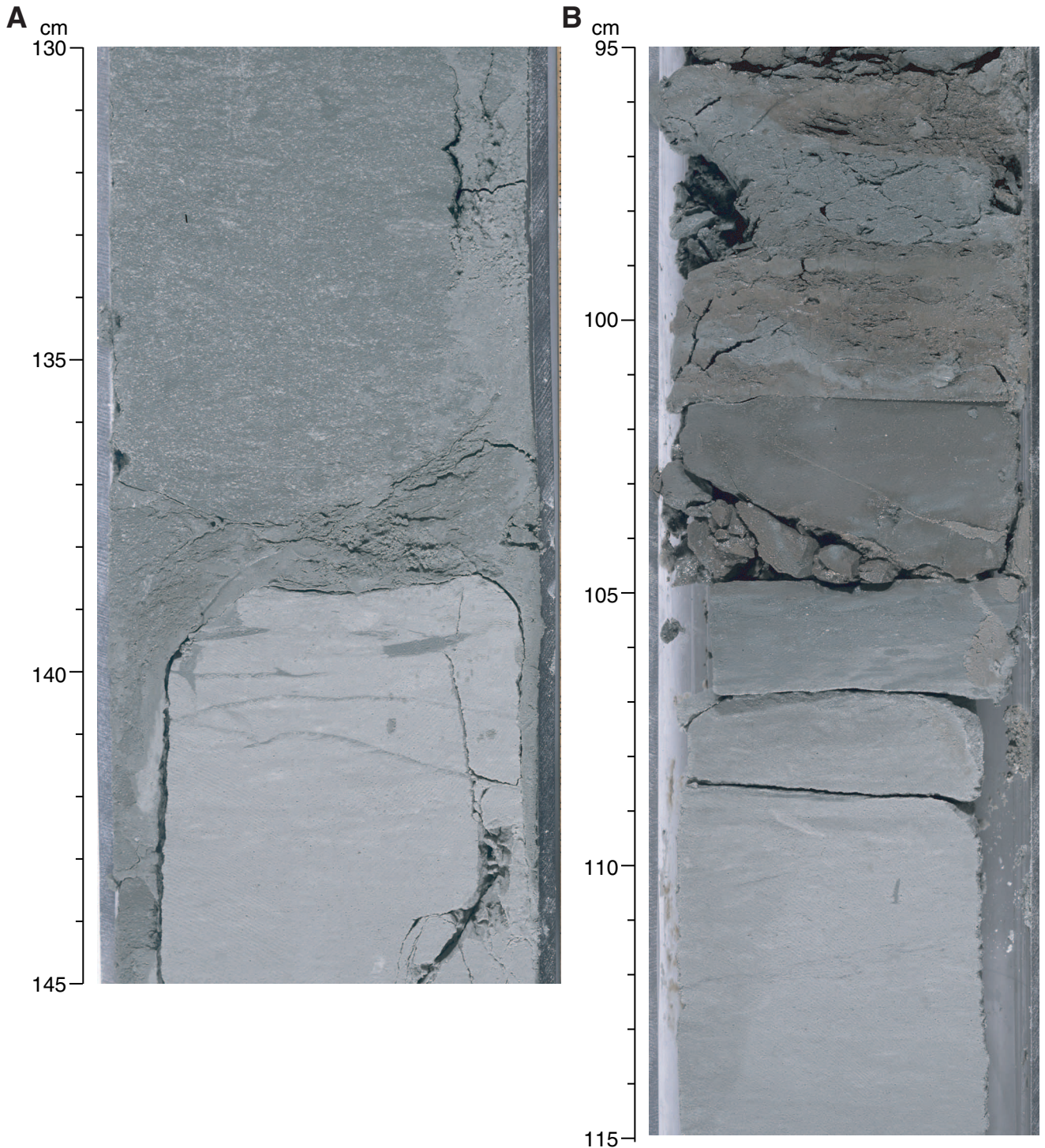


**Figure F4.** Close-up photographs of representative lithologies from Unit II at Site 1259. **A.** Light greenish gray siliceous foraminifer nannofossil chalk, with pervasive burrows from Subunit IIB (interval 207-1259A-27R-6, 70–90 cm). The darker (higher clay content) interval at 83–86 cm is characteristic of the rhythmic color cycles observed at the base of the subunit. **B.** Typical finely mottled sediments of Subunit IIC right above the biostratigraphic P/E boundary (interval 207-1259B-8R-4, 35–50 cm).





**Figure F5.** Close-up photographs of representative lithologies from the lithostratigraphic unit boundary between Units II and III which corresponds to the P/E boundary at Site 1259. **A.** Sharp contact with a distinct lithologic change from the finely mottled nannofossil chalk of Subunit IIC to the more clayey nannofossil chalk of Subunit IIIA (interval 207-1259A-39R-5, 130–145 cm). Note there are few darker burrows in underlying lithology. The unit boundary was placed at interval 207-1259A-39R-5, 139 cm. **B.** The apparently complete P/E boundary interval in Hole 1259B (interval 207-1259B-8R-5, 95–115 cm). An interval with darker burrows can be observed (interval 207-1259B-8R-5, 106–107 cm) at the top of Subunit IIIA. The unit boundary is placed at interval 207-1259B-8R-5, 106 cm.





**Figure F6.** Close-up photographs of representative lithologies from Subunits IIIA and IIIB and the K/T boundary. **A.** Typical fine-scaled mottled structure and colors (light greenish gray and reddish brown) of Subunit IIIA (interval 207-1259A-47R-1, 90–110 cm). Note the light greenish gray halos around discrete burrows in the reddish brown sediments. **B.** Apparently complete K/T boundary interval including a graded 1.9-cm-thick ejecta layer (interval 207-1259B-13R-1, 33–53 cm). (Continued on next page.)

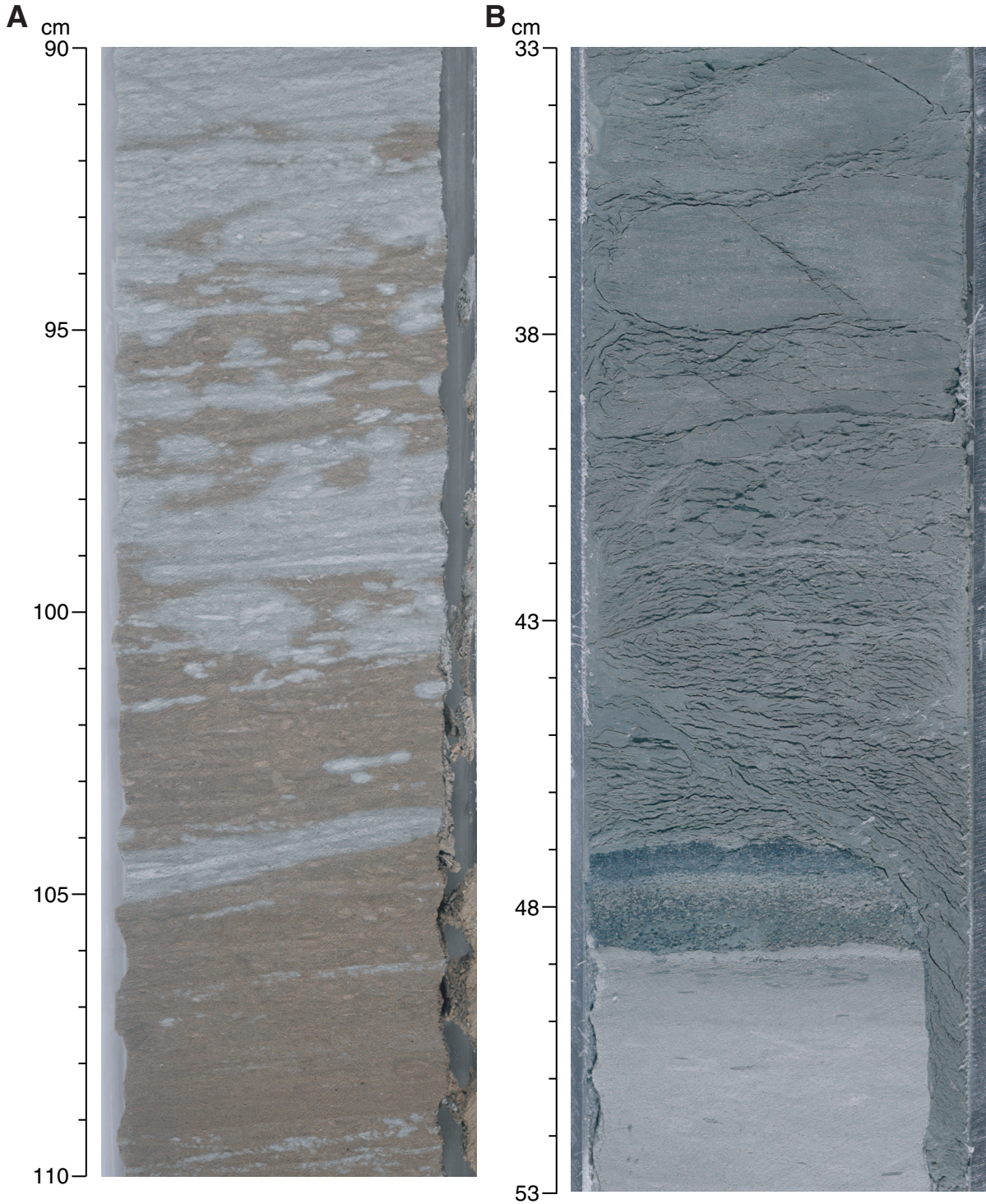
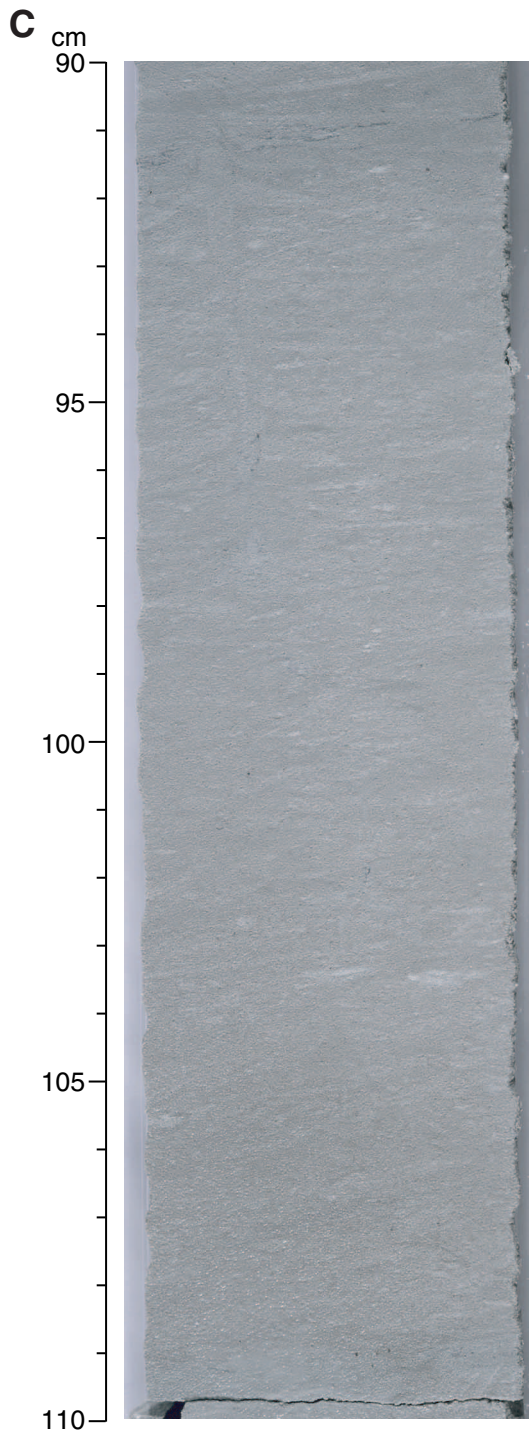
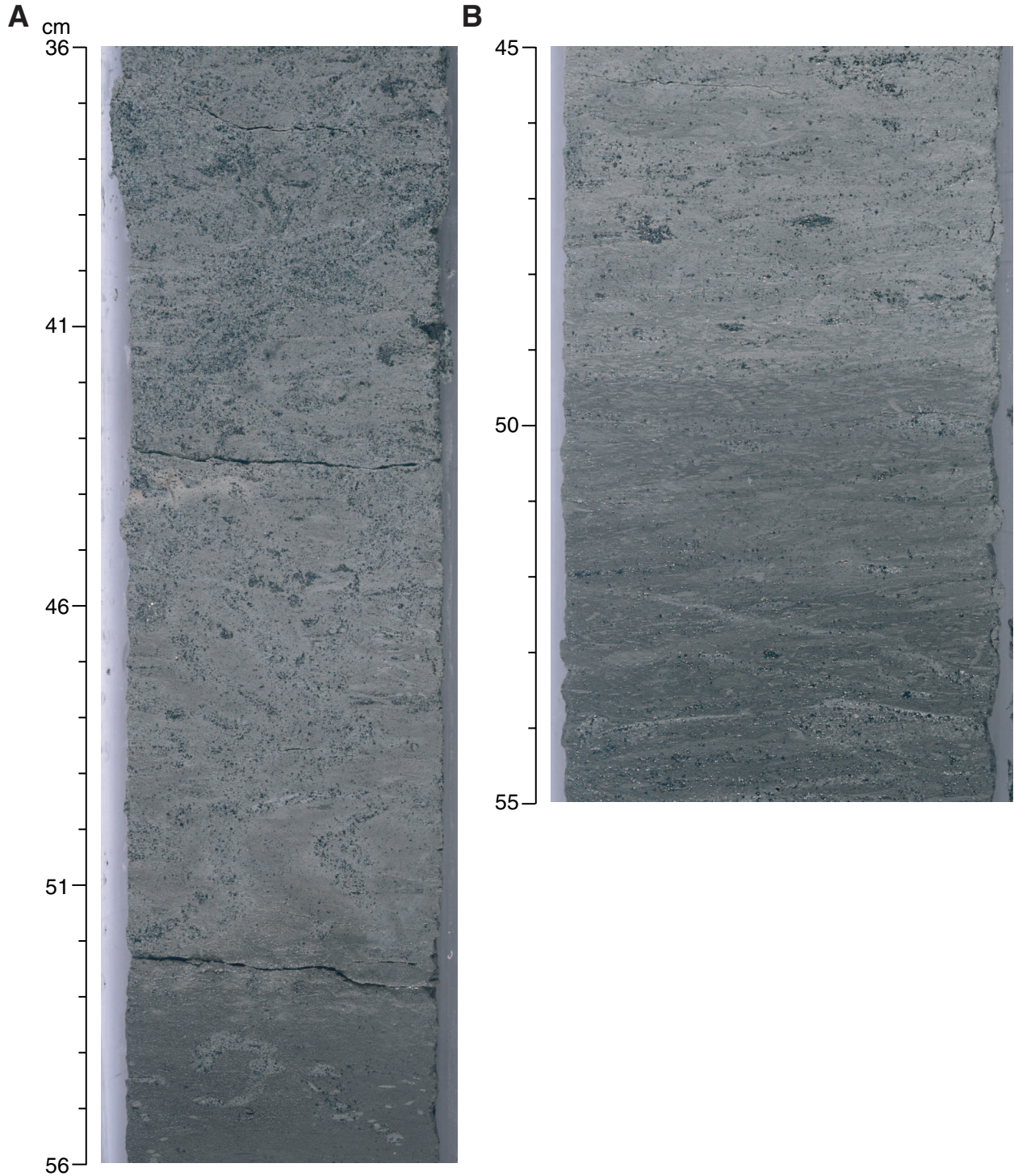


Figure F6 (continued). C. Mottled nannofossil chalk of late Maastrichtian age (interval 207-1259A-47R-4, 90–110 cm).





**Figure F7.** Close-up photographs of details of the boundary between Unit III and Unit IV at Site 1259. **A.** Glauconite-rich greenish gray claystone mixed by pervasive bioturbation with darker brown glauconitic claystone over an interval of ~12 cm (interval 207-1259B-18R-7, 36–56). **B.** Sharp contact without obvious bioturbation between glauconite-rich greenish gray claystone and darker brown claystone (interval 207-1259C-11R-3, 45–55 cm).





**Figure F8.** Close-up photographs of lithologies and sedimentary structures of lower Subunit IIIB at Site 1259. **A.** Campanian nannofossil chalk with pyrite crystals and common discrete black *Zoophycos* and *Chondrites* burrows (interval 207-1259A-52R-2, 60–80 cm). **B.** Top of the gradational change from calcareous chalk to glauconitic claystone at the base of Unit III (interval 207-1259B-18R-6, 25–45 cm). Darkening of the sediment downcore corresponds to an increase in clay content. (Continued on next page.)

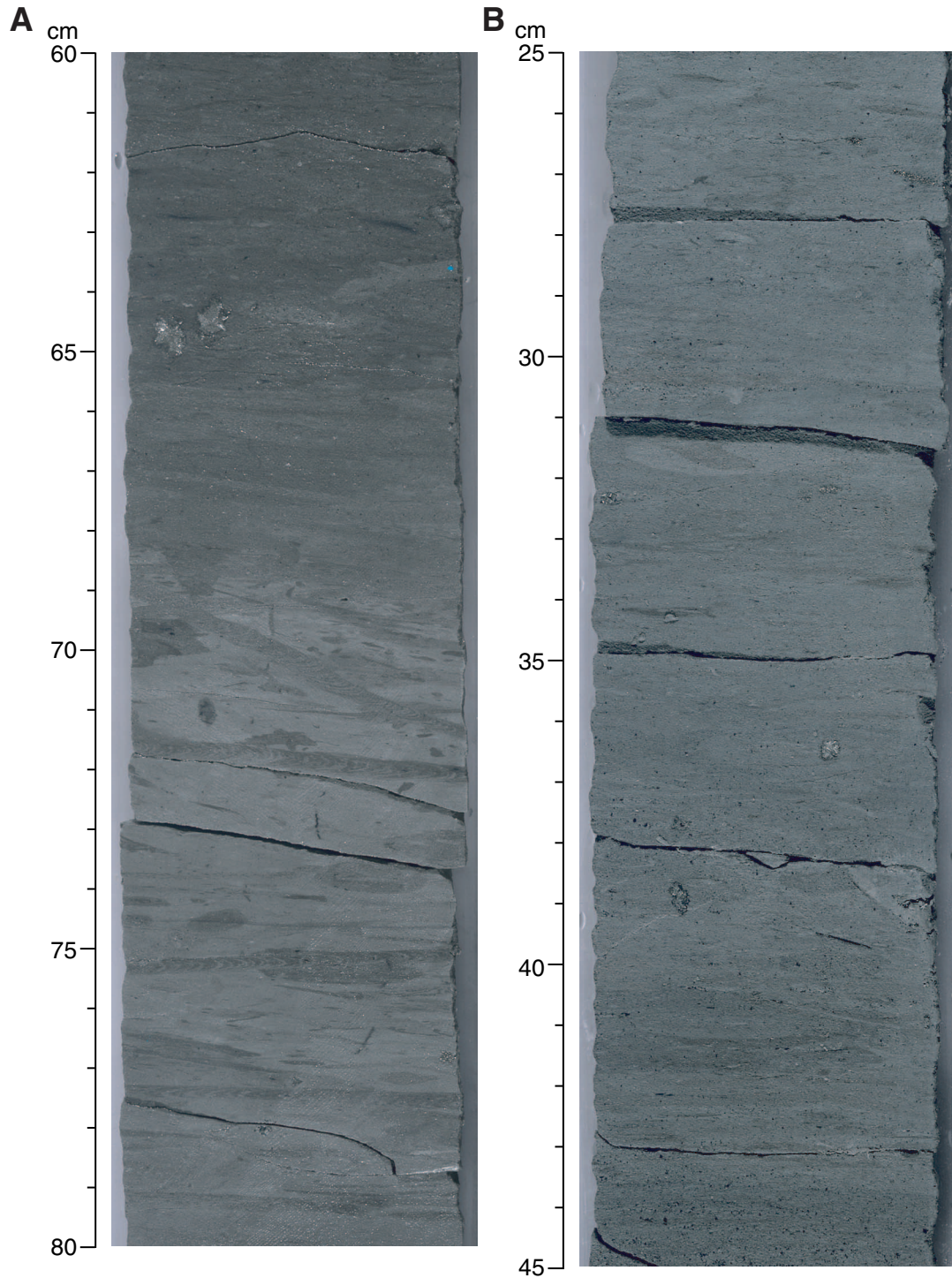
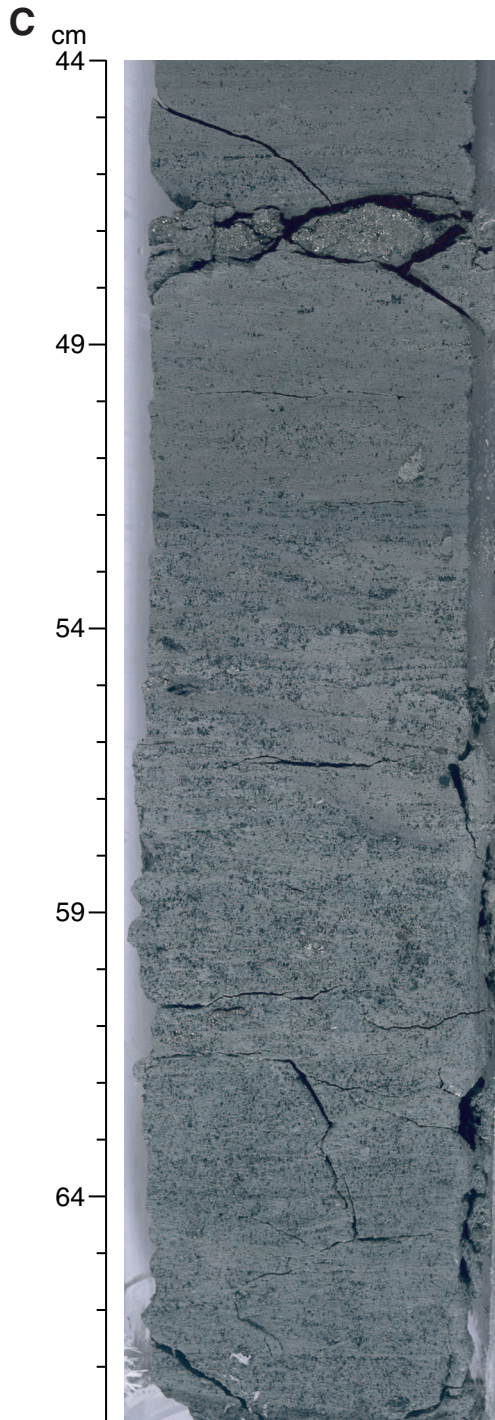


Figure F8 (continued). C. Gradational change from brownish to greenish gray glauconitic claystone (interval 207-1258B-18R-6, 44–68 cm). Glauconitic grains appear to be coarser and more concentrated in planar layers in the lowest portions of Subunit IIIB.





**Figure F9.** Close-up photographs of typical lithologies encountered in Unit IV at Site 1259. **A.** Black submillimeter-scale laminated claystone with organic matter (interval 207-1259A-57R-1, 123–137 cm). Note concentrations of phosphatic streaks and nodules at 133.5 cm. **B.** Black submillimeter-scale laminated claystone with organic matter intercalated with olive-gray laminated limestone that is strongly cemented by calcite (interval 207-1259A-57R-2, 10–28 cm). (Continued on next page.)

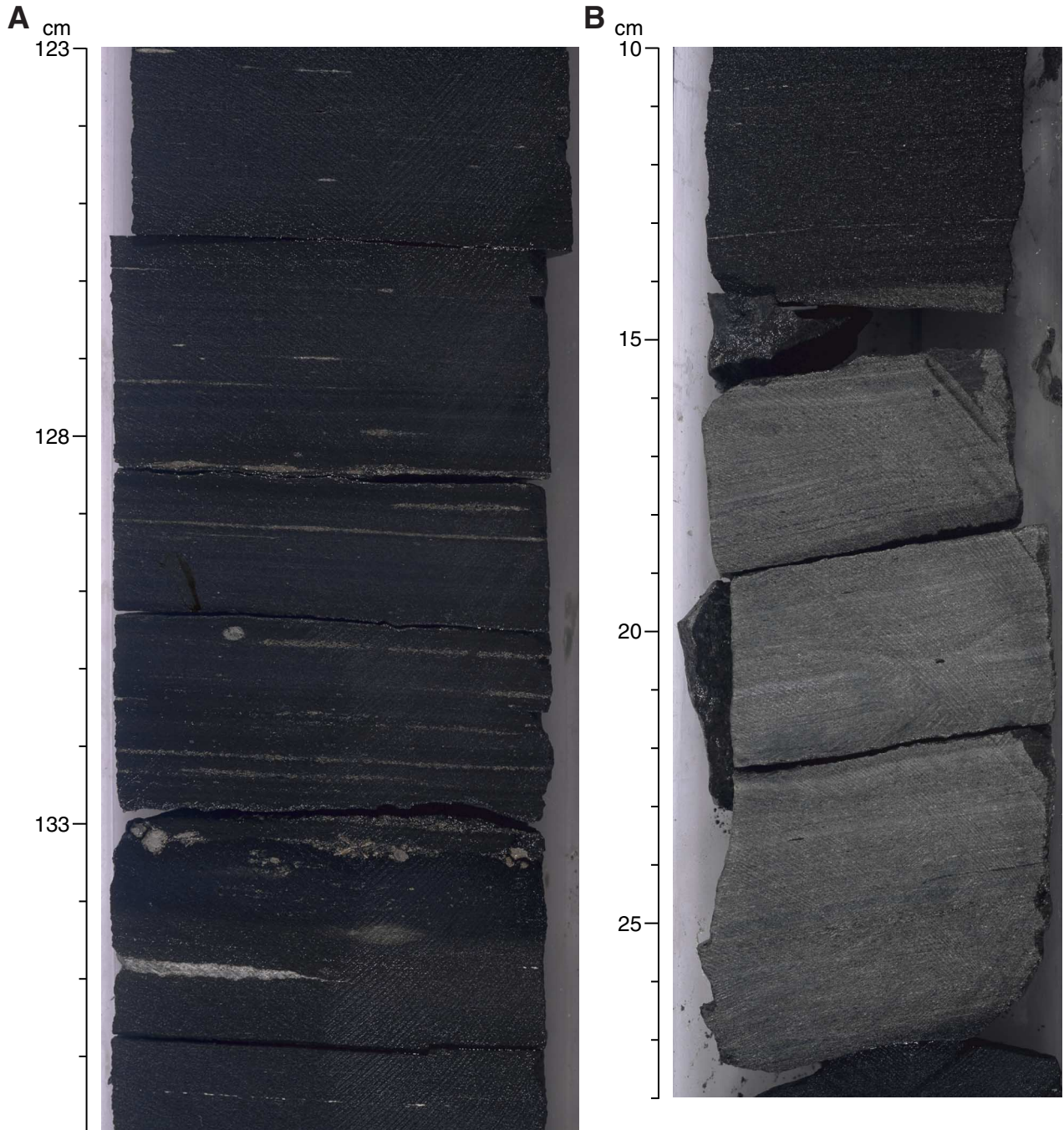
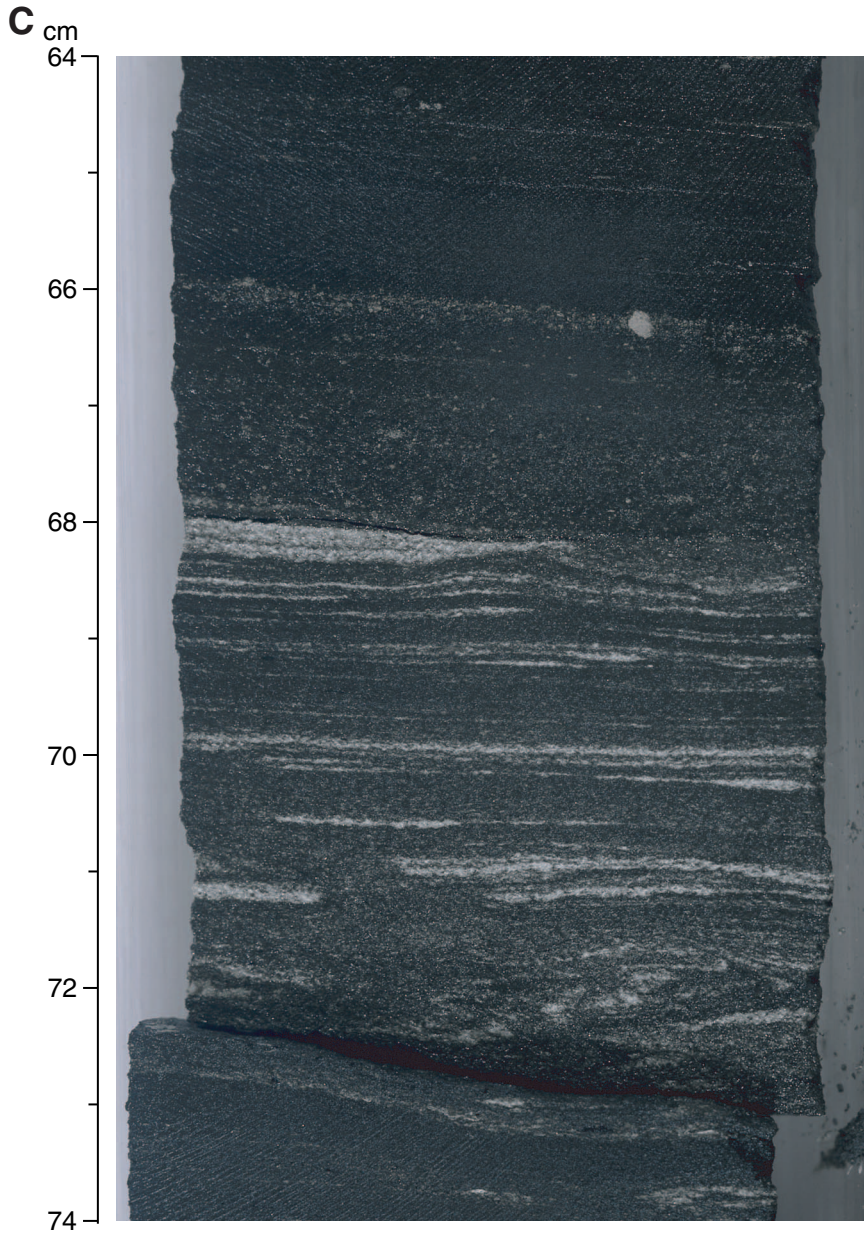


Figure F9 (continued). C. Close up of black submillimeter-scale laminated claystone with organic matter that contains layers of white calcite (infilled foraminifers) (interval 207-1259A-59R-4, 64–74 cm).





**Figure F10.** Close-up photograph of typical lithology and sedimentary structures of Unit V at Site 1259. Intercalated dark gray and brownish calcareous siltstone and silty claystone showing strongly bioturbated intervals and tepee structures. The latter are indicative of shallow marine, possibly tidal-flat, deposits (interval 207-1259B-25R-2, 45–65 cm).

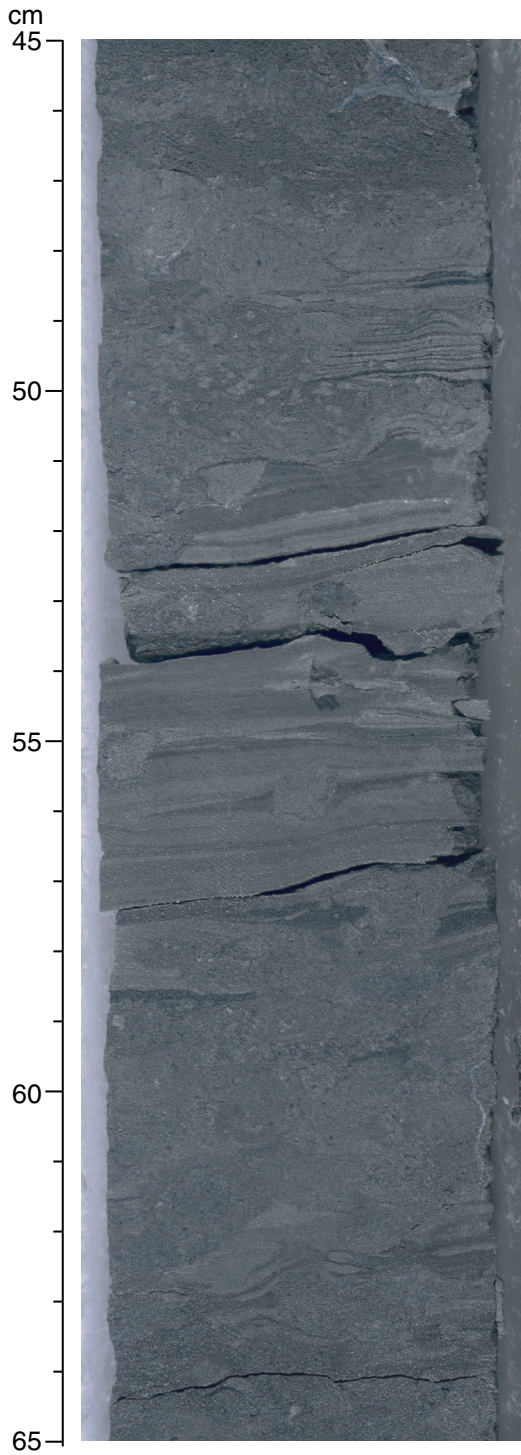
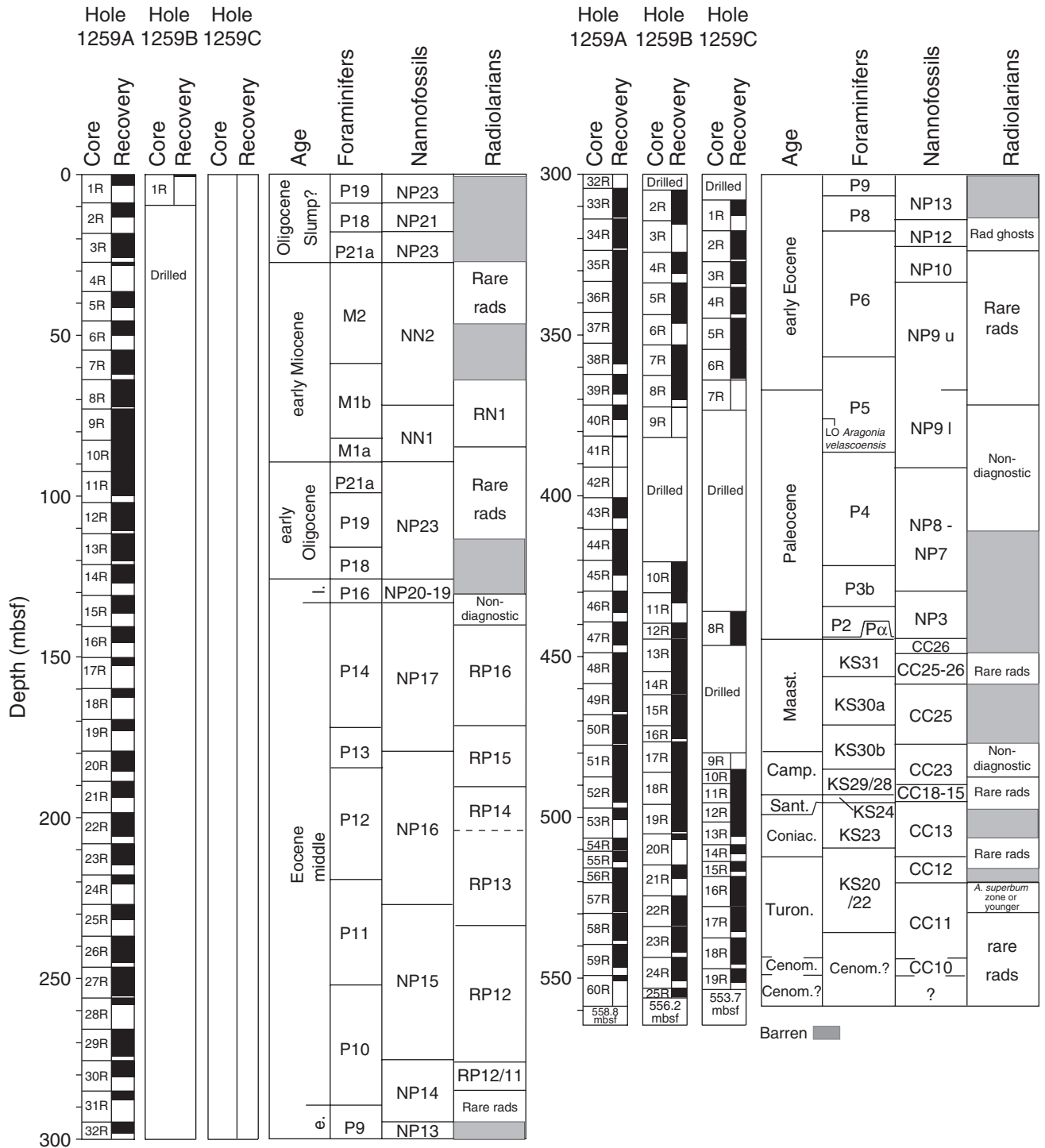


Figure F11. Planktonic foraminifer, calcareous nannofossil, and radiolarian biozonation at Site 1259. LO = last occurrence.

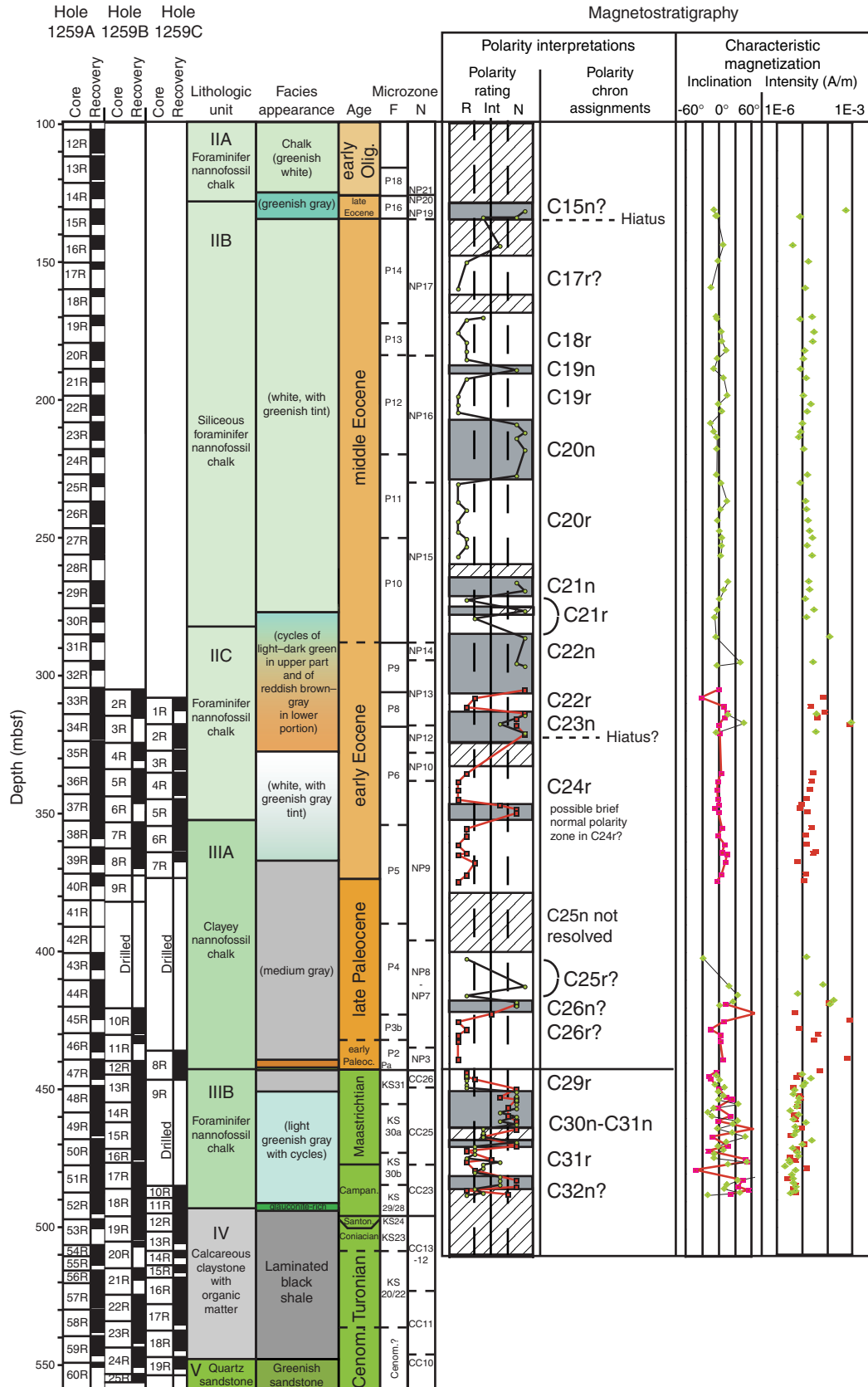


**Figure F12.** Shipboard paleomagnetic data and initial interpretations of inclination clusters of the Cretaceous–Miocene from Holes 1259A, 1259B, and 1259C. Visual color variations in the sediment succession generally correspond to changes in magnetic properties and are displayed as an exaggerated schematic column to the right of the shipboard lithologic units. The paleomagnetic data from the holes have been compared using the composite depth offsets, which rarely exceeded a relative displacement of 4 m at this site, and those of the main record from Hole 1259A are within 1 m of the composite depth scale (mcd). Magnetic inclinations are from intact blocks (excluding measurements within 5 cm of the end of each blocks) after 15-mT demagnetization. The inclination data exclude measurements near the background noise limit of the cryogenic magnetometer ( $<3 \times 10^{-5}$  A/m), therefore measurements with intensities  $<5 \times 10^{-5}$  A/m are not considered reliable. In addition, the upper 20 cm of each core that commonly displays spurious high-intensity magnetization or downhole contamination, and the upper 5 cm of each section that is influenced by magnetization carried by the blue-colored end-cap are excluded. Magnetic inclinations are either 3-point running means (solid circles), 2-point means (open circles, for blocks  $<20$  cm long) or single-level data (open triangles, for blocks  $<15$  cm long, or from isolated levels within a larger block in which the adjacent measurements were  $<5 \times 10^{-5}$  A/m) of magnetic directions from intact blocks (excluding measurements within 5 cm of the end of each blocks) after 15-mT demagnetization. The magnetic intensity column is from Hole 1259A and includes NRM (small orange dots are a 21-point running mean) and after 15-mT demagnetization (small black dots, with the large blue dots being a 101-point logging-mean average). Magnetic susceptibility of Hole 1259A, obtained using a magnetic susceptibility core logger (MSCL), is shown by green dots in the right most column. Shipboard assignment of polarity zones were based on clusters of magnetic inclinations from intact blocks (to right of polarity zone column), as delimited by the thin lines. Zones of positive inclinations (originally considered to be normal polarity zones) = black or medium gray, if reliability is less certain; negative or mixed inclinations (originally considered to be reversed polarity zones) = white or light gray, if reliability is less certain. Uncertain inclination characteristics or gaps in data coverage = cross hatched. The shipboard interpretations of polarity zones were not always supported by analyses of magnetic characteristics during progressive thermal demagnetization of minicores (Fig. F13, p. 54). F = foraminifer, R = radiolarian. (This figure is available in an [oversized format](#).)

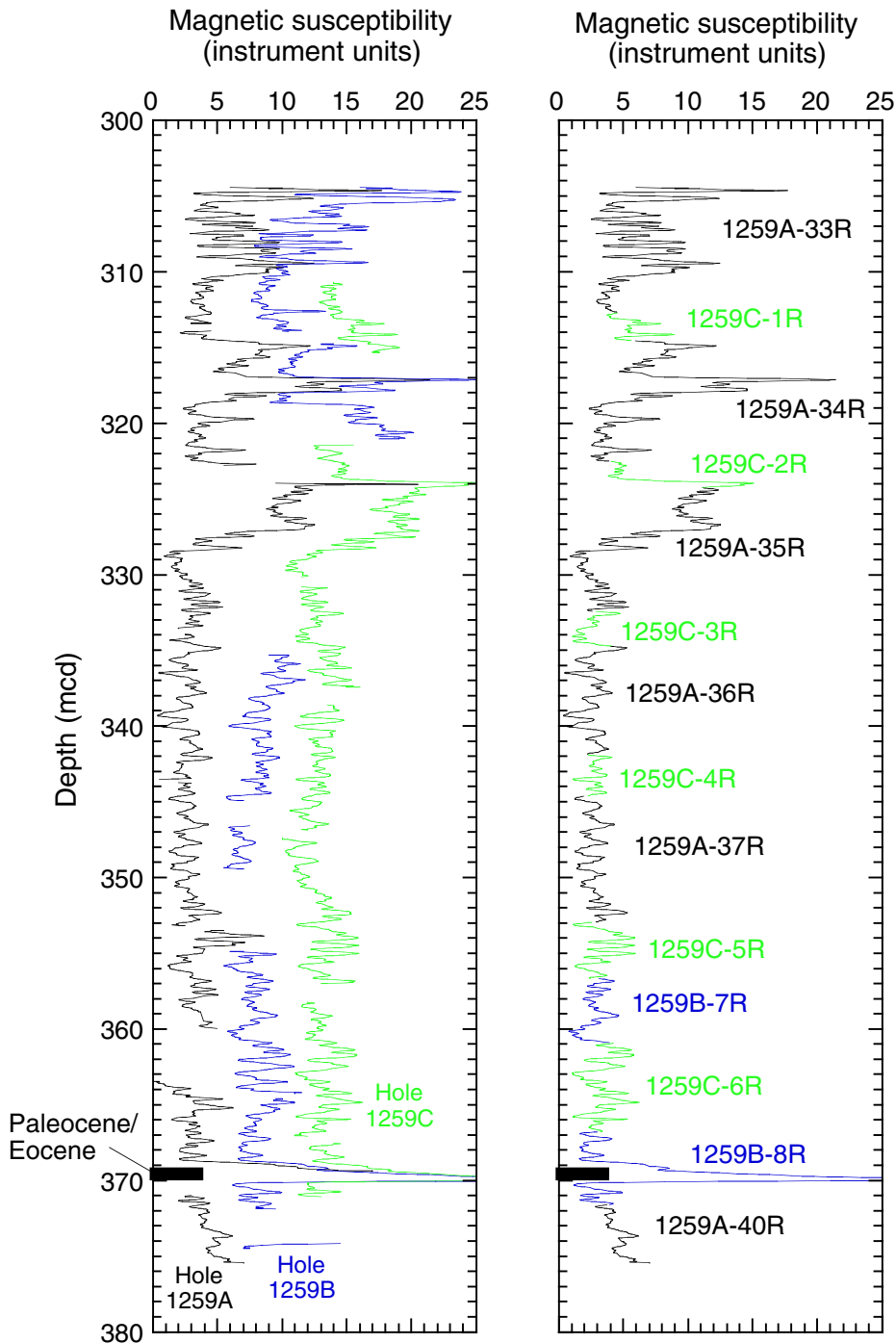


**Figure F13.** Magnetostratigraphy and characteristic directions of Cretaceous–Eocene of Holes 1259A and 1259B based on shore-based analysis of minicores. The minicore data from the two holes have been merged using composite depth scales from each hole. Polarity ratings are graded according to reliability and number of vectors utilized in the characteristic direction. R = reliable reversed polarity, INT = indeterminate, N = reliable normal polarity) (relative placement of other points indicates degree of precision or uncertainty). Methods of polarity interpretation, polarity ratings, and derivation of characteristic inclinations and intensities are in “**Paleomagnetism**,” p. 16, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter). Polarity zones are assigned according to clusters of individual polarity interpretations. Normal polarity zones = dark gray; reversed polarity zones = white; uncertain polarity or gaps in data coverage = cross hatched. Assignments of polarity chrons are based on the polarity zone pattern and the constraints from microfossil biostratigraphy. F = foraminifer, R = radiolarian. (**Figure shown on next page.**)

Figure F13 (continued). (Caption shown on previous page.)



**Figure F14.** Composite and spliced magnetic susceptibility data for the lower Eocene section from Holes 1259A (black), 1259B (blue), and 1259C (green). The composite data from Holes 1259B and 1259C are off-set by a constant (5 and 10 units, respectively) for illustration purposes. All data sets are smoothed with a 9-point Gaussian filter.



**Figure F15.** Composite and spliced magnetic susceptibility data for the Campanian–Maastrichtian section from Holes 1259A (black), 1259B (blue), and 1259C (green). The composite data from Holes 1259B and 1259C are offset by a constant (5 and 10 units, respectively) for illustration purposes. All data sets are smoothed with a 9-point Gaussian filter.

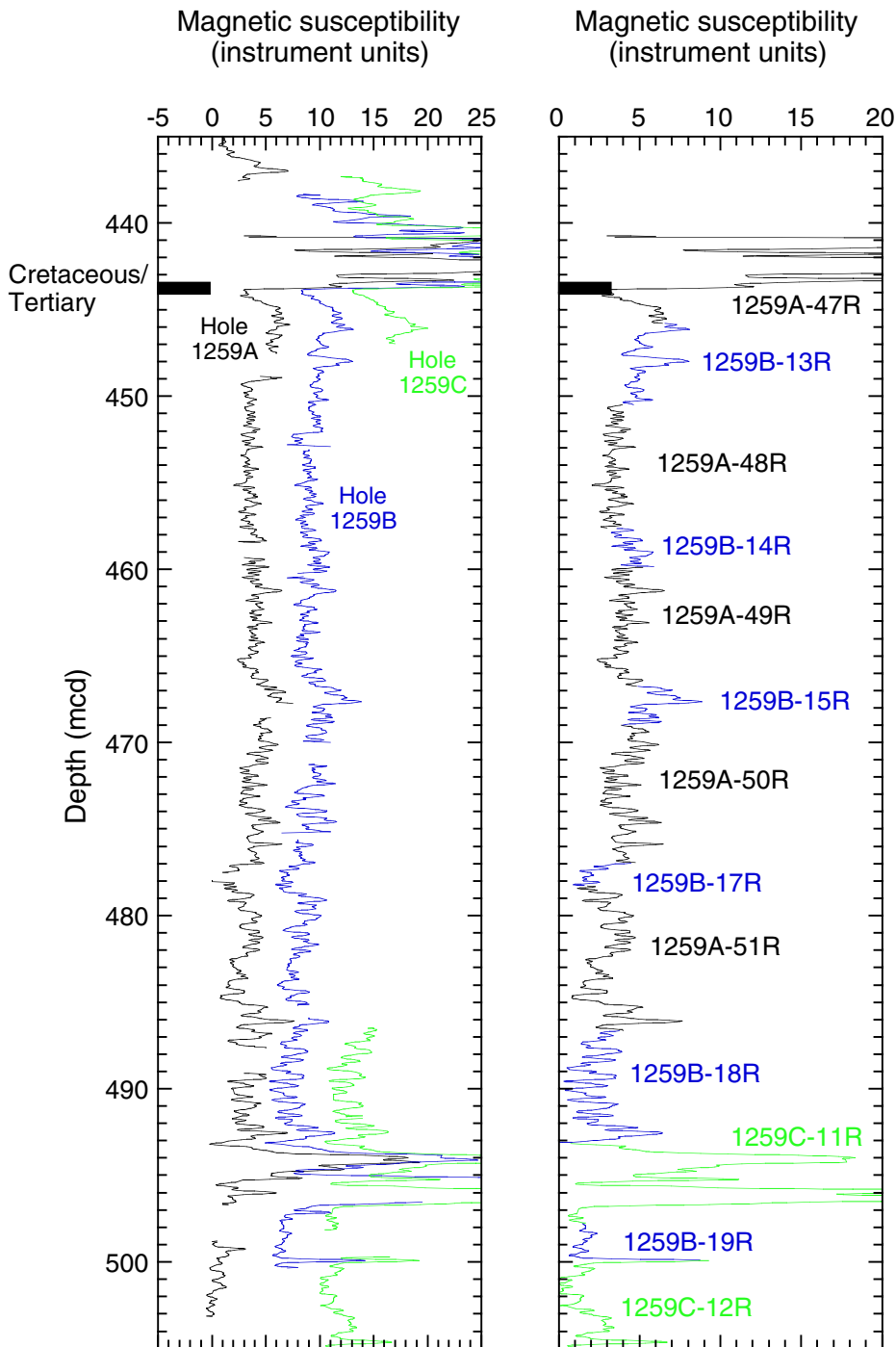
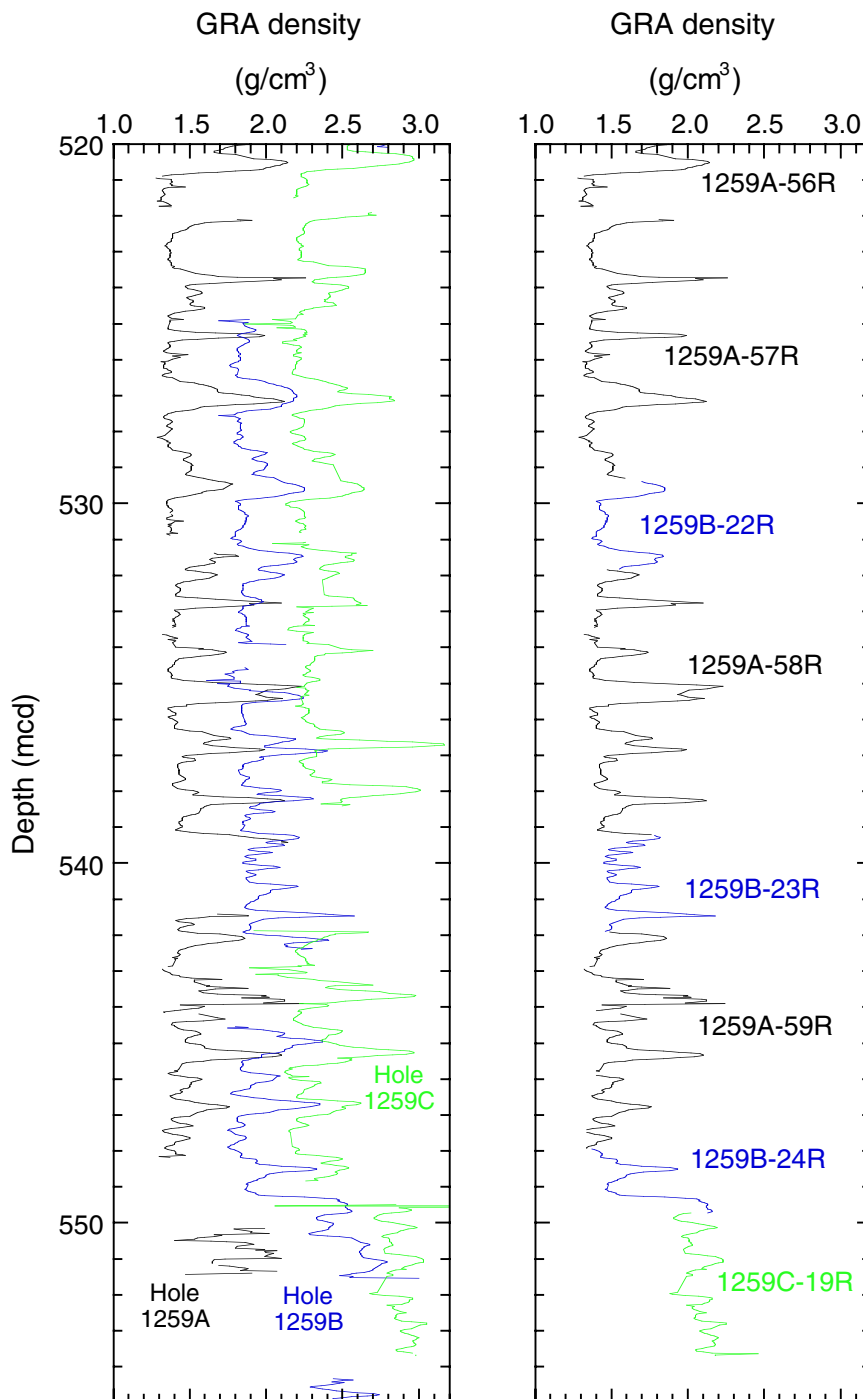


Figure F16. Composite and spliced gamma ray attenuation (GRA) bulk density data for the black shale sequence from Holes 1259A (black), 1259B (blue), and 1259C (green). The composite data from Holes 1259B and 1259C are offset by a constant (0.5 and 1.0 units, respectively) for illustration purposes. All data sets are smoothed with a 9-point Gaussian filter.





**Figure F17.** Magnetic susceptibility data plotted along with a qualitative estimate of the confidence of the core-to-core correlations among holes at Site 1259. **A.** Magnetic susceptibility data for Holes 1259A (black), 1259B (blue), and 1259C (green). The composite data from Holes 1259A and 1259B are offset by a constant (5 and 10 units, respectively) for illustration purposes. All data sets are smoothed with a 9-point Gaussian filter. **B.** Green indicates intervals with definitive hole-to-hole correlations and a high-quality splice (i.e., core gaps spanned). Yellow indicates intervals where good core-to-core correlations could be made (i.e., a one-to-one match of signals between holes) but definitive depth positions could not be established because core gaps could not be spanned. The diagonal line pattern indicates intervals where hole-to-hole correlations could not be made (primarily a result of only one hole in that interval). P/E = Paleocene/Eocene boundary, K/T = Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary.

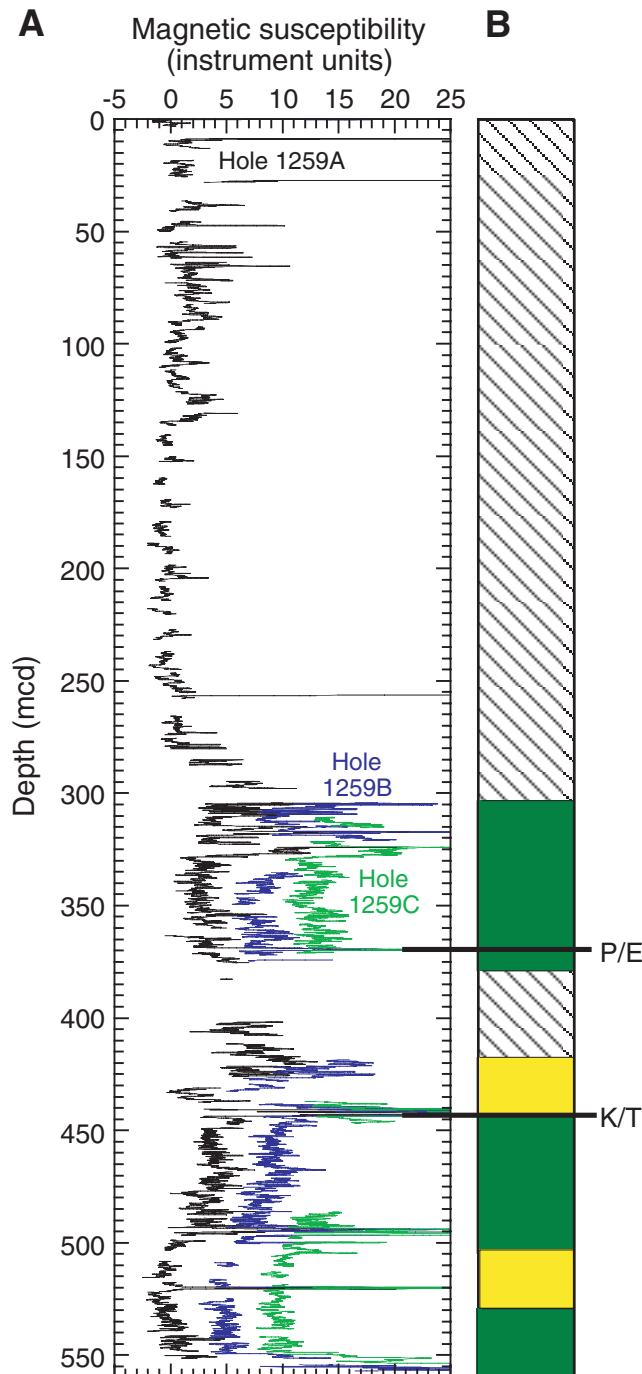


Figure F18. Age-depth plot combining all available biostratigraphic and magnetostratigraphic datums from Hole 1259A. Letters A–F indicate six distinct hiatuses in between those intervals. See “Sedimentation Rates and Hiatuses,” p. 27, for more details.

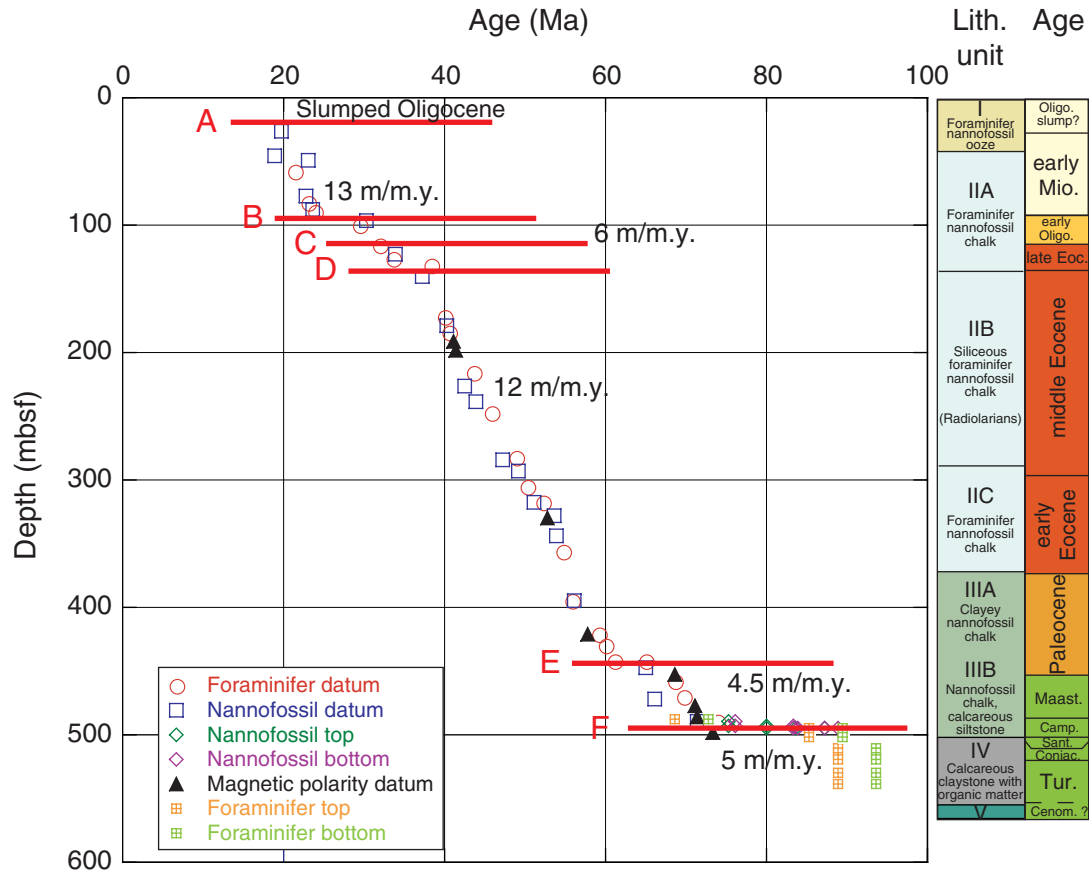


Figure F19. Age-depth plot with an expanded view of Hole 1259A (380–540 mbsf). See “Sedimentation Rates and Hiatuses,” p. 27, for more details.

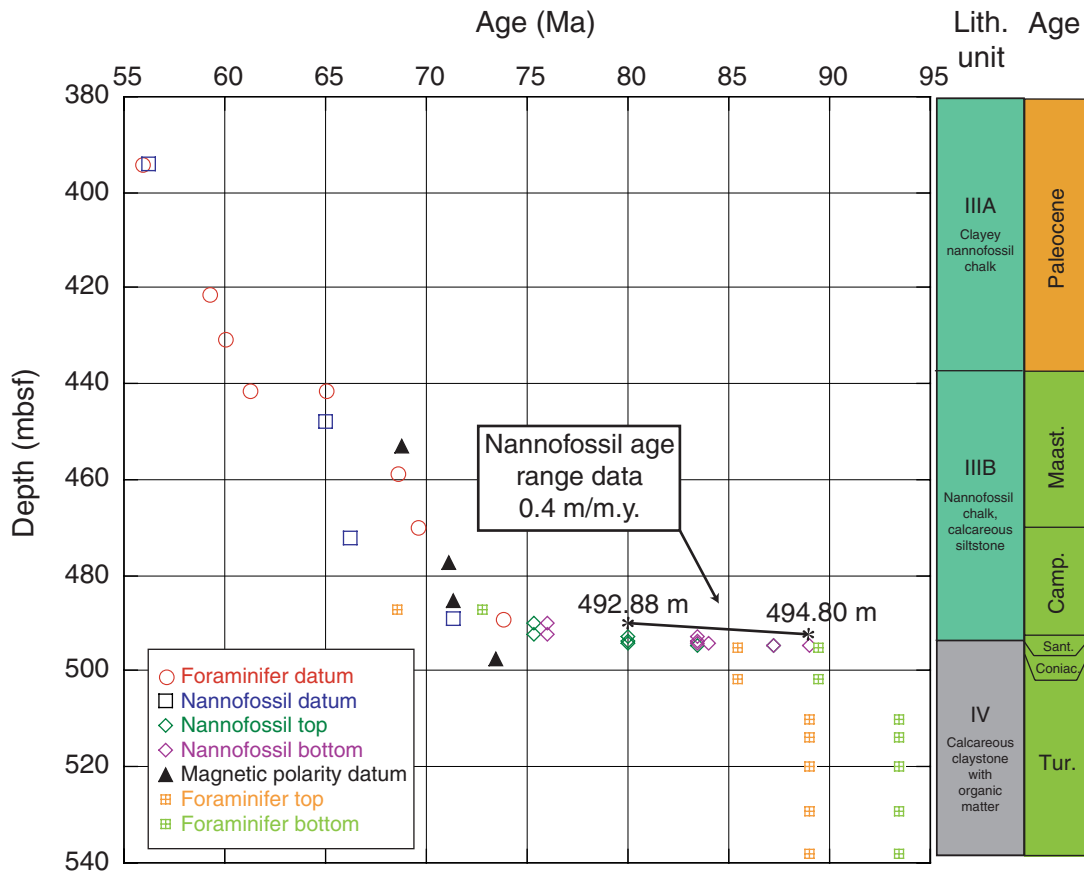


Figure F20. Mass accumulation rate (MAR) and carbonate MAR depth plot of the middle Eocene–Paleocene interval. See “Mass Accumulation Rates,” p. 27, for more details.

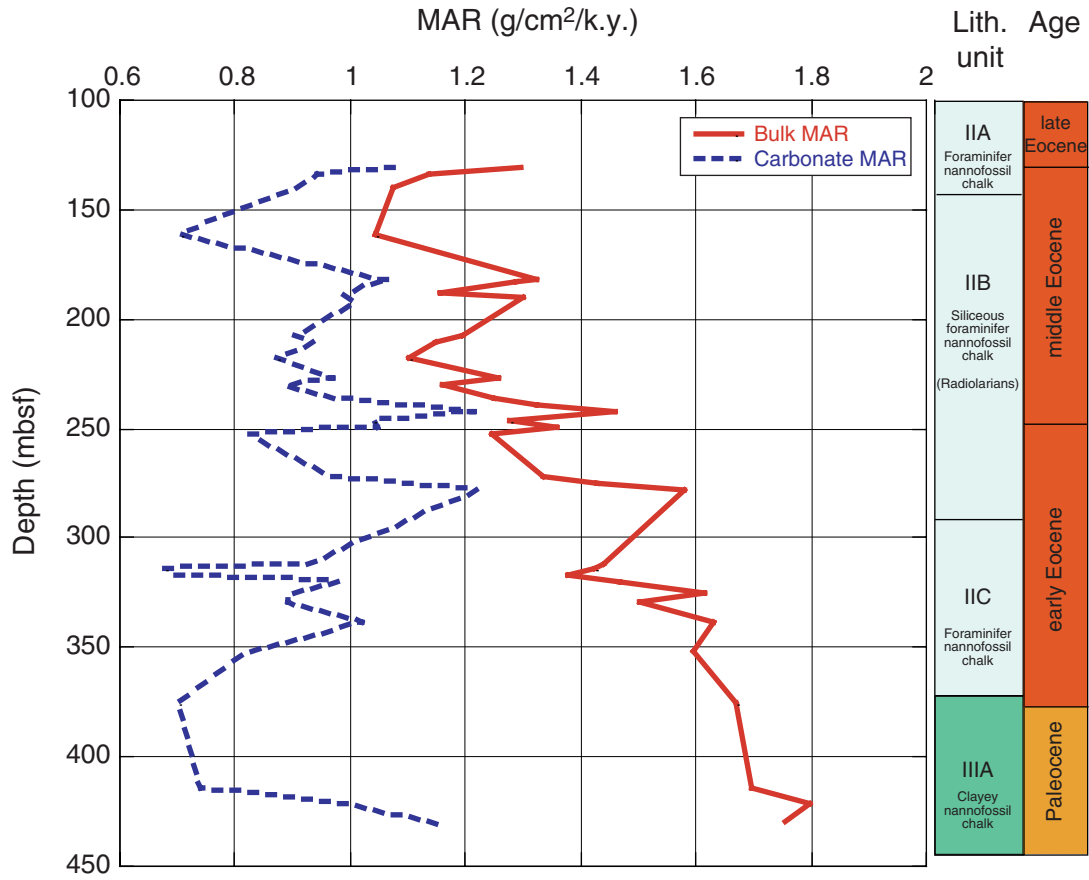


Figure F21. Rock-Eval van Krevelen-type diagram of sediment samples from Hole 1259A. Organic matter appears to be predominantly Type II algal material that has been variably oxidized. Incorporation of organic detrital material possibly gives rise to those samples that fall between Types II and III. TOC = total organic carbon.

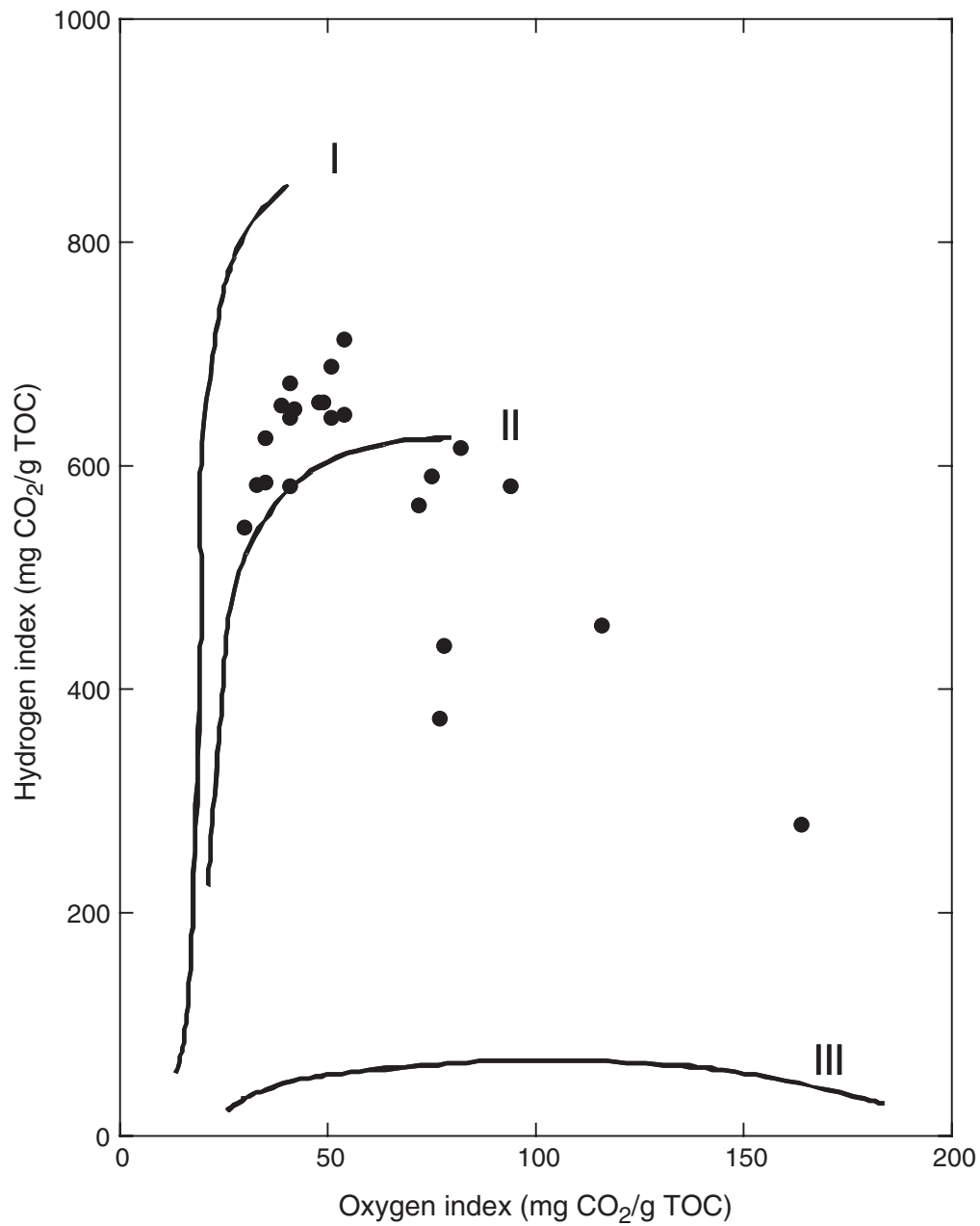




Figure F22. Comparison of concentrations of routine headspace gas (HS) and microbial methane in sediments from Hole 1259A.

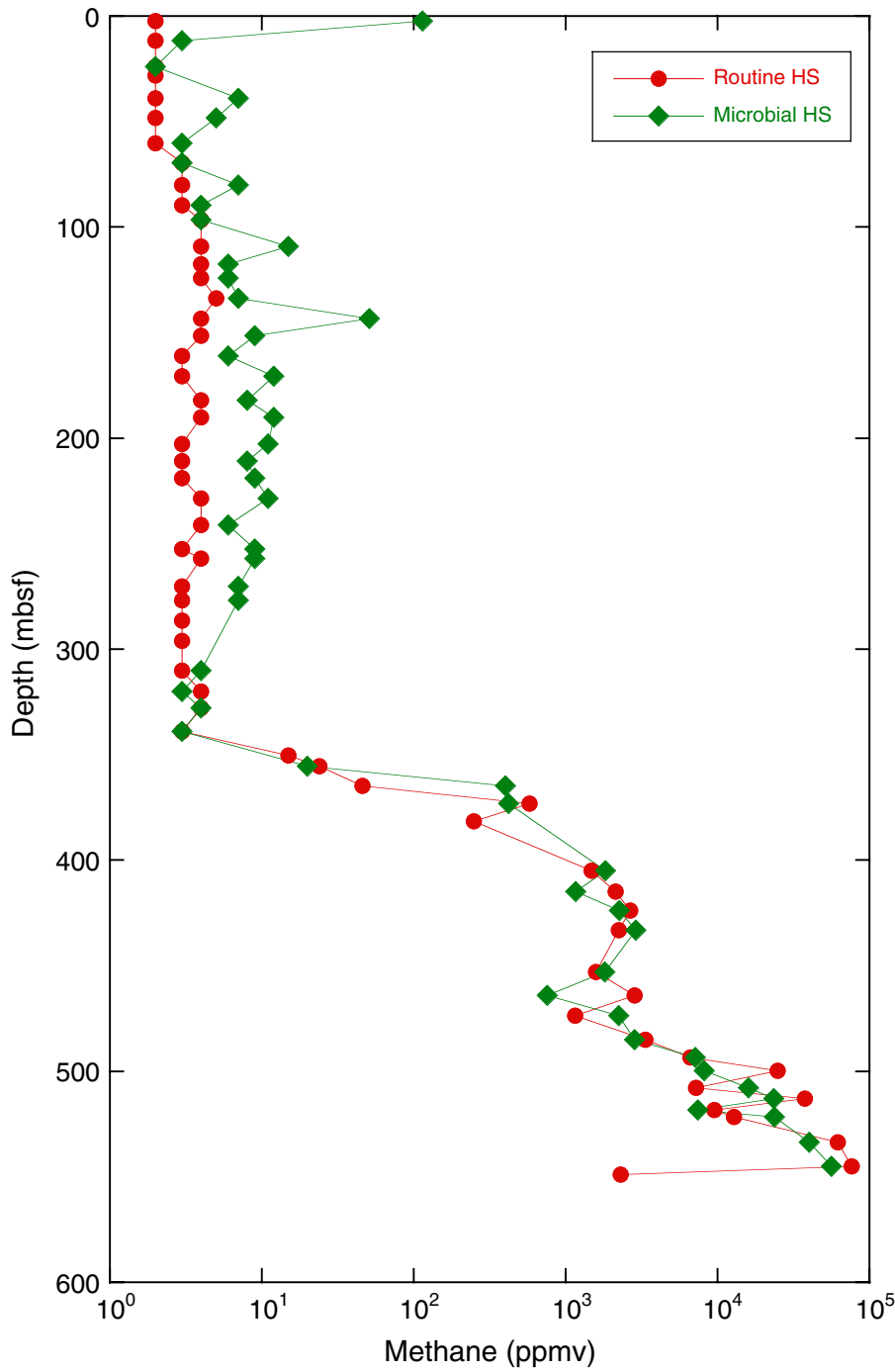


Figure F23. Correlation of total organic carbon (TOC) with interstitial methane concentrations in Hole 1259A.

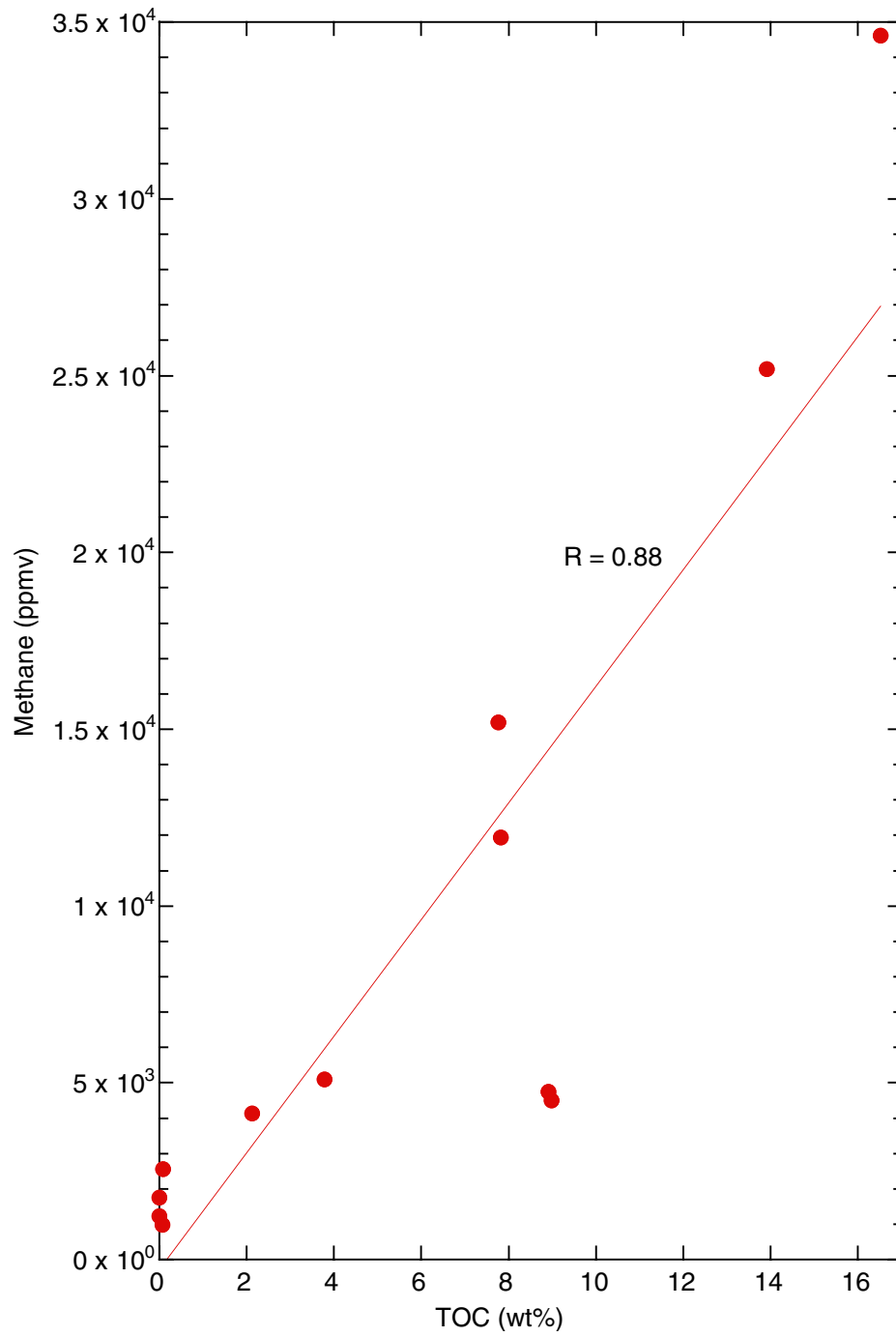


Figure F24. Profiles of chemical constituents in interstitial water at Site 1259. A. Salinity. B. Chloride. C. Sodium. D. Potassium. E. Alkalinity. F. Sulfate. G. Ammonium. H. Barium. (Continued on next two pages.)

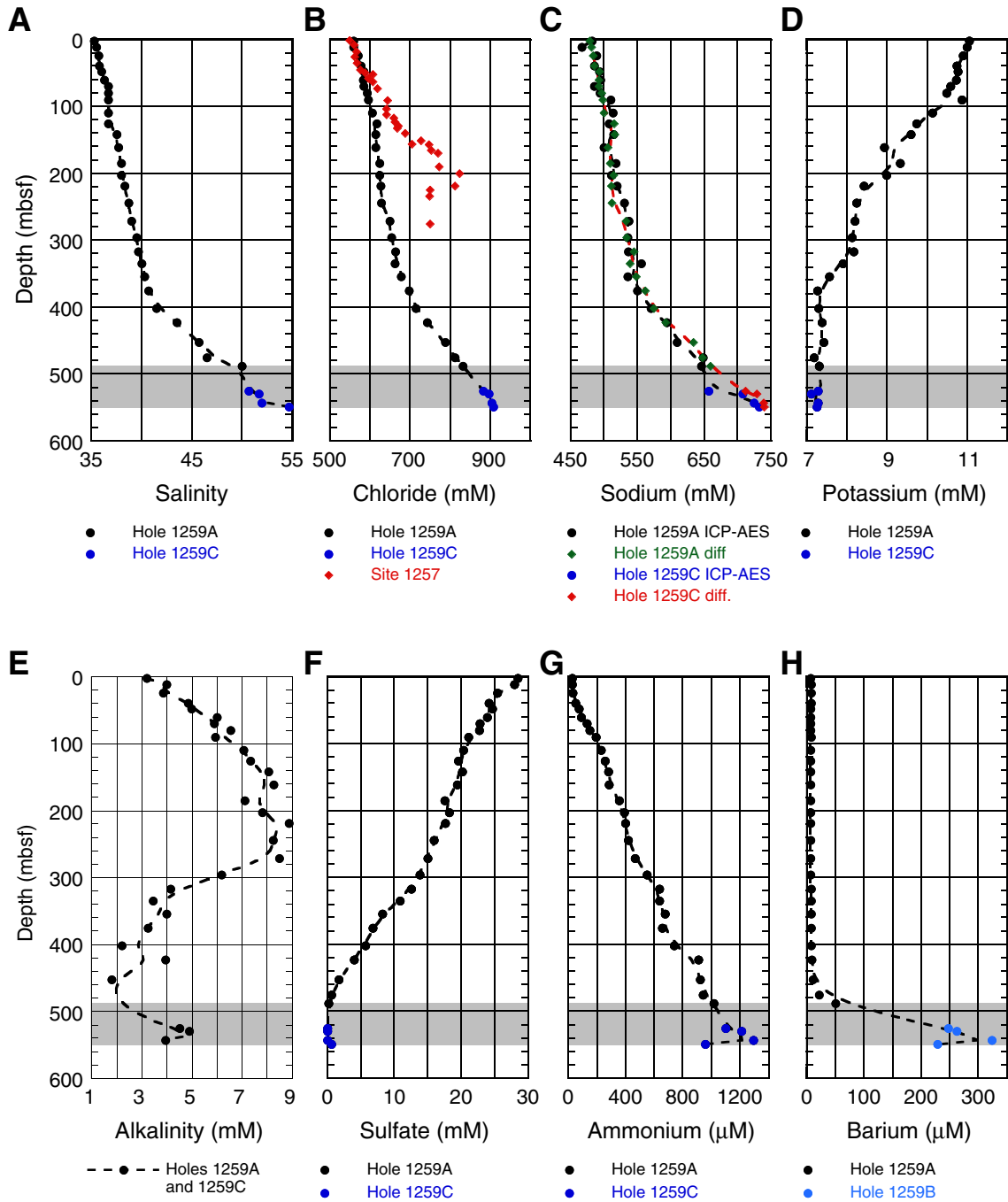
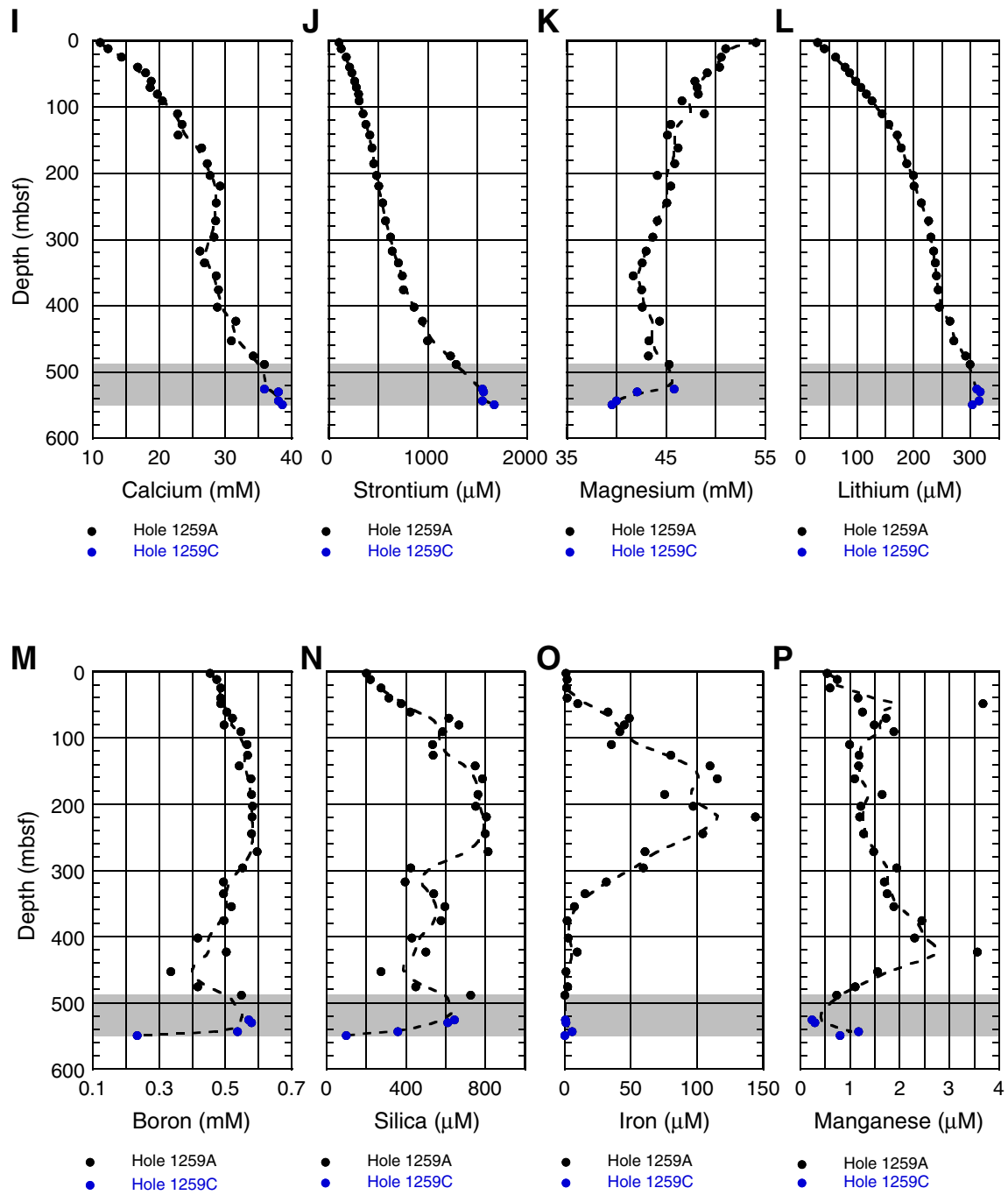


Figure F24 (continued). I. Calcium. J. Strontium. K. Magnesium. L. Lithium. M. Boron. N. Silica. O. Iron. P. Manganese.





**Figure F24 (continued).** Q.  $\text{Mg}/\text{Cl} \times 10^{-3}$ . R.  $\text{K}/\text{Cl} \times 10^{-3}$ . S.  $\text{Ca}/\text{Cl} \times 10^{-3}$ . T.  $\text{Sr}/\text{Cl} \times 10^{-3}$ . U.  $\text{Li}/\text{Cl} \times 10^{-6}$ . V.  $\text{Na}/\text{Cl}$ . diff. = calculated by difference, IAP-AES = inductively coupled plasma–atomic emission spectroscopy. Gray bars = black shale interval.

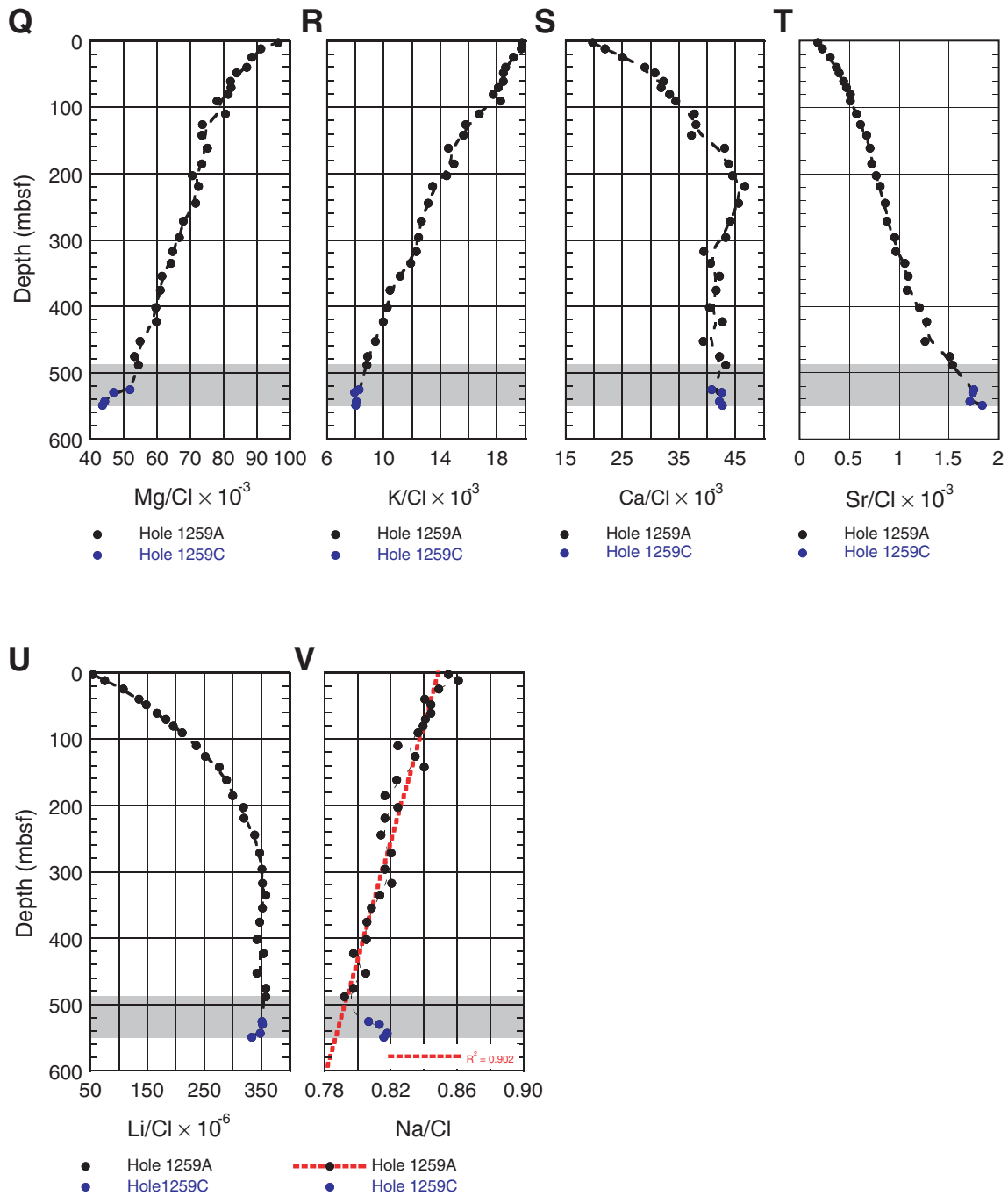


Figure F25. Correlation of sulfate vs. ammonium in interstitial water.

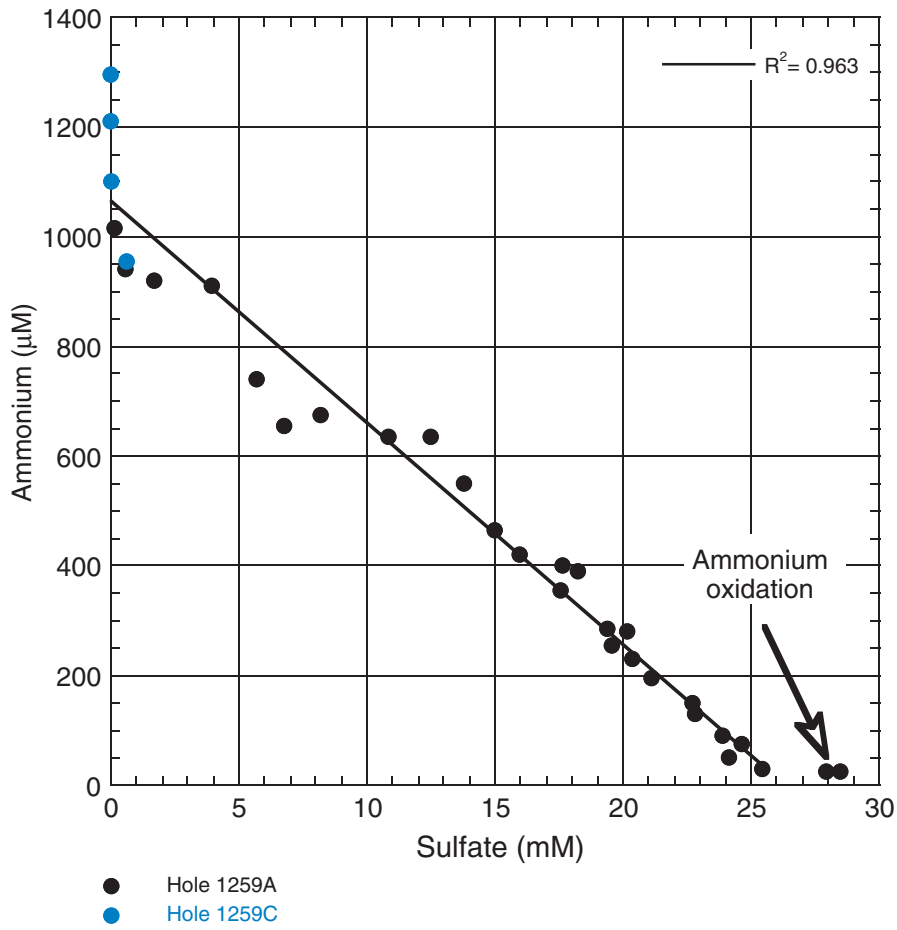


Figure F26. Correlation of Mg/Cl vs. K/Cl in interstitial water from Site 1259.

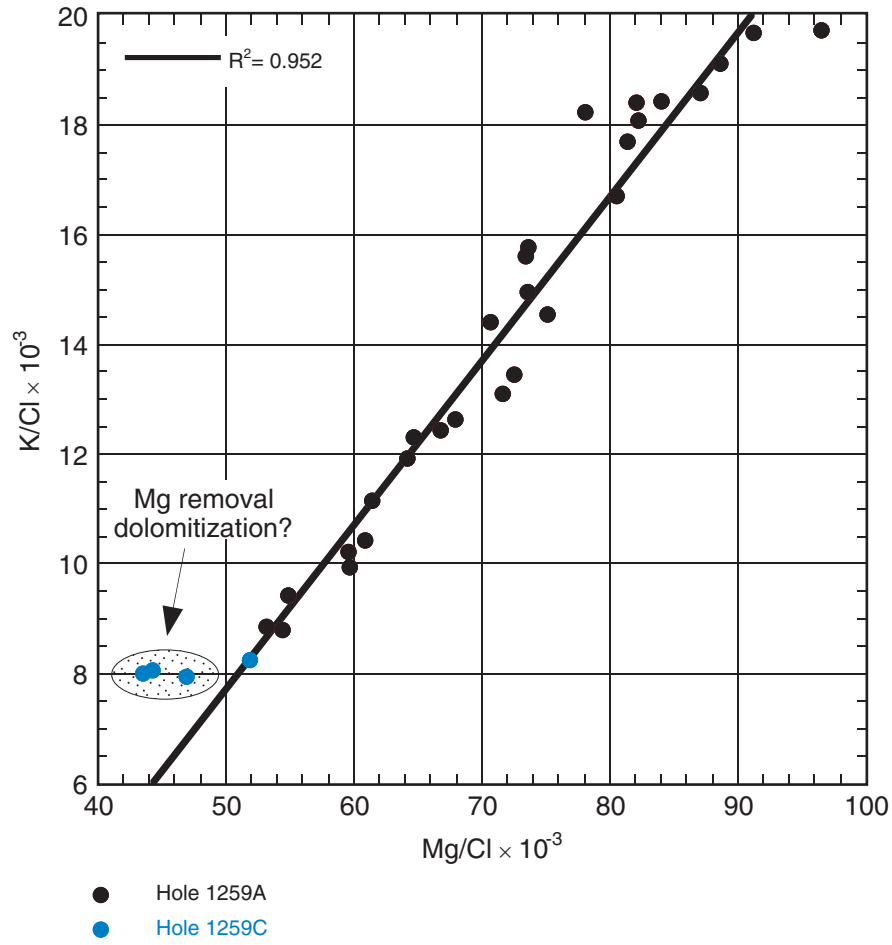


Figure F27. Correlation of Ca/Cl vs. Li/Cl in interstitial water from Site 1259.

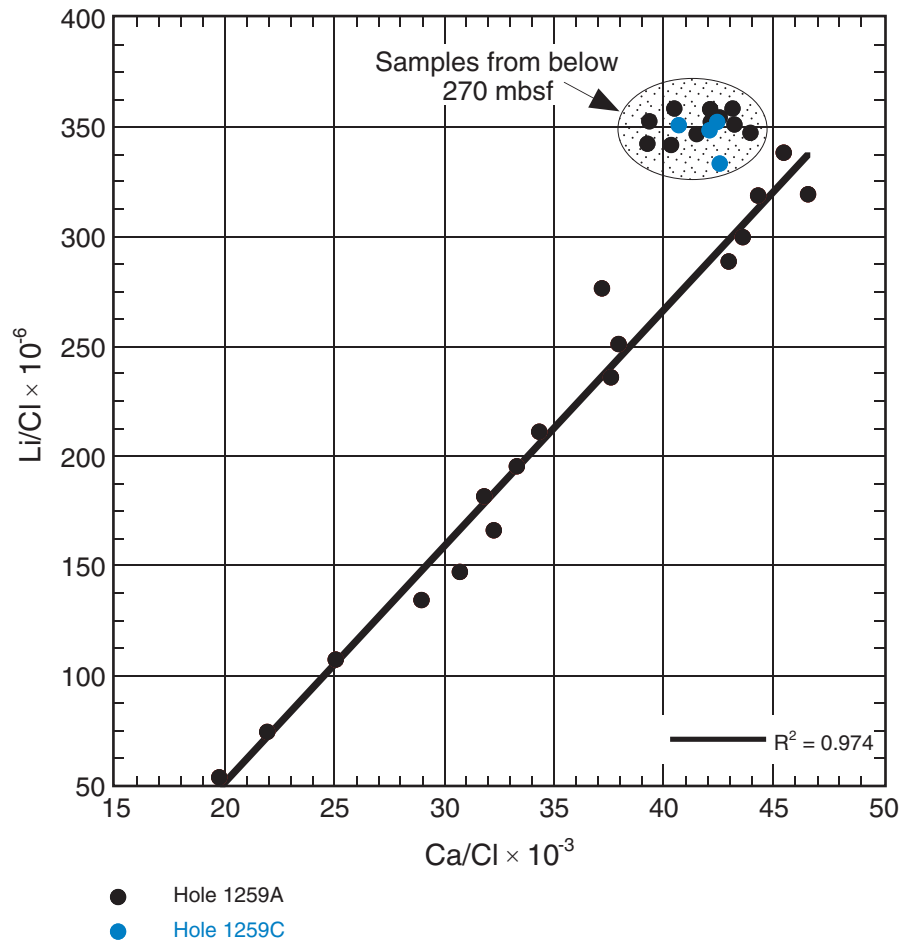




Figure F28. Bulk density, grain density, porosity of discrete samples, and acoustic velocity measurements made with the Hamilton Frame on split-core sections from Site 1259. Red = Hole 1257A, blue = Hole 1257B, green = Hole 1257C.

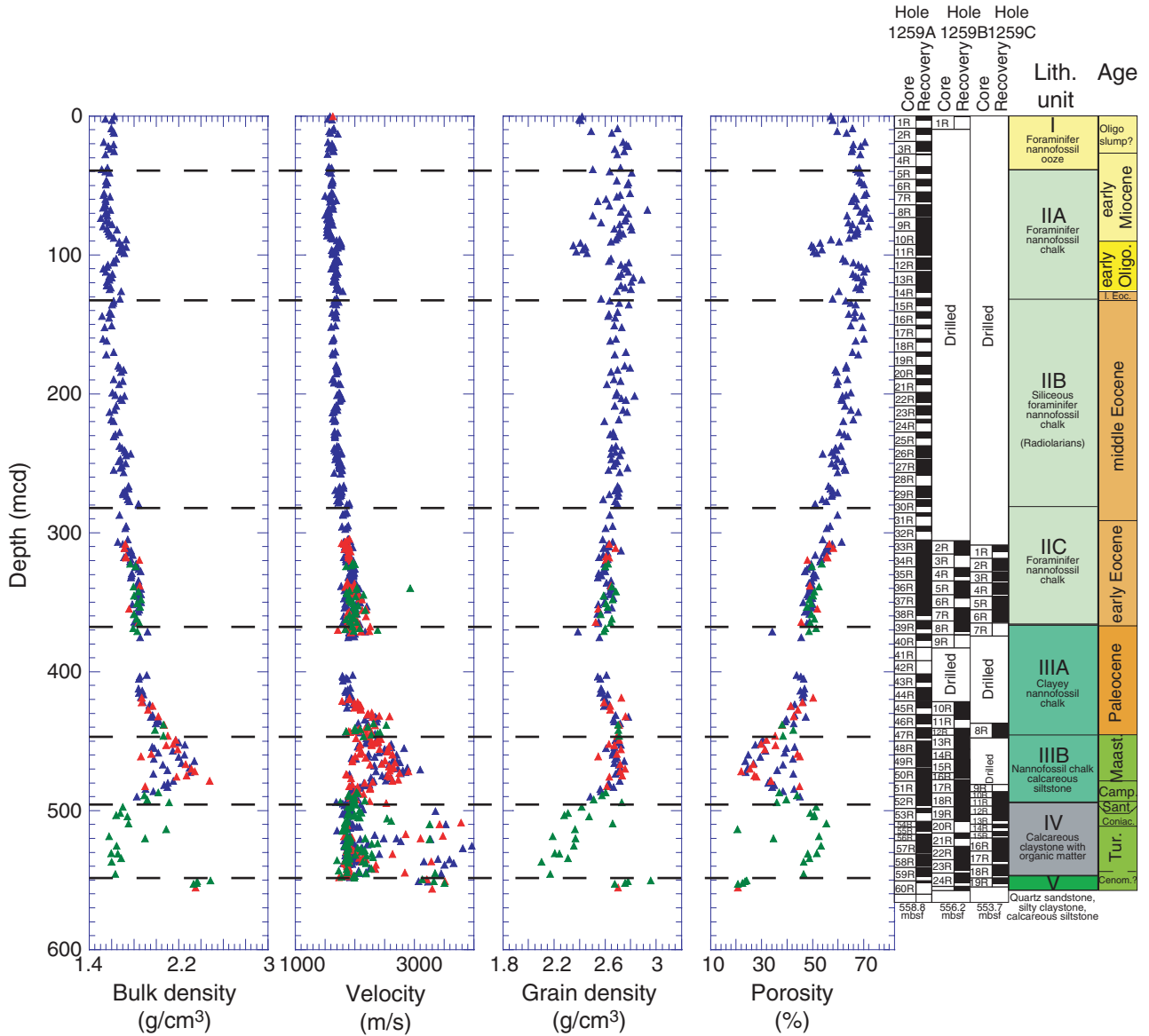


Figure F29. Acoustic velocity and velocity anisotropy measured on samples from Hole 1259B. Variation in GRA density over a 5-m interval (every third datum plotted with no smoothing or interpolation) is shown to account for the observed variability in both the velocity and velocity anisotropy between 400 and 500 mcd. For anisotropy calculations, see “Physical Properties,” p. 33, in the “Explanatory Notes” chapter.

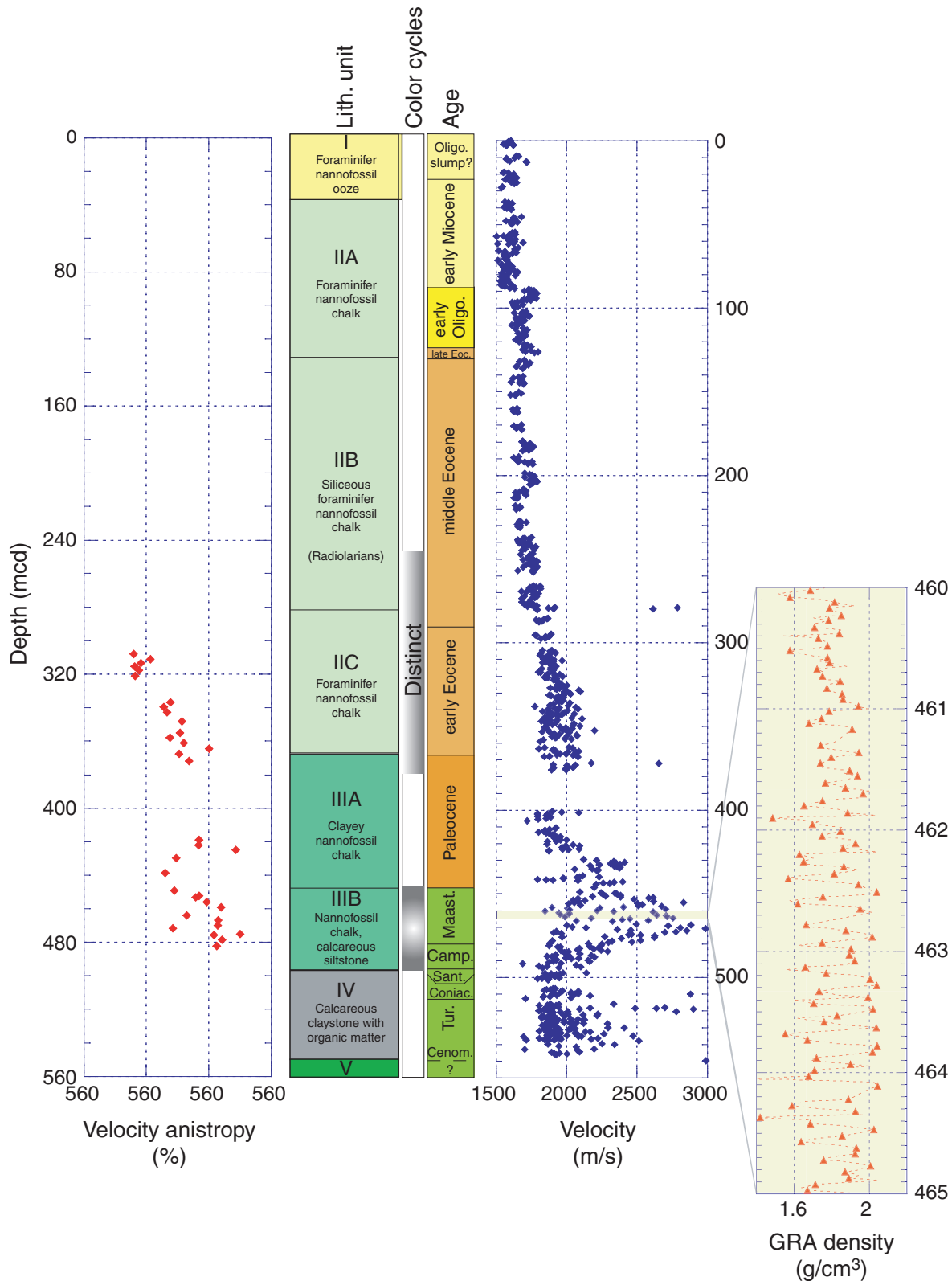


Figure F30. MST data vs. lithostratigraphic units from Holes 1259A (red), 1259B (blue), and 1259C (green). Data have been smoothed using a 75-cm moving window. NGR = natural gamma radiation. P/E = Paleocene/Eocene boundary, K/T = Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary.

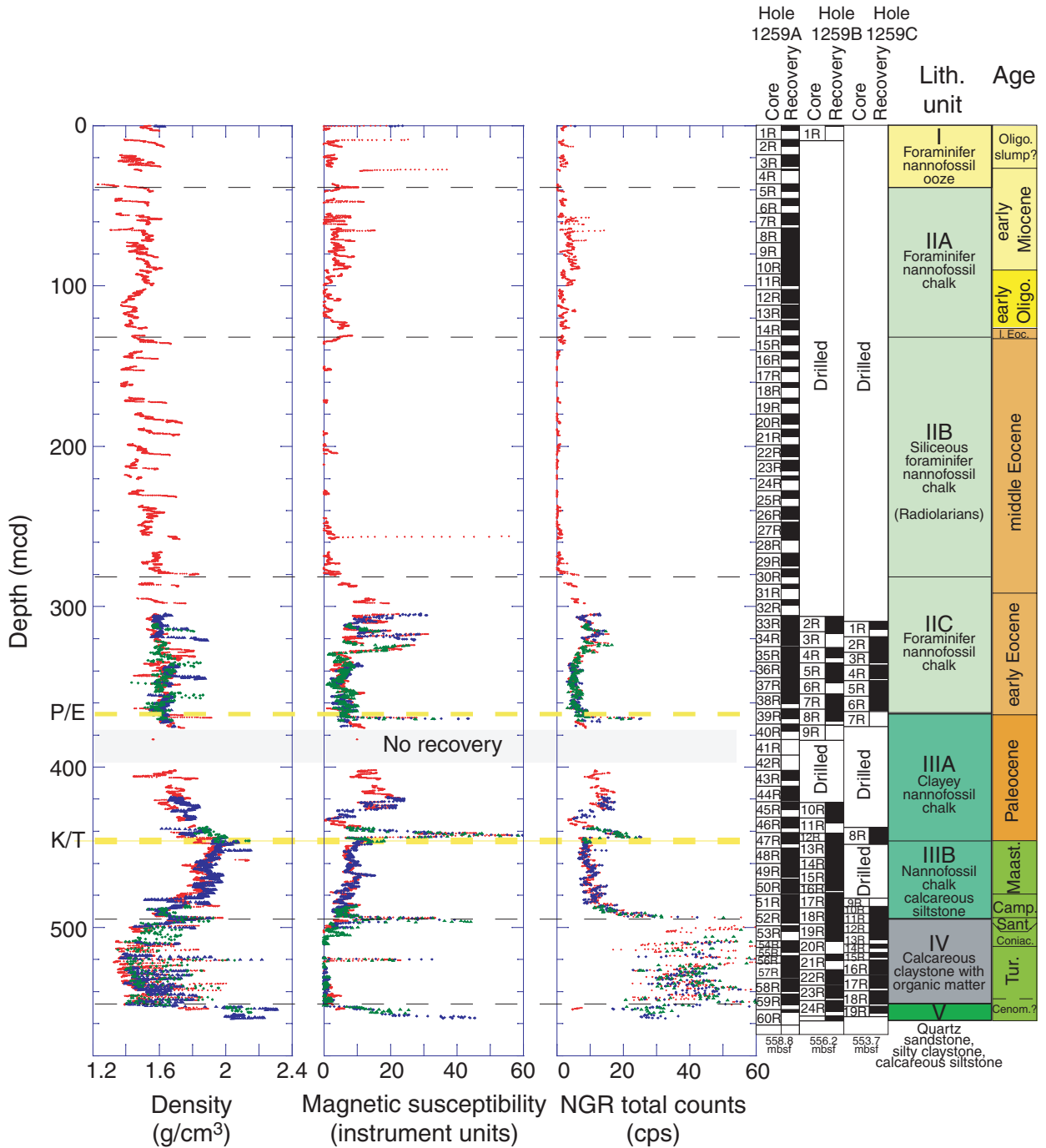


Figure F31. MST data across the Cretaceous/Tertiary (K/T) boundary and through the shale sequence at Site 1259. Red = Hole 1259A; blue = Hole 1259B; green = 1259C. NGR = natural gamma radiation.

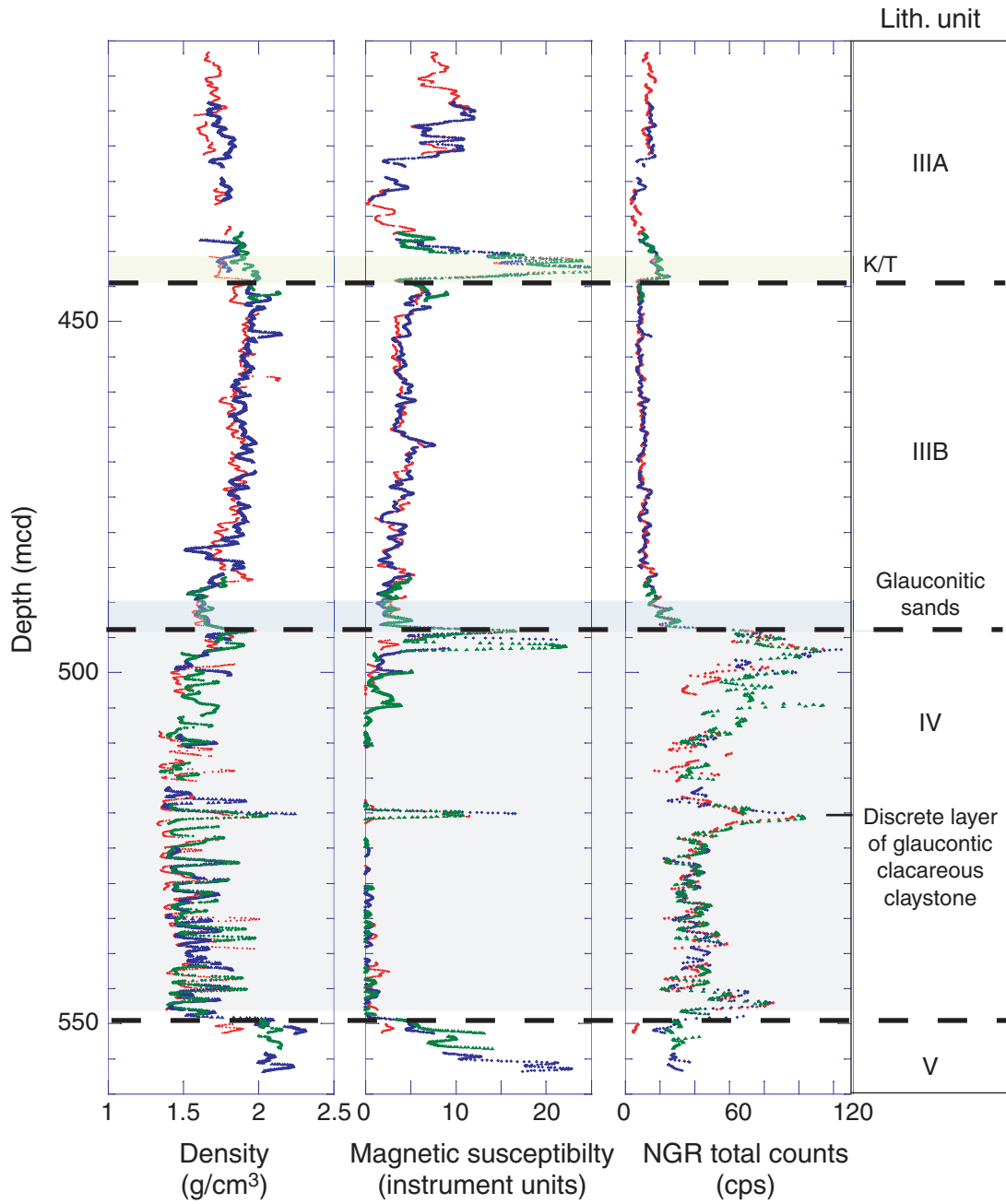


Figure F32. Impedance and reflection coefficient profiles used to generate the synthetic seismogram at Site 1259.

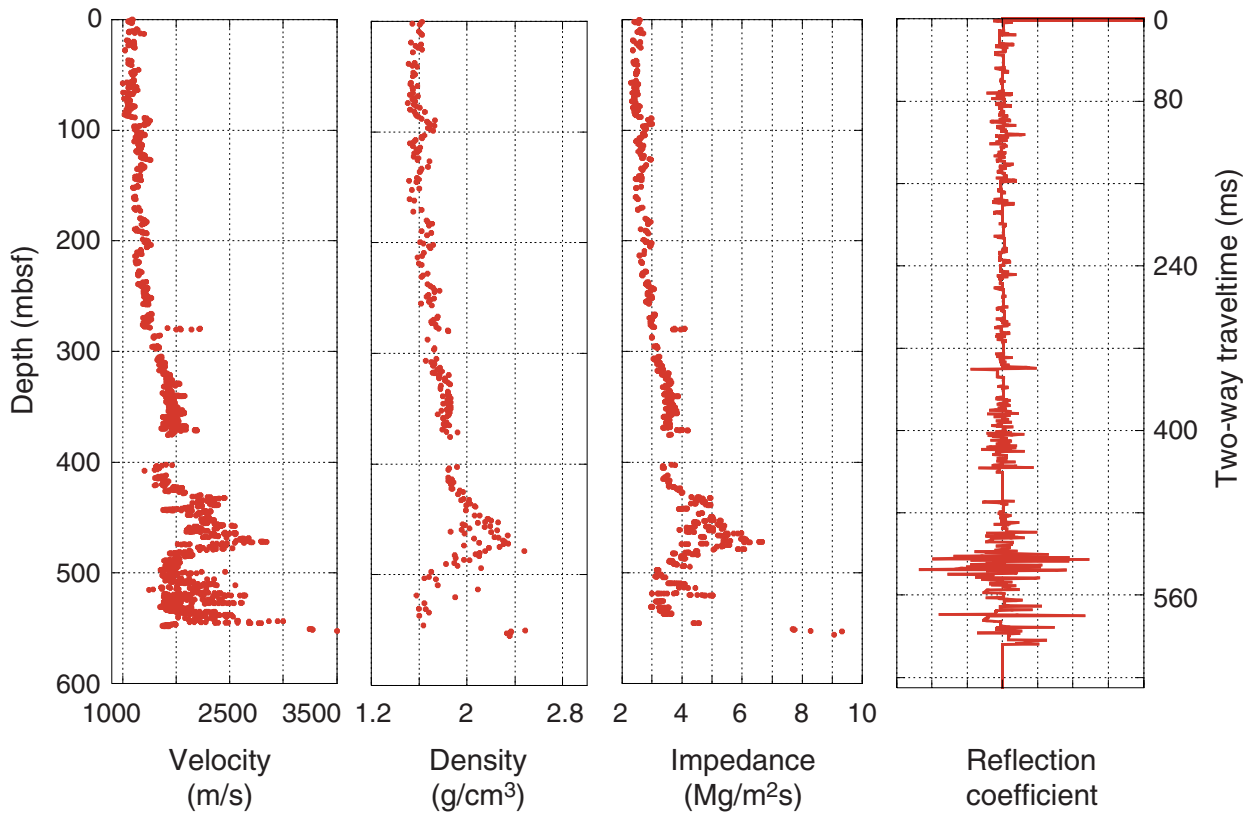
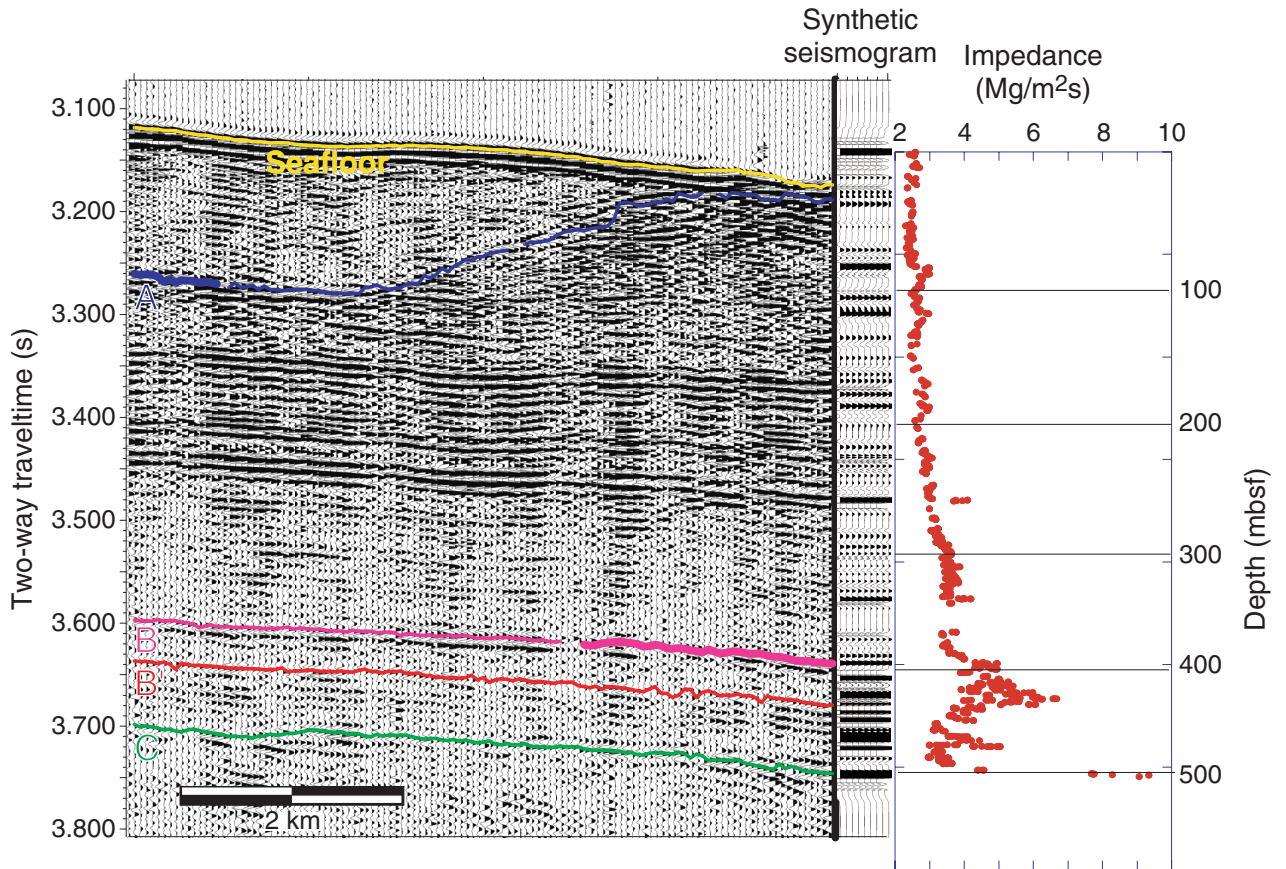




Figure F33. Impedance contrasts showing close agreement with major reflectors at Site 1259. The seafloor is shifted because the actual drill site was 300 m upslope from the seismic line's nearest crossing. The synthetic seismic match was made by aligning Reflector C at the base of the section.



**Table T1.** Coring summary, Site 1259. (See table note. Continued on next two pages.)

**Hole 1259A**

Latitude: 9°17.9989'N  
 Longitude: 54°11.9984'W  
 Time on site: 145.12 (1208 hr, 1 Feb–2135 hr, 14 Feb 2003)  
 Time on hole: 62.87 (1208 hr, 1 Feb–0300 hr, 4 Feb 2003)  
 Seafloor (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2365.0  
 Distance between rig floor and sea level (m): 11.2  
 Water depth (drill pipe measurement from sea level, m): 2353.8  
 Total depth (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2923.8  
 Total penetration (meters below seafloor, mbsf): 558.8  
 Total length of cored section (m): 558.8  
 Total core recovered (m): 372.13  
 Core recovery (%): 66.6  
 Total number of cores: 60  
 Total number of drilled intervals: 0

**Hole 1259B**

Latitude: 9°18.0485'N  
 Longitude: 54°11.9448'W  
 Time on hole: 42.58 (0300 hr, 13 Feb–2135 hr, 14 Feb 2003)  
 Seafloor (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2365.0  
 Distance between rig floor and sea level (m): 11.2  
 Water depth (drill pipe measurement from sea level, m): 2353.8  
 Total depth (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2921.2  
 Total penetration (meters below seafloor, mbsf): 556.2  
 Total length of cored section (m): 222.2  
 Total length of drilled intervals (m): 334.0  
 Total core recovered (m): 153.78  
 Core recovery (%): 69.2  
 Total number of cores: 25  
 Total number of drilled intervals: 2

**Hole 1259C**

Latitude: 9°18.0240'N  
 Longitude: 54°11.9694'W  
 Time on hole: 39.67 (2135 hr, 14 Feb–1315 hr, 16 Feb 2003)  
 Seafloor (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2367.0  
 Distance between rig floor and sea level (m): 11.2  
 Water depth (drill pipe measurement from sea level, m): 2355.8  
 Total depth (drill pipe measurement from rig floor, mbrf): 2920.7  
 Total penetration (meters below seafloor, mbsf): 553.7  
 Total length of cored section (m): 148.6  
 Total length of drilled intervals (m): 405.1  
 Total core recovered (m): 118.94  
 Core recovery (%): 80.0  
 Total number of cores: 19  
 Total number of drilled intervals: 3

Core	Date (Feb 2003)	Local time (hr)	Depth (mbsf)		Length (m)		Recovery (%)	Remarks
			Top	Bottom	Cored	Recovered		
207-1259A-								
1R	1	1850	0.0	8.8	8.8	3.40	38.6	
2R	1	1935	8.8	18.3	9.5	4.62	48.6	
3R	1	2005	18.3	27.3	9.0	7.59	84.3	
4R	1	2035	27.3	36.4	9.1	1.07	11.8	
5R	1	2105	36.4	45.5	9.1	4.97	54.6	
6R	1	2135	45.5	54.6	9.1	4.64	51.0	
7R	1	2205	54.6	63.8	9.2	7.45	81.0	
8R	1	2235	63.8	72.9	9.1	8.46	93.0	
9R	1	2305	72.9	82.6	9.7	9.48	97.7	
10R	1	2335	82.6	92.3	9.7	9.41	97.0	
11R	2	0005	92.3	102.0	9.7	7.70	79.4	
12R	2	0035	102.0	111.7	9.7	8.66	89.3	
13R	2	0105	111.7	121.3	9.6	8.59	89.5	
14R	2	0135	121.3	130.9	9.6	5.75	59.9	
15R	2	0205	130.9	140.6	9.7	5.50	56.7	
16R	2	0235	140.6	150.2	9.6	5.06	52.7	
17R	2	0310	150.2	159.8	9.6	2.70	28.1	
18R	2	0340	159.8	169.5	9.7	3.01	31.0	
19R	2	0410	169.5	179.2	9.7	3.58	36.9	

Table T1 (continued).

Core	Date (Feb 2003)	Local time (hr)	Depth (mbsf)		Length (m)		Recovery (%)	Remarks
			Top	Bottom	Cored	Recovered		
20R	2	0440	179.2	188.8	9.6	6.62	69.0	
21R	2	0510	188.8	198.5	9.7	4.85	50.0	
22R	2	0545	198.5	208.1	9.6	7.31	76.2	
23R	2	0615	208.1	217.8	9.7	6.38	65.8	
24R	2	0710	217.8	227.2	9.4	2.90	30.9	
25R	2	0745	227.2	236.9	9.7	4.64	47.8	
26R	2	0815	236.9	246.5	9.6	8.43	87.8	
27R	2	0845	246.5	256.2	9.7	9.11	93.9	
28R	2	1000	256.2	265.8	9.6	1.94	20.2	
29R	2	1035	265.8	275.5	9.7	8.42	86.8	
30R	2	1110	275.5	285.1	9.6	5.08	52.9	
31R	2	1150	285.1	294.7	9.6	2.75	28.7	
32R	2	1220	294.7	304.4	9.7	3.62	37.3	
33R	2	1250	304.4	314.0	9.6	9.17	95.5	
34R	2	1320	314.0	323.7	9.7	9.05	93.3	
35R	2	1355	323.7	333.3	9.6	9.98	104.0	
36R	2	1440	333.3	343.0	9.7	9.74	100.4	
37R	2	1515	343.0	352.6	9.6	9.74	101.5	
38R	2	1555	352.6	362.2	9.6	6.64	69.2	
39R	2	1645	362.2	371.8	9.6	6.41	66.8	
40R	2	1745	371.8	381.4	9.6	4.70	49.0	
41R	2	1855	381.4	391.1	9.7	0.41	4.2	
42R	2	2020	391.1	400.7	9.6	0.00	0.0	Dropped deplugger; no recovery
43R	2	2240	400.7	410.4	9.7	6.15	63.4	
44R	2	2350	410.4	420.0	9.6	9.30	96.9	
45R	3	0050	420.0	429.6	9.6	4.88	50.8	
46R	3	0150	429.6	439.2	9.6	6.88	71.7	
47R	3	0300	439.2	448.8	9.6	7.33	76.4	K/T boundary recovered
48R	3	0350	448.8	458.4	9.6	9.92	103.3	
49R	3	0445	458.4	468.0	9.6	8.71	90.7	
50R	3	0540	468.0	477.6	9.6	9.17	95.5	
51R	3	0705	477.6	487.3	9.7	10.06	103.7	
52R	3	0830	487.3	497.0	9.7	7.97	82.2	
53R	3	0945	497.0	506.6	9.6	4.72	49.2	
54R	3	1235	506.6	510.6	4.0	3.76	94.0	
55R	3	1345	510.6	515.8	5.2	3.38	65.0	
56R	3	1455	515.8	520.3	4.5	4.47	99.3	
57R	3	1620	520.3	529.9	9.6	9.04	94.2	
58R	3	1755	529.9	539.5	9.6	8.32	86.7	
59R	3	1930	539.5	549.1	9.6	7.14	74.4	
60R	3	2050	549.1	558.8	9.7	1.40	14.4	
Cored totals:					558.8	372.13	66.6	
207-1259B-								
1R	13	0855	0.0	9.6	9.6	0.67	7.0	
*****Drilled from 9.6 to 305.0 mbsf*****								
2R	13	1620	305.0	314.6	9.6	9.83	102.4	
3R	13	1655	314.6	324.2	9.6	0.00	0.0	No recovery
4R	13	1745	324.2	333.8	9.6	6.59	68.7	
5R	13	1835	333.8	343.4	9.6	9.91	103.2	
6R	13	1915	343.4	353.1	9.7	3.11	32.1	
7R	13	2000	353.1	362.7	9.6	9.68	100.8	
8R	13	2050	362.7	372.3	9.6	7.51	78.2	
9R	13	2145	372.3	381.9	9.6	0.42	4.4	
*****Drilled from 381.9 to 420.5 mbsf*****								
10R	14	0145	420.5	430.1	9.6	9.38	97.7	
11R	14	0225	430.1	439.7	9.6	3.30	34.4	
12R	14	0300	439.7	444.7	5.0	4.86	97.2	
13R	14	0345	444.7	454.3	9.6	9.85	102.6	K/T boundary recovered
14R	14	0435	454.3	461.9	7.6	7.26	95.5	
15R	14	0525	461.9	471.5	9.6	9.90	103.1	
16R	14	0615	471.5	476.5	5.0	4.03	80.6	
17R	14	0710	476.5	485.9	9.4	9.94	105.7	
18R	14	0845	485.9	495.5	9.6	9.73	101.4	
19R	14	0950	495.5	505.1	9.6	4.16	43.3	
20R	14	1110	505.1	514.8	9.7	2.02	20.8	
21R	14	1230	514.8	524.4	9.6	4.27	44.5	
22R	14	1340	524.4	534.0	9.6	9.35	97.4	
23R	14	1510	534.0	543.6	9.6	8.03	83.7	

Table T1 (continued).

Core	Date (Feb 2003)	Local time (hr)	Depth (mbsf)		Length (m)		Recovery (%)	Remarks
			Top	Bottom	Cored	Recovered		
24R	14	1705	543.6	553.2	9.6	7.17	74.7	
25R	14	1940	553.2	556.2	3.0	2.81	93.7	
			Cored totals:		222.2	153.78	69.2	
			Drilled total:		334.0			
			Total:		556.2			
207-1259C-								
			*****Drilled from 0.0 to 308.0 mbsf*****					
1R	15	0515	308.0	317.6	9.6	4.91	51.2	
2R	15	0555	317.6	327.2	9.6	8.93	93.0	
3R	15	0635	327.2	335.2	8.0	6.93	86.6	
4R	15	0720	335.2	344.8	9.6	8.38	87.3	
5R	15	0810	344.8	354.4	9.6	9.96	103.8	
6R	15	0855	354.4	364.0	9.6	9.12	95.0	
7R	15	0950	364.0	373.3	9.3	3.74	40.2	
			*****Drilled from 373.3 to 436.0 mbsf*****					
8R	15	1420	436.0	445.6	9.6	10.00	104.2	K/T boundary recovered
			*****Drilled from 445.6 to 480.0 mbsf*****					
9R	15	1825	480.0	485.0	5.0	0.00	0.0	No recovery
10R	15	1930	485.0	489.4	4.4	5.31	120.7	
11R	15	2020	489.4	495.4	6.0	6.64	110.7	
12R	15	2115	495.4	501.6	6.2	6.56	105.8	
13R	15	2205	501.6	508.6	7.0	4.39	62.7	
14R	15	2305	508.6	513.8	5.2	2.67	51.4	
15R	15	2350	513.8	518.3	4.5	2.96	65.8	
16R	16	0100	518.3	527.9	9.6	9.13	95.1	
17R	16	0215	527.9	537.5	9.6	7.77	80.9	
18R	16	0330	537.5	547.1	9.6	7.24	75.4	
19R	16	0610	547.1	553.7	6.6	4.30	65.2	
			Cored totals:		148.6	118.94	80.0	
			Drilled total:		405.1			
			Total:		553.7			

Note: K/T = Cretaceous/Tertiary.

**Table T2.** Lithostratigraphic units and subunits, Site 1259.

Unit/Subunit	Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Thickness (m)	Age	Lithology
	207-				
I	1259A-1R-1, 0, through 1259A-5R-2, 0	0.00–37.90	37.90	early Miocene and slumped Oligocene	Foraminifer nannofossil ooze
IIA	1259A-5R-2, 0, through 1259A-15R-1, 0	37.90–130.90	93.00	late Eocene, early Oligocene, and early Miocene	Foraminifer nannofossil chalk
IIB	1259A-15R-1, 0, through 1259A-31R-1, 0	130.90–285.10	154.20	middle–late Eocene	Siliceous (radiolarian) foraminifer nannofossil chalk
IIC	1259A-31R-1, 0, through 1259A-39R-5, 139	285.10–368.24	83.14	early–middle Eocene	Foraminifer nannofossil chalk
(P/E at base)	1259B-2R-1, 0, through 1259B-8R-4, 106	305.00–368.26	63.26		
	1259C-1R-1, 0, through 1259C-7R-2, 120	308.00–366.55	58.55		
IIIA	1259A-39R-5, 139, through 1259A-47R-3, 75	368.24–442.33	74.09	late Paleocene	Clayey nannofossil chalk
(K/T at base)	1259B-8R-4, 106, through 1259B-13R-1, 48	368.26–445.18	76.92		
	1259C-7R-2, 120, through 1259C-8R-5, 98	366.55–442.47	75.92		
IIIB	1259A-47R-3, 75, through 1259A-52R-5, 13	442.33–492.96	50.63	Campanian–Maastrichtian	Nannofossil chalk, calcareous siltstone, and glauconitic claystone
	1259B-13R-1, 48, through 1259B-18R-7, 53	445.18–494.52	49.34		
	1259C-8R-5, 98, through 1259C-11R-3, 50	442.47–492.43	49.96		
IV	1259A-52R-5, 13, through 1259A-60R-1, 0	492.96–549.10	56.14	Santonian, Coniacian, and Turonian	Calcareous claystone with organic matter
	1259B-18R-7, 53, through 1259B-24R-4, 42	494.52–548.52	54.08		
	1259C-11R-3, 50, through 1259C-19R-1, 0	492.43–547.10	53.29		
V	1259A-60R-1, 0, through 1259A-60R-1, 140	549.10–550.50	1.40	Age unknown	Quartz sandstone, silty claystone, and calcareous siltstone
	1259B-24R-4, 42, through 1259B-25R-CC, 9	548.52–556.01	7.49		
	1259C-19R-1, 0, through 1259C-19R-4, 86	547.10–551.40	4.30		

Note: P/E = Paleocene/Eocene boundary, K/T = Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary.



**Table T3.** Datum levels for calcareous nannofossils, Hole 1259A.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)		Depth (mcd)		Datum	Species	Zone	Age	Age (Ma)
	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom					
207-1259A-									
1R-CC, 12-17	0.00	3.35	0.00	3.35	Slump; no datums given		NP23 (= CP17)	early Oligocene	30.4-31.7
2R-CC, 12-17	3.35	13.37	3.35	13.37	Slump; no datums given		NP21	early Oligocene	32.9-33.8
3R-CC, 15-18	13.37	25.86	13.37	25.86	Slump; no datums given		NP23 (= CP17)	early Oligocene	30.4-31.7
4R-CC, 0-8	25.86	28.29	25.86	28.29	T	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus</i>	NN2	early Miocene	19.6
5R-CC, 5-13	41.29	50.06	41.29	50.06	B	<i>Sphenolithus belemnus</i>	NN2	early Miocene	18.9
6R-CC, 8-16	50.06	50.06	50.06	50.06	B	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>	NN2	early Miocene	23.2
8R-CC, 11-17	62.00	72.20	62.00	72.20	T acme	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus</i>	NN2	early Miocene	22.9
9R-CC, 18-23	82.33	91.95	82.33	91.95	B	<i>Sphenolithus disbelemnus</i>	NN1	early Miocene	23.5
10R-CC, 6-12	91.95	99.95	91.95	99.95	B	<i>Sphenolithus distentus</i>	NP23 (= CP18)	late Oligocene	30.4
14R-4, 27.5-27.5	126.07	126.07	126.07	126.07	Disconformity	Oligocene/Eocene boundary			33.7
14R-CC, 17-22	120.24	127.00	120.24	127.00	T	<i>Criboecium reticulatum</i>	NP20/19	late Eocene	33.9
16R-CC, 10-15	136.35	145.61	136.35	145.61	T	<i>Chiasmolithus grandis</i>	NP17	middle Eocene	37.1
20R-CC, 8-13	173.03	185.77	173.03	185.77	T	<i>Chiasmolithus solitus</i>	NP16	middle Eocene	40.4
24R-CC, 21-24	220.67	231.79	220.67	231.79	B	<i>Reticulofenestra umbilica</i>	NP16 (= CP13c)	middle Eocene	42.5
26R-CC, 14-19	231.79	245.28	231.79	245.28	T	<i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>	mid NP15 (= CP13b)	middle Eocene	44.0
29R-CC, 12-17	274.17	280.39	274.17	280.39	B	<i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>	mid NP15 (= CP13b)	middle Eocene	46.1
31R-CC, 15-19	280.39	287.81	280.39	287.81	T	<i>Discoaster sublodoensis</i>	NP14	middle Eocene	47.2
31R-CC, 15-19	287.81	298.12	287.81	298.12	B	<i>Discoaster sublodoensis</i>	NP14	middle Eocene	49.3
34R-CC, 0-5	313.52	323.00	313.37	322.85	T	<i>Tribachiatus orthostylus</i>	NP12	early Eocene	51.0
35R-CC, 21-26	323.00	334.70	323.21	334.91	X	<i>T. bramlettei/T. contortus</i>	NP10	early Eocene	53.7
39R-5, 139-139	368.24	368.24	369.42	369.42	X at PETM	<i>Z. bijugatus/fasciculiths</i>	NP9	Eocene/Paleocene	55.5
41R-CC, 9-13	381.77	406.80	382.94	407.97	B	<i>Discoaster multiradiatus</i>	NP9	late Paleocene	56.2
47R-3, 72-72	442.30	442.30	443.78	443.78	T at K/T	<i>Micula prinsii</i>	CC26	late Maastrichtian	65.0
49R-CC, 11-17	467.05	477.12	467.91	477.98	B	<i>Micula murus</i>	CC25	late Maastrichtian	66.2
51R-CC, 14-16	477.12	487.51	477.45	487.84	T	<i>Uniplanarius trifidum</i>	CC23	Campanian/Maastrichtian boundary	71.3
52R-6, 104-104	494.64	494.70	496.39	496.45	B	<i>Micula decussata</i>	CC13	early Coniacian	87.2
54R-CC, 10-15	510.31	513.82	512.06	515.57	B	<i>Marthasterites furcatus</i>	CC13	Cenomanian/Turonian boundary	89.3
56R-CC, 14-19	520.22	529.29	521.97	531.04	B	<i>Eiffelithus eximius</i>	CC12	Turonian	91.0
59R-1, 138-138	540.88	541.00	542.72	542.84	B	<i>Liliasterites angularis</i>		Turonian	93.2

Notes: T = top, B = bottom, X = crossover in abundance. K/T = Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary. PETM = Paleocene/Eocene Thermal Maximum.

Table T4. Distribution of planktonic foraminifers, Hole 1259A. (This table is available in an [oversized format](#).)

Table T5. Datum levels for planktonic foraminifers, Site 1259.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)		Datum	Species	Zone	Age	Age (Ma)
	Top	Bottom					
207-1259A-							
7R-3, 50-54	56.60	58.10	T	<i>Paragloborotalia kugleri</i>	M1b	early Miocene	21.5
9R-7, 50-54	82.00	82.33	B	<i>Globoquadrina dehiscens</i>	M1b	early Miocene	23.2
10R-5, 50-54	89.10	90.60	B	<i>Paragloborotalia kugleri</i>	M1a	early Miocene	23.8
11R-5, 50-54	98.80	99.95	B	<i>Globigerina angulosuturalis</i> *	P21a	early Oligocene	29.4
13R-4, 50-54	115.20	116.70	T	<i>Pseudohastigerina</i> spp.	P18	early Oligocene	32.0
14R-4, 50-54	124.80	126.30	T	<i>Hantkenina</i> spp.	P16	late Eocene	33.7
15R-2, 50-54	131.40	132.90	T	<i>Morozovella</i> and <i>Acarinina</i> spp.	P14	middle Eocene	
19R-3, 50-53	171.50	172.70	T	<i>Orbulinoides beckmanni</i>	P13	middle Eocene	40.1
20R-4, 50-53	184.20	185.60	B	<i>Orbulinoides beckmanni</i>	P13	middle Eocene	40.5
24R-1, 50-54	214.45	218.30	T	<i>Morozovella aragonensis</i>	P11	middle Eocene	43.6
27R-1, 50-54	247.00	248.50	B	<i>Globigerinatheka mexicana</i>	P11	middle Eocene	45.8
30R-CC, 9-12	280.39	285.60	B	<i>Guembelitroides nuttali</i>	P10	middle Eocene	49.0
33R-1, 50-54	304.90	306.40	B	<i>Planorotalites palmerae</i>	P9	early Eocene	50.4
33R-CC, 0-5	313.52	323.00	B	<i>Morozovella aragonensis</i> *	P8	early Eocene	52.3
38R-4, 49-52	356.12	357.59	T	<i>Morozovella velascoensis</i> group	P5	early Eocene	54.7
43R-CC, 13-18	381.77	406.80	T	<i>Globanomalina pseudomenardii</i>	P4	late Paleocene	55.9
45R-1, 50-54	420.50	422.00	B	<i>Globanomalina pseudomenardii</i>	P4	late Paleocene	59.2
45R-CC, 5-11	424.82	436.43	B	<i>Igorina albeari</i>	P3b	late Paleocene	60.0
46R-CC, 29-34	436.43	446.48	B	<i>Praemurica uncinata</i>	P2	early Paleocene	61.2
47R-CC, 38-43	436.43	446.48	T	<i>Abathomphalus mayaroensis</i>	KS31	Maastrichtian	65.0
48R-7, 50-54	458.30	458.67	B	<i>Abathomphalus mayaroensis</i>	KS31	Maastrichtian	68.6
49R-CC, 11-17	467.05	472.75	B	<i>Contusotruncana contusa</i>	KS30a	Maastrichtian	69.6
51R-CC, 14-16	487.51	490.37	B	<i>Globotruncana aegyptiaca</i>	KS29	late Campanian	73.8
207-1259B-							
4R-CC, 15-20	314.78	330.74	T	<i>Morozovella formosa</i> *	P7	early Eocene	50.8
4R-CC, 15-20	330.74	343.68	B	<i>Morozovella aragonensis</i> *			52.3
6R-CC, 10-16	343.68	346.45	T	<i>Morozovella velascoensis</i> group	P5	early Eocene	54.7
11R-3, 56-60	433.36	442.14	B	<i>Igorina albeari</i> *	P3b	late Paleocene	60.0
12R-4, 53-54	443.37	444.23	T	<i>Parvularugoglobigerina eugubina</i>	Pa	early Paleocene	63.7-64.9
13R-1, 24-25	444.94	454.51	B	<i>Parvularugoglobigerina eugubina</i>	Pa	early Paleocene	64.97
13R-CC, 13-17	444.94	454.51	T	<i>Abathomphalus mayaroensis</i>	KS31	Maastrichtian	65.0
14R-CC, 0-5	461.51	471.75	B	<i>Contusotruncana contusa</i>	KS30a	Maastrichtian	69.6
15R-CC, 17-22	471.75	475.48	B	<i>Gansserina gansseri</i>	KS30b	Maastrichtian-late Campanian	72.8
17R-CC, 21-25	486.40	495.59	B	<i>Globotruncana aegyptiaca</i>	KS29	late Campanian	73.8
207-1259C-							
1R-CC, 13-18	312.86	326.48	B	<i>Morozovella aragonensis</i>	P7	early Eocene	52.3
6R-CC, 10-13	354.74	363.49	T	<i>Morozovella velascoensis</i> group	P5	early Eocene	54.7
8R-7, 66-68	439.20	445.15	T	<i>Abathomphalus mayaroensis</i>	KS31	Maastrichtian	65.0

Notes: Top and bottom depth values refer to the range of possible depth in the core within which the datum is believed to fall. T = top, B = bottom. \* = datums that probably reflect incomplete ranges of the foraminiferal marker species.

**Table T6.** Datum levels for radiolarians, Hole 1259A.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Datum	Species	Zone	Age	Age (Ma)
	(mbsf)	(mcd)					
207-1259A-							
8R-CC, 11-17	72.20	72.20	LO	<i>Calocyclus serrata</i>	RN1	early Miocene	~20.5
9R-CC, 18-23	82.33	82.33	B	<i>Cyrtocapsella tetrapera</i>	RN1	early Miocene	23.6
16R-CC, 10-15	145.61	145.61	LO	<i>Spongatractus pachystylus</i>	RP16	middle Eocene	~37.7
18R-CC, 15-20	162.76	162.76	B	<i>Podocyrtis goetheana</i>	RP16	middle Eocene	~38.8
20R-CC, 8-13	185.77	185.77	EVOL	<i>Podocyrtis chalara</i>	RP15	middle Eocene	~39.5
21R-CC, 14-20	193.59	193.59	FO	<i>Sethochytris triconiscus</i>	Upper RP14	middle Eocene	40.0-42.0
22R-CC, 2-8	205.70	205.70	LO	<i>Podocyrtis fasciolata</i>	Lower RP14	middle Eocene	40.0-42.0
22R-CC, 2-8	205.70	205.70	FO	<i>Podocyrtis trachodes</i>	Top RP13	middle Eocene	~43.0
24R-CC, 21-24	220.67	220.67	EVOL	<i>Eusyringium fistuligerum</i>	Upper RP13	middle Eocene	43.0-44.0
25R-CC, 16-21	231.79	231.79	FO	<i>Eusyringium fistuligerum</i>	Top RP13	middle Eocene	~44.5
29R-CC, 12-17	274.17	274.17	EVOL	<i>Thyrsocyrtis triacantha</i>	RP12	middle Eocene	~47.5
30R-CC, 9-12	280.39	280.39	FO	<i>Dictyoprora mongolfieri</i>	RP11	middle Eocene	~48.5

Note: LO = last occurrence, B = bottom, FO = first occurrence, EVOL = evolutionary transition between species.

Table T7. Datum levels, ages, and preservation of samples for calcareous nannofossils, Site 1259.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Zone	Age	Preservation	Group abundance	Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Zone	Age	Preservation	Group abundance
207-1259A-						55R-CC, 0-3	513.82	CC12	Turonian		
1R-CC, 12-17	3.35	NP23	early Oligocene	G	C	56R-CC, 14-19	520.22	CC12	Turonian	G	F
2R-CC, 12-17	13.37	NP21	early Oligocene	G	C	57R-CC, 10-15	529.29	CC11	Turonian	P	R
3R-CC, 15-18	25.86	NP23	early Oligocene	G	C	58R-CC, 11-16	538.17	CC11	Turonian		
4R-CC, 0-8	28.29	NN2	early Miocene	G	C	59R-4, 130-131	545.13				
5R-CC, 5-13	41.29	NN2	early Miocene	G	C	59R-CC, 12-17	546.54				
6R-CC, 8-16	50.06	NN2	early Miocene	G	C	60R-1, 9-13	549.19				
7R-CC, 13-18	62.00	NN2	early Miocene	G	C	207-1259B-					
8R-CC, 11-17	72.20	NN2	early Miocene	G	C	1R-CC, 19-23	0.63	NP24	late Oligocene	G	C
9R-CC, 18-23	82.33	NN1	early Miocene			2R-CC, 16-21	314.78	NP13	early Eocene	G	R
10R-CC, 6-12	91.95	NP23	early Oligocene			4R-CC, 15-20	330.74	NP10	early Eocene	G	C
11R-CC, 21-26	99.95	NP23	early Oligocene	G	C	5R-CC, 15-18	343.68	NP9	early Eocene	G	C
12R-CC, 7-14	110.59	NP23	early Oligocene	G	C	6R-CC, 10-16	346.45	NP9	early Eocene	G	C
13R-CC, 9-14	120.24	NP23	early Oligocene	G	C	7R-CC, 0-4	362.57	NP9	early Eocene	G	C
14R-CC, 17-22	127.00	NP20/19	late Eocene	G	C	8R-CC, 8-13	370.16	NP9	late Paleocene	G	C
15R-CC, 13-18	136.35	NP17	middle Eocene	G	C	9R-1, 40-42	372.70	NP9	late Paleocene	G	C
16R-CC, 10-15	145.61	NP17	middle Eocene	G	C	10R-CC, 6-12	429.82	NP5	late Paleocene	M	C
17R-CC, 16-21	152.85	NP17	middle Eocene	G	C	11R-3, 56-60	433.36	NP3	early Paleocene	P	F
18R-CC, 15-20	162.76	NP17	middle Eocene	G	C	12R-CC, 17-21	444.52	NP1	early Paleocene	P	F
19R-CC, 11-16	173.03	NP17	middle Eocene	G	C	13R-CC, 13-17	454.51	CC26	Maastrichtian	G	C
20R-CC, 8-13	185.77	NP16	middle Eocene	G	C	14R-CC, 0-5	461.51	CC25	Maastrichtian	M	F
21R-CC, 14-20	193.59	NP16	middle Eocene	P	F	15R-CC, 17-22	471.75				
22R-CC, 2-8	205.70	NP16	middle Eocene	G	C	16R-3, 98-103	475.48	CC24	Maastrichtian	P	R
23R-CC, 10-13	214.45	NP16	middle Eocene	G	C	17R-CC, 21-25	486.40	CC23	Campanian	P	R
24R-CC, 21-24	220.67	NP16	middle Eocene	G	C	18R-CC, 10-14	495.59	CC18	Campanian	G	R
25R-CC, 16-21	231.79	NP15	middle Eocene	G	C	19R-3, 91-92	499.41				
26R-CC, 14-19	245.28	NP15	middle Eocene	G	C	19R-CC, 19-24	499.61	CC15	Santonian	P	R
27R-CC, 7-10	255.58	NP15	middle Eocene	G	C	20R-CC, 14-16	507.10	CC12	Turonian	M	F
28R-CC, 18-23	258.09	NP15	middle Eocene	G	C	21R-CC, 34-40	519.01	CC11	Turonian		B
29R-CC, 12-17	274.17	NP15	middle Eocene	G	C	22R-CC, 16-21	533.70	CC11	Turonian		B
30R-CC, 9-12	280.39	NP14	middle Eocene	G	C	23R-CC, 0-5	541.98	CC11	Turonian		B
31R-CC, 15-19	287.81	NP14	middle Eocene	G	C	24R-CC, 0-5	550.72				B
32R-CC, 0-5	298.12	NP13	early Eocene	M	F	25R-CC, 4-7	555.96				B
33R-CC, 0-5	313.52	NP13	early Eocene	M	F	207-1259C-					
34R-CC, 0-5	323.00	NP12	early Eocene	G	C	1R-CC, 13-18	312.86	NP12	early Eocene	G	C
35R-CC, 21-26	333.63	NP10	early Eocene	G	C	2R-CC, 9-14	326.48	NP11	early Eocene	G	C
36R-1, 140-150	334.70				3R-CC, 15-20	334.08	NP10	early Eocene	G	C	
36R-CC, 0-5	342.99	NP9	early Eocene		4R-CC, 0-5	343.53	NP9	early Eocene	G	C	
37R-CC, 12-18	352.68	NP9	early Eocene		5R-CC, 21-23	354.74	NP9	early Eocene	G	C	
38R-CC, 0-5	359.19	NP9	early Eocene		6R-CC, 10-13	363.49	NP9	early Eocene	G	C	
39R-5, 148-150	368.33	NP9	late Paleocene		7R-CC, 8-10	367.72	NP9	late Paleocene	G	C	
39R-CC, 21-26	368.56	NP9	late Paleocene		8R-CC, 16-21	445.95	CC25	Maastrichtian	G	C	
40R-CC, 10-15	376.45	NP9	late Paleocene	M	10R-CC, 0-5	490.26					
41R-CC, 9-13	381.77	NP9	late Paleocene	G	11R-5, 106-111	495.99	CC13	Coniacian			
43R-CC, 13-18	406.80	NP7	late Paleocene	G	12R-CC, 21-26	501.91	CC13	Coniacian			
44R-CC, 13-18	419.65	NP7	late Paleocene	G	13R-CC, 0-5	505.75	CC12	Turonian			
45R-CC, 5-11	424.82				14R-CC, 18-23	511.22	CC12	Turonian			
46R-CC, 29-34	436.43	NP3	early Paleocene	P	15R-2, 141-146	516.71					
47R-CC, 38-43	446.48	CC26	Maastrichtian	M	16R-CC, 5-10	527.38	CC11	Turonian	M	F	
48R-CC, 18-23	458.67	CC26	Maastrichtian	M	17R-CC, 26-31	535.62	CC11	Turonian	M	F	
49R-CC, 11-17	467.05	CC25	Maastrichtian	M	18R-CC, 0-5	544.54	CC11	Turonian	G	F	
50R-CC, 7-12	477.12	CC25	Maastrichtian	M							
51R-CC, 14-16	487.51	CC23	Campanian	P							
52R-CC, 23-26	495.24	CC13	Coniacian	P							
53R-CC, 20-22	501.70	CC13	Coniacian	P							
54R-CC, 10-15	510.31	CC13	Coniacian	G							

Notes: Preservation: G = good, M = moderate, P = poor.  
Abundance: C = common, F = few, R = rare, B = barren.







Table T9. Distribution of planktonic foraminifers, Hole 1259C. (Continued on next page.)

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Zone	Age	Preservation	Group abundance	<i>Heterohelix globulosa</i>	<i>Whiteinella bosquensis</i>	<i>Hedbergella delrioensis</i>	<i>Whiteinella baltica</i>	<i>Whiteinella archaeocretacea</i>	<i>Whiteinella inornata</i>	<i>Dicarinella</i> sp. 1	<i>Archeoglobigerina cretacea</i>	<i>Contusotruncana formicata</i>	<i>Abathomphalus mayaroensis</i>	<i>Contusotruncana contusa</i>	<i>Gansserina gansseri</i>	<i>Globotruncanites stuarti</i>	<i>Pseudotextularia elegans</i>	<i>Rugoglobigerina rugosa</i>	<i>Globigerinelloides prairiense</i>	<i>Globotruncana aegyptiaca</i>	<i>Pseudoguembelina excolata</i>	<i>Rugoglobigerina rotundata</i>	<i>Rugoglobigerina scotti</i>	<i>Parasubbotina pseudobulloides</i>	<i>Praemurica inconstans</i>	<i>Praemurica taurica</i>	<i>Globanomalina compressa</i>	<i>Praemurica pseudoinconstans</i>	<i>Subbotina trilobuloides</i>	<i>Acarininasibaiyaensis</i>	<i>Acarinina africana</i>	<i>Acarinina soldadoensis</i>	<i>Morozovella allisonensis</i>	<i>Parasubbotina varianta</i>	<i>Subbotina patagonica</i>	<i>Acarinina coalingensis</i>	<i>Chiloguembelina wilcoxensis</i>	<i>Morozovella aequa</i>												
207-1259C-																																																				
1R-CC, 13-18	312.86	P7	early Eocene	P	C																																															
2R-CC, 9-14	326.48	P6	early Eocene	P	A																																															
3R-CC, 15-20	334.08	P6	early Eocene	P	A																																															
4R-CC, 0-5	343.53	P6	early Eocene	P	C																																															
5R-CC, 21-23	354.74	P6	early Eocene	M	C																																															
6R-CC, 10-13	363.49	P5	early Eocene	M	A																																															
7R-2, 0-2	365.35	P5	early Eocene	P	F																																															
7R-2, 70-72	366.05	P5	early Eocene	M	A																																															
7R-2, 100-102	366.35			B	B																																															
7R-2, 108-110	366.43			B	B																																															
7R-2, 115-117	366.50			B	B																																															
7R-CC, 8-10	367.72			B	B																																															
8R-1, 89-91	436.89	P1c	late Paleocene	P	A																																															
8R-3, 20-22	439.20	P1c	late Paleocene	P	A																																															
8R-7, 66-68	445.15	KS31	Maastrichtian	P	A										X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																											
8R-CC, 16-21	445.95	KS31	Maastrichtian	P	A										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X																												
10R-CC, 0-5	490.26			B	B																																															
11R-5, 106-111	495.99	Not defined	Santonian	M	C	X						X	X	X																																						
12R-CC, 21-26	501.91	Not defined	No age assignment	P	C	X																																														
13R-CC, 0-5	505.75	Not defined	No age assignment	P	R	X			X																																											
14R-CC, 18-23	511.22			B	B																																															
15R-2, 141-146	516.71	Not defined	Turonian	G	C	X	X	X		X	X																																									
16R-CC, 5-10	527.38	Not defined	Turonian	G	C	X	X	X																																												
17R-CC, 26-31	535.62	Not defined	No age assignment	P	R	X																																														
18R-CC, 0-5	544.54			B	B																																															

Notes: Preservation: G = good, M = moderate, P = poor, B = barren. Abundance: A = abundant, C = common, F = few, R = rare, B = barren. Time constraints in shipboard observation of samples prevented the scientific party from recording all species observed in some samples between biostratigraphic datums. Hence, gaps in the ranges of some species should not be assumed to represent genuine absence of the species.

Table T9 (continued).

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Zone	Age	Preservation	Group abundance	<i>Morozovella subbotinae</i>	<i>Acarinina wilcoxensis</i>	<i>Igorina broedermanni</i>	<i>Morozovella velascoensis</i>	<i>Acarinina quetra</i>	<i>Morozovella gracilis</i>	<i>Morozovella marginodentata</i>	<i>Morozovella lensiformis</i>	<i>Subbotina triangularis</i>	<i>Morozovella aragonensis</i>	<i>Morozovella formosa</i>
207-1259C-																
1R-CC, 13–18	312.86	P7	early Eocene	P	C		X		X						X	X
2R-CC, 9–14	326.48	P6	early Eocene	P	A	X			X	X	X	X	X			
3R-CC, 15–20	334.08	P6	early Eocene	P	A	X			X	X	X					
4R-CC, 0–5	343.53	P6	early Eocene	P	C	X			X							
5R-CC, 21–23	354.74	P6	early Eocene	M	C	X	X		X							
6R-CC, 10–13	363.49	P5	early Eocene	M	A	X	X	X	X							
7R-2, 0–2	365.35	P5	early Eocene	P	F	X										
7R-2, 70–72	366.05	P5	early Eocene	M	A											
7R-2, 100–102	366.35			B	B											
7R-2, 108–110	366.43			B	B											
7R-2, 115–117	366.50			B	B											
7R-CC, 8–10	367.72			B	B											
8R-1, 89–91	436.89	P1c	late Paleocene	P	A											
8R-3, 20–22	439.20	P1c	late Paleocene	P	A											
8R-7, 66–68	445.15	KS31	Maastrichtian	P	A											
8R-CC, 16–21	445.95	KS31	Maastrichtian	P	A											
10R-CC, 0–5	490.26			B	B											
11R-5, 106–111	495.99	Not defined	Santonian	M	C											
12R-CC, 21–26	501.91	Not defined	No age assignment	P	C											
13R-CC, 0–5	505.75	Not defined	No age assignment	P	R											
14R-CC, 18–23	511.22			B	B											
15R-2, 141–146	516.71	Not defined	Turonian	G	C											
16R-CC, 5–10	527.38	Not defined	Turonian	G	C											
17R-CC, 26–31	535.62	Not defined	No age assignment	P	R											
18R-CC, 0–5	544.54			B	B											









**Table T11.** Composite depths, Site 1259.

Core	Depth (mbsf)	Offset (m)	Depth (mcd)	Depth shifted
207-1259A-				
1R	0.0	0.00	0.00	N
2R	8.8	0.00	8.80	N
3R	18.3	0.00	18.30	N
4R	27.3	0.00	27.30	N
5R	36.4	0.00	36.40	N
6R	45.5	0.00	45.50	N
7R	54.6	0.00	54.60	N
8R	63.8	0.00	63.80	N
9R	72.9	0.00	72.90	N
10R	82.6	0.00	82.60	N
11R	92.3	0.00	92.30	N
12R	102.0	0.00	102.00	N
13R	111.7	0.00	111.70	N
14R	121.3	0.00	121.30	N
15R	130.9	0.00	130.90	N
16R	140.6	0.00	140.60	N
17R	150.2	0.00	150.20	N
18R	159.8	0.00	159.80	N
19R	169.5	0.00	169.50	N
20R	179.2	0.00	179.20	N
21R	188.8	0.00	188.80	N
22R	198.5	0.00	198.50	N
23R	208.1	0.00	208.10	N
24R	217.8	0.00	217.80	N
25R	227.2	0.00	227.20	N
26R	236.9	0.00	236.90	N
27R	246.5	0.00	246.50	N
28R	256.2	0.00	256.20	N
29R	265.8	0.00	265.80	N
30R	275.5	0.00	275.50	N
31R	285.1	0.00	285.10	N
32R	294.7	0.00	294.70	N
33R	304.4	0.00	304.40	N
34R	314.0	-0.15	313.85	Y
35R	323.7	0.21	323.91	Y
36R	333.3	0.60	333.90	Y
37R	343.0	0.68	343.68	Y
38R	352.6	0.83	353.43	Y
39R	362.2	1.18	363.38	Y
40R	371.8	-0.85	370.95	Y
41R	381.4	1.17	382.57	N
42R	391.1	1.17	392.27	N
43R	400.7	1.17	401.87	N
44R	410.4	1.17	411.57	N
45R	420.0	1.48	421.48	Y
46R	429.6	1.48	431.08	N
47R	439.2	1.48	440.68	N
48R	448.8	0.01	448.81	Y
49R	458.4	0.86	459.26	Y
50R	468.0	0.53	468.53	Y
51R	477.6	0.33	477.93	Y
52R	487.3	1.75	489.05	Y
53R	497.0	1.75	498.75	N
54R	506.6	1.75	508.35	N

Core	Depth (mbsf)	Offset (m)	Depth (mcd)	Depth shifted
55R	510.6	1.75	512.35	N
56R	515.8	1.75	517.55	N
57R	520.3	1.75	522.05	N
58R	529.9	1.43	531.33	Y
59R	539.5	1.84	541.34	Y
60R	549.1	1.00	550.10	Y
207-1259B-				
1R	0.0	0.00	0.00	N
2R	305.0	-0.60	304.40	Y
3R	314.6	-0.60	314.00	Y
4R	324.2	-9.50	314.70	Y
5R	333.8	1.45	335.25	Y
6R	343.4	3.13	346.53	Y
7R	353.1	1.73	354.83	Y
8R	362.7	1.83	364.53	Y
9R	372.3	1.83	374.13	N
10R	420.5	-1.79	418.71	Y
11R	430.1	-0.68	429.42	Y
12R	439.7	-1.45	438.25	Y
13R	444.7	-1.45	443.25	Y
14R	454.3	-1.24	453.06	Y
15R	461.9	-1.54	460.36	Y
16R	471.5	-0.29	471.21	Y
17R	476.5	-0.94	475.56	Y
18R	485.9	-0.05	485.85	Y
19R	495.5	1.00	496.50	Y
20R	505.1	3.68	508.78	Y
21R	514.8	1.47	516.27	Y
22R	524.4	0.43	524.83	Y
23R	534.0	0.48	534.48	Y
24R	543.6	0.89	544.49	Y
25R	553.2	1.09	554.29	N
207-1259C-				
1R	308.0	2.65	310.65	Y
2R	317.6	3.81	321.41	Y
3R	327.2	3.57	330.77	Y
4R	335.2	3.38	338.58	Y
5R	344.8	2.53	347.33	Y
6R	354.4	3.76	358.16	Y
7R	364.0	3.49	367.49	Y
8R	436.0	1.25	437.25	Y
9R	480.0	1.25	481.25	Y
10R	485.0	1.43	486.43	Y
11R	489.4	2.24	491.64	Y
12R	495.4	4.25	499.65	Y
13R	501.6	4.66	506.26	Y
14R	508.6	4.22	512.82	N
15R	513.8	4.82	518.62	Y
16R	518.3	3.53	521.83	Y
17R	527.9	3.12	531.02	Y
18R	537.5	4.33	541.83	Y
19R	547.1	2.35	549.45	Y

Note: N = no, Y = yes.

Table T12. Splice tie points, Site 1259.

Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth			Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth	
	(mbsf)	(mcd)			(mbsf)	(mcd)
207-				207-		
1259A-33R-6, 80	312.70	312.70	Tie to	1259C-1R-2, 53	310.05	312.70
1259C-1R-3, 90	311.90	314.55	Tie to	1259A-34R-1, 70	314.70	314.55
1259A-34R-6, 115	322.67	322.52	Tie to	1259C-2R-1, 109.5	318.71	322.52
1259C-2R-2, 132.5	320.43	324.24	Tie to	1259A-35R-1, 32.5	324.03	324.24
1259A-35R-6, 105	332.21	332.42	Tie to	1259C-3R-2, 15	328.85	332.42
1259C-3R-3, 95	331.15	334.72	Tie to	1259A-36R-1, 81	334.12	334.72
1259A-36R-6, 45	341.25	341.85	Tie to	1259C-4R-3, 26	338.47	341.85
1259C-4R-5, 5	341.25	344.63	Tie to	1259A-37R-1, 95	343.95	344.63
1259A-37R-7, 25	352.25	352.93	Tie to	1259C-5R-4, 110	350.40	352.93
1259C-5R-7, 32.5	354.13	356.66	Tie to	1259B-7R-2, 32	354.93	356.66
1259B-7R-5, 7.5	359.18	360.91	Tie to	1259C-6R-2, 125	357.15	360.91
1259C-6R-6, 110	363.00	366.76	Tie to	1259B-8R-2, 72	364.93	366.76
1259B-8R-5, 107.5	369.78	371.61	Tie to	1259A-40R-1, 64.5	372.46	371.61
1259A-40R-4, 50	376.30	375.45				
207-				207-		
1259A-47R-4, 122.5	444.31	445.79	Tie to	1259B-13R-2, 103.5	447.24	445.79
1259B-13R-5, 125	451.95	450.50	Tie to	1259A-48R-2, 18.5	450.49	450.50
1259A-48R-6, 130	457.60	457.61	Tie to	1259B-14R-4, 5	458.85	457.61
1259B-14R-5, 80	461.10	459.86	Tie to	1259A-49R-1, 60	459.00	459.86
1259A-49R-6, 22.5	465.88	466.74	Tie to	1259B-15R-5, 37.5	468.28	466.74
1259B-15R-6, 112.5	470.53	468.99	Tie to	1259A-50R-1, 44.5	468.46	468.99
1259A-50R-7, 37.5	476.41	476.94	Tie to	1259B-17R-1, 137.5	477.88	476.94
1259B-17R-2, 120	479.20	478.26	Tie to	1259A-51R-1, 32	477.93	478.26
1259A-51R-6, 122.5	486.30	486.63	Tie to	1259B-18R-1, 77.5	486.68	486.63
1259B-18R-5, 130	493.20	493.15	Tie to	1259C-11R-1, 151	490.91	493.15
1259C-11R-5, 60	495.53	497.77	Tie to	1259B-19R-1, 126	496.77	497.77
1259B-19R-3, 40	498.90	499.90	Tie to	1259C-12R-1, 25	495.65	499.90
1259C-12R-CC, 17.5	501.88	506.13				
207-				207-		
1259A-56R-3, 140	520.01	521.76	Append to	1259A-57R-1, 0	520.30	522.05
1259A-57R-5, 125	527.55	529.30	Tie to	1259B-22R-3, 147	528.87	529.30
1259B-22R-5, 97.5	531.38	531.81	Tie to	1259A-58R-1, 47.5	530.38	531.81
1259A-58R-7, 65	537.78	539.21	Tie to	1259B-23R-4, 22	538.73	539.21
1259B-23R-6, 27.5	541.42	541.90	Tie to	1259A-59R-1, 54.5	540.06	541.90
1259A-59R-5, 95	546.09	547.93	Tie to	1259B-24R-3, 43.5	547.04	547.93
1259B-24R-4, 72.5	548.83	549.72	Tie to	1259C-19R-1, 26	547.37	549.72
1259C-19R-4, 80	551.34	553.69				

**Table T13.** Calcareous nannofossil and planktonic foraminiferal datums used in the preliminary age-depth model, Hole 1259A.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)		Foraminifer age (Ma)		Foraminifer zone	Nannofossil age (Ma)		Nannofossil zone	Epoch
	Base		Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum		
207-1259A-									
4R-CC, 0-8	28.29					19.6	19.6	NN2	early Miocene
5R-CC, 5-13	50.06					18.9	18.9	NN2	early Miocene
6R-CC, 8-16	50.06					23.2	23.2	NN2	early Miocene
7R-3, 50-54	58.10		21.5	21.5	M1b				early Miocene
8R-CC, 11-17	72.20					22.9	22.9	NN2	early Miocene
9R-7, 50-54	82.33		23.2	23.2	M1b				early Miocene
9R-CC, 18-23	91.95					23.5	23.5	NN1	early Miocene
10R-5, 50-54	90.60		23.8	23.8	M1a				early Miocene
10R-CC, 6-12	99.95					30.4	30.4	NP23	late Oligocene
11R-5, 50-54	99.95		29.4	29.4	P21a				early Oligocene
13R-4, 50-54	116.70		32.0	32.0	P18				early Oligocene
14R-4, 50-54	126.30		33.7	33.7	P16				late Eocene
14R-CC, 17-22	127.00					33.9	33.9	NP20	late Eocene
15R-2, 50-54	132.90				P14				middle Eocene
16R-CC, 10-15	145.61					37.1	37.1	NP19	middle Eocene
19R-3, 50-53	172.70		40.1	40.1	P13				middle Eocene
20R-4, 50-53	185.60		40.5	40.5	P13				middle Eocene
20R-CC, 8-13	185.77					40.4	40.4	NP16	middle Eocene
24R-1, 50-54	218.30		43.6	43.6	P11				middle Eocene
24R-CC, 21-24	231.79					42.5	42.5	NP16	middle Eocene
24R-CC, 14-19	245.28					44	44	NP15	middle Eocene
27R-1, 50-54	248.50		45.8	45.8	P11				middle Eocene
30R-CC, 9-12	285.60		49.0	49.0	P10				middle Eocene
30R-CC, 15-19	287.81					47.2	47.2	NP14	middle Eocene
31R-CC, 15-19	298.12					49.3	49.3	NP14	middle Eocene
33R-1, 50-54	306.40		50.4	50.4	P9				early Eocene
34R-CC, 0-5	323.00		52.3	52.3	P8				early Eocene
34R-CC, 0-5	323.00					51	51	NP12	early Eocene
35R-CC, 21-26	334.70					53.7	53.7	NP10	early Eocene
36R-CC, 0-5	352.68					53.9	53.9	NP9	early Eocene
38R-4, 49-52	357.59		54.7	54.7	P5				early Eocene
43R-CC, 13-18	406.80		55.9	55.9	P4				late Paleocene
43R-CC, 13-18	406.80					56.2	56.2	NP9	late Paleocene
45R-1, 50-54	422.00		59.2	59.2	P4				late Paleocene
45R-CC, 5-11	436.43		60.0	60.0	P3b				late Paleocene
46R-CC, 29-34	446.48		61.2	61.2	P2				early Paleocene
47R-CC, 38-43	446.48		65.0	65.0	KS31				Maastrichtian
47R-CC, 38-43	448.80					65	65	CC26	late Maastrichtian
48R-7, 50-54	458.67		68.6	68.6	KS31				Maastrichtian
49R-CC, 11-17	472.75		69.6	69.6	KS30a				Maastrichtian
49R-CC, 11-17	477.12					66.2	66.2	CC25	late Maastrichtian
51R-CC, 14-16	490.37		73.8	73.8	KS29				late Campanian
51R-CC, 14-16	487.37		68.6	72.8	KS29-30				Campanian-Maastrichtian
51R-CC, 14-16	487.51					71.3	71.3	CC23	Campanian-Maastrichtian
52R-CC, 23-26	495.01		85.4	89.5	KS23				Coniacian
52R-3, 3-3	489.91					75.3	76	CC22	late Campanian
52R-4, 115-115	492.47					75.3	76	CC22	late Campanian
52R-5, 5-5	492.88					80	83.4	CC18	early Campanian
52R-6, 7-7	493.67					80	83.4	CC18	early Campanian
52R-6, 47-47	494.07					80	83.4	CC18	early Campanian
52R-6, 60-60	494.20					80	84	NA	Santonian-early Campanian
52R-6, 103-103	494.63					83.5	87.2	NA	late Coniacian-Santonian
52R-6, 115-115	494.80					87.2	89	NA	early Coniacian
53R-CC, 20-22	501.70		85.4	89.5	KS23				Coniacian
54R-CC, 10-15	510.31		89.0	93.5	NA				Turonian
55R-CC, 0-3	513.82		89.0	93.5	NA				Turonian
56R-CC, 14-19	520.22		89.0	93.5	NA				Turonian
57R-CC, 10-15	529.29		89.0	93.5	NA				Turonian
58R-CC, 11-16	538.17		89.0	93.5	NA				Turonian

Notes: Both minimal and maximal assigned ages (Ma) are given for each sample analyzed. NA = not applicable.



**Table T14.** Magnetostratigraphic datums used in the preliminary age-depth model, Hole 1259A.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Age (Ma)	Polarity chron	Epoch
207-1259A-				
21R-2, 105	191.35	41.25	C18r (base)	middle Eocene
22R-1, 50	199.00	41.52	C19n (base)	middle Eocene
35R-5, 13	329.79	52.66	C24n (base)	early Eocene
45R-2, 52	422.02	57.91	C26n (base)	late Paleocene
48R-3, 109	452.89	68.73	C31n (base)	Maastrichtian
51R-1, 10	477.70	71.07	C31r (base)	Maastrichtian
51R-6, 23	485.30	71.34	C32n (base)	late Campanian
53R-1, 59	497.59	73.40	C32r (base)	late Campanian

**Table T15.** Linear sedimentation rates and mass accumulation rates, Hole 1259A.

Epoch	Core, section, interval (cm)	Top		Bottom		Thickness (m)	Duration (m.y.)	LSR		DBD (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	MAR (g/cm <sup>2</sup> /k.y.)
		Depth (mbsf)	Age (Ma)	Depth (mbsf)	Age (Ma)			(m/m.y.)	(m/m.y.)		
	207-1259A-										
early Miocene	4R-CC, 0 to 10R-5, 54	28.29	19.6	89.14	23.8	60.85	4.2	13	1.3	1.14	1.1
early Oligocene–late Eocene	10R-CC, 6 to 14R-CC, 22	99.95	30.4	126.55	33.7	26.60	3.3	6	0.6	0.59	0.6
middle Eocene–early Paleocene	15R-2, 50 to 46R-CC, 34	132.90	37.1	436.48	61.2	303.58	24.1	12	1.2	1.41	1.4
early Paleocene–late Campanian	47R-CC, 38 to 52R-4, 115	446.48	65	492.47	75.3	45.99	10.3	4.5	0.45	0.79	0.8
early Campanian–early Coniacian	52R-5, 5 to 52R-6, 115	492.88	83.4	494.75	89	1.87	5.6	0.4	0.04	—	—
Coniacian–Turonian	53R-CC, 20 to 58R-CC, 16	501.70	85.4	538.22	93.5	36.52	8.1	5	0.5	—	—

Notes: Averaged dry bulk densities (DBD) of major lithologies per studied interval were used (see “Physical Properties,” p. 33) to calculate mass accumulation rate (MAR) values. LSR = linear sedimentation rate. — = not assigned.

**Table T16.** Total carbon, inorganic carbon, carbonate, total organic carbon, and total nitrogen concentrations and carbon/nitrogen ratios, Site 1259. (See table notes. Continued on next two pages.)

Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	TC (wt%)	IC (wt%)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	TOC (wt%)	N (wt%)	C/N (atomic)
207-							
Unit I (foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze):							
1259A-1R-1, 90-91	0.90	10.04	9.74	81.16	0.30		
1259A-1R-3, 40-41	3.00		10.03	83.57			
1259A-2R-2, 90-91	11.20		9.77	81.39			
1259A-2R-3, 40-41	12.20	9.94	9.98	83.11	0.00		
1259A-3R-1, 39-40	18.69		10.04	83.60			
1259A-3R-3, 40-41	21.70	9.46	9.35	77.89	0.11		
1259A-3R-5, 40-41	24.70		9.04	75.29			
1259A-5R-1, 39-40	36.79		9.98	83.16			
Unit II (foraminifer-bearing nannofossil chalk):							
1259A-5R-2, 39-40	38.29		9.53	79.38			
1259A-5R-4, 40-41	41.00	10.15	9.97	83.07	0.18		
1259A-6R-1, 31-32	45.81		10.27	85.57			
1259A-6R-3, 30-31	48.80	9.88	9.67	80.55	0.21		
1259A-7R-1, 40-41	55.00		9.74	81.17			
1259A-7R-3, 39-40	57.99	9.08	8.85	73.69	0.23		
1259A-7R-5, 39-40	60.99		9.74	81.15			
1259A-8R-1, 40-41	64.20		9.01	75.01			
1259A-8R-3, 40-41	67.20	9.37	9.20	76.67	0.17		
1259A-8R-5, 20-21	70.00		9.29	77.41			
1259A-9R-1, 18-19	73.08		8.95	74.59			
1259A-9R-3, 123-124	77.13	8.66	8.43	70.23	0.23		
1259A-9R-5, 108-109	79.98		8.61	71.73			
1259A-9R-7, 43-44	81.93		8.48	70.61			
1259A-10R-2, 96-97	85.06		8.80	73.27			
1259A-10R-4, 47-48	87.57	9.27	9.06	75.48	0.21		
1259A-10R-6, 53-54	90.63		9.45	78.69			
1259A-11R-1, 78-79	93.08		9.48	78.98			
1259A-11R-3, 97-98	96.27	9.69	9.56	79.62	0.13		
1259A-11R-5, 59-60	98.89		9.43	78.56			
1259A-12R-1, 80-81	102.80		9.86	82.14			
1259A-12R-3, 65-66	105.65	9.65	9.41	78.41	0.24		
1259A-12R-5, 78-79	108.78		9.94	82.80			
1259A-14R-1, 95-96	122.25		9.86	82.15			
1259A-14R-3, 76-77	125.06	9.73	9.17	76.39	0.56		
1259A-15R-1, 72-73	131.62		9.94	82.78			
1259A-15R-3, 82-83	134.72	9.80	9.97	83.06	0.00		
1259A-16R-1, 79-80	141.39		10.11	84.19			
1259A-16R-4, 66-67	145.46	9.84	9.72	80.93	0.12		
1259A-17R-1, 5-6	150.25		9.25	77.02			
1259A-17R-2, 37-38	152.07	8.91	8.70	72.45	0.21		
1259A-18R-1, 120-121	161.00		9.52	79.30			
1259A-18R-2, 95-96	162.20	8.07	8.13	67.74	0.00		
1259A-20R-1, 86-87	180.06		9.85	82.03			
1259A-20R-3, 67-68	182.87	9.84	9.68	80.62	0.16		
1259A-20R-4, 115-116	184.85		9.61	80.04			
1259A-21R-1, 88-89	189.68		10.26	85.45			
1259A-21R-4, 39-40	193.19	9.34	9.31	77.53	0.03		
1259A-22R-1, 87-88	199.37		9.52	79.30			
1259A-22R-3, 89-90	202.39	10.14	9.39	78.24	0.75		
1259A-22R-5, 65-66	205.15		9.96	82.94			
1259A-23R-1, 90-91	209.00		9.06	75.47			
1259A-23R-3, 78-79	211.88	9.84	9.75	81.24	0.09		
1259A-23R-5, 14-15	213.74		8.23	68.55			
1259A-24R-1, 61-62	218.41		9.49	79.03			
1259A-24R-2, 61-62	219.83		8.92	74.29			
1259A-25R-1, 62-63	227.82		9.28	77.31			
1259A-25R-3, 69-70	230.89	9.18	9.19	76.54	0.00	0.01	
1259A-26R-1, 62-63	237.52		9.37	78.04			
1259A-26R-3, 62-63	240.52	9.70	9.78	81.51	0.00	0.01	
1259A-26R-5, 65-66	243.55		10.00	83.26			
1259A-26R-CC, 11-12	245.25		9.84	81.95			
1259A-27R-1, 60-61	247.10		9.79	81.53			
1259A-27R-3, 66-67	250.16	9.10	9.27	77.19	0.00	0.00	

**Table T16 (continued).**

Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	TC (wt%)	IC (wt%)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	TOC (wt%)	N (wt%)	C/N (atomic)
1259A-27R-5, 77-78	253.27		7.97	66.36			
1259A-28R-2, 43-44	257.57	8.52	8.65	72.02	0.00	0.00	
1259A-29R-1, 48-49	266.28		9.25	77.08			
1259A-29R-3, 49-50	269.29	8.70	8.84	73.67	0.00	0.01	
1259A-29R-5, 72-73	272.52		8.72	72.63			
1259A-30R-1, 61-62	276.11		9.24	77.01			
1259A-30R-3, 49-50	278.99	9.02	9.27	77.24	0.00	0.01	
1259A-30R-3, 73-74	279.23		9.26	77.17			
1259A-32R-1, 76-77	295.46	8.52	8.52	71.01	0.00	0.01	0.31
1259A-33R-2, 86-87	306.76		6.24	51.99			
1259A-33R-4, 86-87	309.76	6.54	6.73	56.05	0.00	0.01	
1259A-33R-6, 86-87	312.76		7.73	64.39			
1259A-34R-1, 63-64	314.63		5.72	47.64			
1259A-34R-3, 77-78	317.79		6.04	50.35			
1259A-34R-5, 84-85	320.86	7.62	8.01	66.71	0.00	0.02	
1259A-35R-2, 92-93	326.12		6.67	55.56			
1259A-35R-5, 92-93	330.58	7.08	7.13	59.37	0.00	0.01	
1259A-36R-3, 60-61	336.90		7.12	59.30			
1259A-36R-5, 60-61	339.90	7.36	7.50	62.50	0.00	0.01	
1259A-37R-1, 86-87	343.86		8.27	68.93			
1259A-37R-3, 8-9	346.08	7.99	7.98	66.46	0.01	0.01	1.79
1259A-37R-6, 91-92	351.41		5.94	49.47			
1259A-38R-1, 34-35	352.94		6.17	51.39			
1259A-38R-4, 81-82	357.91	7.58	7.68	63.95	0.00	0.03	
1259A-39R-1, 86-87	363.06		4.52	37.69			
1259A-39R-4, 74-75	366.09		5.90	49.15			
1259A-39R-5, 99-100	367.84	4.05	4.07	33.86	0.00	0.04	
1259A-40R-1, 24-25	372.04		6.04	50.34			
1259A-40R-4, 24-25	376.04	5.08	5.08	42.28	0.00	0.03	
Unit III (clayey nannofossil chalk):							
1259A-43R-1, 104-105	401.74		5.59	46.59			
1259A-43R-3, 130-131	405.00	6.42	6.68	55.62	0.00	0.04	
1259A-44R-4, 77-78	415.67		5.25	43.75			
1259A-44R-6, 60-61	418.50	5.19	5.04	41.99	0.15	0.04	4.56
1259A-45R-2, 68-69	422.18		6.58	54.79			
1259A-45R-4, 21-22	424.11	4.98	4.95	41.20	0.03	0.04	0.91
1259A-46R-2, 72-73	431.13		7.94	66.15			
1259A-46R-3, 140-141	433.31	9.15	9.20	76.67	0.00	0.01	
1259A-46R-5, 73-74	435.64		10.45	87.01			
1259A-47R-1, 66-67	439.86		5.92	49.35			
1259A-47R-3, 58-59	442.16		2.49	20.78			
1259A-47R-3, 72-73	442.30		7.67	63.91			
1259B-12R-4, 40-40	444.10	2.97	2.88	23.95	0.09	0.03	3.79
1259A-47R-5, 47-48	445.05	8.35	8.15	67.87	0.20	0.01	
1259A-48R-1, 70-71	449.50		8.73	72.72			
1259A-48R-3, 70-71	452.50		8.16	67.95			
1259B-13R-6, 65-66	452.86	7.64	7.62	63.48	0.02	0.02	1.77
1259A-48R-5, 57-58	455.37	9.90	9.78	81.48	0.12	0.10	1.46
1259A-49R-1, 72-73	459.12		9.98	83.12			
1259A-49R-3, 80-81	462.03		7.33	61.09			
1259A-49R-4, 139-144	464.12	7.89	7.93	66.06		0.01	
1259A-49R-5, 83-84	465.00	9.50	9.42	78.47	0.08	0.01	9.54
1259A-50R-1, 66-67	468.66		9.68	80.65			
1259A-50R-4, 132-137	473.64	8.60	8.53	71.08	0.01	0.02	4.50
1259A-50R-6, 67-68	475.85	8.62	8.56	71.27	0.06	0.01	4.50
1259A-51R-1, 80-81	478.40		7.72	64.34	0.03		
1259A-51R-5, 77-79	484.37	4.32	4.77	39.75	0.00	0.04	
1259A-51R-6, 0-5	485.07	4.76	4.68	39.00	0.08	0.03	3.10
1259A-51R-7, 62-63	487.19	4.36	4.24	35.31	0.12	0.03	5.17
1259A-52R-1, 80-81	488.10	5.15	5.05	42.04	0.10	0.03	4.43
1259C-11R-1, 141-142	490.81	3.03	2.97	24.73	0.06	0.00	
1259C-11R-2, 75-76	491.65	2.68	2.51	20.89	0.17	0.02	12.90
1259A-52R-4, 80-81	492.12	2.89	2.74	22.82	0.15	0.03	5.44
Unit IV (black shales and sandstones):							
1259C-11R-3, 93-94	492.86	5.64	3.90	32.51	1.74	0.13	15.06
1259A-52R-6, 0-5	493.60	6.87	4.75	39.55	2.12	0.11	22.70
1259C-11R-4, 19-29	493.62	4.82	3.49	29.07	1.33	0.06	24.37
1259A-52R-6, 45-46	494.05	8.02	5.90	49.14	2.12	0.10	23.84

**Table T16 (continued).**

Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	TC (wt%)	IC (wt%)	CaCO <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	TOC (wt%)	N (wt%)	C/N (atomic)
1259A-52R-CC, 5-6	495.06	14.49	8.26	68.81	6.23	0.32	22.89
1259C-11R-5, 106-107	495.99	15.85	6.60	55.01	9.25	0.40	27.18
1259C-12R-2, 61-63	497.51	15.66	6.84	56.96	8.82	0.32	32.32
1259A-53R-2, 20-21	498.70	12.77	11.27	93.89	1.50	0.05	36.47
1259C-12R-3, 55-57	498.95	15.12	5.51	45.92	9.61	0.37	29.94
1259A-53R-2, 145-150	499.95	15.98	8.16	67.97	7.82	0.30	30.30
1259C-12R-4, 6-7	499.96	13.60	4.79	39.92	8.81	0.36	28.77
1259A-53R-3, 148-149	501.48	14.69	7.54	62.82	7.15	0.26	32.60
1259C-13R-3, 21-23	504.81	15.39	5.82	48.45	9.57	0.41	26.91
1259A-54R-1, 1-2	506.61	20.03	6.48	54.00	13.55	0.43	36.71
1259A-54R-1, 62-63	507.22	21.11	5.14	42.79	15.97	0.50	37.26
1259A-54R-2, 0-5	508.10	15.09	6.11	50.90	8.98	0.33	32.00
1259C-14R-2, 62-63	510.72	16.03	5.88	49.01	10.15	0.39	30.20
1259A-55R-1, 97-98	511.57	16.73	5.23	43.54	11.50	0.41	32.97
1259A-55R-2, 91-96	512.96	16.14	8.38	69.77	7.76	0.28	32.30
1259C-15R-2, 75-76	516.05	18.03	6.62	55.14	11.41	0.47	28.58
1259A-56R-2, 3-4	517.19	15.84	4.38	36.51	11.46	0.42	32.16
1259A-56R-2, 140-145	518.56	14.09	10.31	85.88	3.78	0.23	18.90
1259A-57R-2, 0-5	521.80	16.38	7.47	62.25	8.91	0.34	30.75
1259A-57R-3, 0-1	523.30	16.33	7.54	62.81	8.79	0.31	32.70
1259A-57R-6, 10-11	527.90	14.03	10.01	83.38	4.02	0.22	21.65
1259A-57R-6, 72-73	528.52	14.20	5.37	44.70	8.83	0.36	28.95
1259A-58R-2, 112-113	532.40	11.48	5.42	45.19	6.06	0.22	31.73
1259A-58R-4, 0-1	533.81	17.03	2.03	16.94	15.00	0.60	28.94
1259A-58R-4, 0-2	533.81	15.91	2.00	16.64	13.91	0.55	29.30
1259A-58R-6, 46-47	536.91	12.31	10.97	91.38	1.34	0.06	25.34
1259A-58R-7, 92-93	538.05	13.67	2.28	18.96	11.39	0.47	28.02
1259A-59R-1, 5-6	539.55	15.08	0.36	3.01	14.72	0.60	28.46
1259A-59R-2, 23-24	541.19	14.73	1.08	8.96	13.65	0.54	29.46
1259A-59R-4, 129-130	545.12	20.29	3.77	31.38	16.52	0.58	33.40
1259A-59R-5, 126-127	546.40	15.64	2.77	23.11	12.87	0.43	35.18
1259B-24R-3, 141-142	548.01	30.53	1.53	12.71	29.00	0.81	41.65
Unit V (quartz sandstone):							
1259A-60R-1, 9-13	549.19	0.02	0.02	0.15	0.00	0.01	
1259C-19R-3, 83-84	550.37	6.34	0.37	3.07	5.97	0.11	61.03
1259B-25R-2, 110-111	555.80	0.60	0.16	1.36	0.44	0.04	12.43

Notes: TC = total carbon, IC = inorganic carbon, TOC = total organic carbon.  
 Atomic C/N ratios are calculated from concentrations of organic carbon and total nitrogen.

Table T17. Rock-Eval pyrolysis analyses of sediment samples, Site 1259.

Hole, core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	TOC (wt%)	$T_{max}$ (°C)	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	HI	OI
207-								
1259C-11R-3, 93-94	492.86	1.74	420	0.27	4.87	2.86	279	164
1259A-52R-6, 45-46	494.05	2.12	417	0.23	9.32	1.66	439	78
1259A-52R-CC, 5-6	495.06	6.23	401	1.13	40.96	3.08	657	49
1259C-11R-5, 106-107	495.99	9.25	397	3.21	42.30	10.82	457	116
1259A-53R-2, 20-21	498.70	1.50	403	0.15	9.25	1.24	616	82
1259A-53R-3, 148-149	501.48	7.15	391	2.28	49.33	3.66	689	51
1259C-13R-3, 21-23	504.81	9.57	406	1.96	35.84	7.40	374	77
1259A-54R-1, 1-2	506.61	13.55	397	2.82	91.38	5.59	674	41
1259A-54R-1, 62-63	507.22	15.97	397	3.36	104.46	6.33	654	39
1259C-14R-2, 62-63	510.72	10.15	394	6.42	59.08	9.56	582	94
1259A-55R-1, 97-98	511.57	11.50	398	2.18	74.04	4.82	643	41
1259C-15R-2, 75-76	516.05	11.41	404	5.86	87.07	7.19	763	63
1259A-56R-2, 3-4	517.19	11.46	397	2.64	74.66	4.92	651	42
1259A-57R-3, 0-1	523.30	8.79	398	2.04	57.79	4.29	657	48
1259A-57R-6, 10-11	527.90	4.02	387	0.94	28.70	2.21	713	54
1259A-57R-6, 72-73	528.52	8.83	400	1.67	56.78	4.55	643	51
1259A-58R-2, 112-113	532.40	6.06	401	1.15	39.16	3.28	646	54
1259A-58R-4, 0-1	533.81	15.00	402	2.19	87.51	4.99	583	33
1259A-58R-6, 46-47	536.91	1.34	403	0.20	7.92	1.01	591	75
1259A-58R-7, 92-93	538.05	11.39	399	1.55	66.40	4.70	582	41
1259A-59R-1, 5-6	539.55	14.72	400	2.15	80.32	4.46	545	30
1259A-59R-2, 23-24	541.19	13.65	403	1.95	79.95	4.83	585	35
1259A-59R-5, 126-127	546.40	12.87	391	2.64	80.47	4.59	625	35
1259B-24R-3, 141-142	548.01	29.00	403	12.64	164.08	21.14	565	72
1259C-19R-3, 83-84	550.37	5.97	432	4.99	28.22	0.01	472	0

Note: TOC = total organic carbon. HI = milligrams of hydrocarbon-like material per gram of organic carbon ( $HI = S_2 \times 100/TOC$ ), OI = milligrams of CO<sub>2</sub> (S<sub>3</sub>) per gram of organic carbon. See "Organic Geochemistry," p. 27, in the "Explanatory Notes" chapter for definitions of  $T_{max}$ , S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, and S<sub>3</sub>.



**Table T18.** Headspace analyses of interstitial and microbial gases, Hole 1259A.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth (mbsf)	Routine safety monitoring				Microbial study				
		C <sub>1</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>2</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>3</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>1</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>2</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>2</sub> = (ppmv)	C <sub>3</sub> (ppmv)	C <sub>1</sub> /C <sub>2</sub>
207-1259A-										
Unit I (foraminifer-bearing nannofossil ooze):										
1R-2, 100-105	2.50	2				114				
2R-2, 140-145	11.70	2				3				
3R-4, 140-145	24.20	2				2				
4R-1, 94-99	28.24	2								
Unit II (foraminifer-bearing nannofossil chalk):										
5R-2, 140-145	39.30	2				7				
6R-2, 140-145	48.40	2				5				
7R-4, 140-145	60.50	2				3				
8R-4, 140-145	69.70	3				3				
9R-5, 140-145	80.30	3				7				
10R-5, 135-140	89.95	3				4				
11R-4, 0-5	96.80	4				4				
12R-5, 135-140	109.35	4				15				
13R-4, 145-150	117.65	4				6				
14R-3, 0-5	124.30	4				6				
15R-3, 0-5	133.90	5				7				
16R-2, 145-150	143.55	4				51	1			51
17R-1, 145-150	151.65	4				9	1			8
18R-2, 0-5	161.25	3				6	1			7
19R-1, 145-150	170.95	3				12	2			8
20R-3, 0-5	182.20	4				8				
21R-2, 0-5	190.30	4				12	2			7
22R-3, 135-140	202.85	3				11	1			10
23R-3, 0-5	211.10	3				8	1			7
24R-1, 127-132	219.07	3				9	2			5
25R-2, 0-5	228.70	4				11	1			10
26R-4, 0-5	241.40	4				6				
27R-5, 0-5	252.50	3				9	1			7
28R-2, 0-5	257.14	4				9	2			5
29R-4, 0-5	270.30	3				7	2			4
30R-2, 0-5	277.00	3				7	1			7
31R-2, 0-5	286.60	3								
32R-2, 0-5	296.13	3								
33R-5, 0-5	310.40	3				4				
34R-5, 0-5	320.02	4				3				
35R-4, 0-5	328.16	4				4				
36R-5, 0-5	339.30	3				3				
37R-6, 0-5	350.50	15								
38R-3, 0-5	355.60	24				20				
39R-3, 0-5	364.73	46				403	1			630
40R-2, 0-5	373.30	579			1447	421				
41R-1, 27-28	381.67	248								
Unit III (clayey nannofossil chalk):										
43R-4, 0-5	405.20	1,484	1		1,484	1,837	2			1,141
44R-4, 0-5	414.90	2,134	2		1,255	1,162	1			1,056
45R-4, 0-5	423.90	2,660	2		1,330	2,263	2			1,067
46R-3, 145-150	433.36	2,235	2		1,490	2,902	2			1,262
48R-4, 0-5	453.30	1,586	1		1,442	1,819	2			1,083
49R-4, 139-144	464.12	2,854	2		1,427	756	1			922
50R-4, 132-137	473.64	1,159	1		1,449	2,238	2			1,264
51R-6, 0-5	485.07	3,368	2		1,604	2,852	3			1,064
Unit IV (black shales and sandstones):										
52R-6, 0-5	493.60	6,602	10		681	7,173	10			701
53R-2, 145-150	499.95	24,936	46		544	8,237	21			395
54R-2, 0-5	508.10	7,218	14		505	16,108	27			603
55R-2, 91-96	512.96	37,762	65		581	23,401	34			686
56R-2, 140-145	518.56	9,530	19		491	7,454	12			626
57R-2, 0-5	521.80	12,900	20		662	23,878	26			920
58R-4, 0-2	533.81	62,252	101	5	615	40,330	66			616
59R-4, 129-130	545.12	76,398	91	4	844	56,416	51			1,109
Unit V (quartz sandstone):										
60R-1, 9-13	549.19	2,308								

Note: C<sub>1</sub> = methane, C<sub>2</sub> = ethane, C<sub>2</sub>= = ethylene, C<sub>3</sub> = propane.

Table T19. Interstitial water analyses, Holes 1259A and 1259C.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Salinity	Alkalinity (mM)	pH	Cl <sup>-</sup> (mM)	*SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> (mM)	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> (μM)	*H <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> (μM)	B (mM)	Li <sup>+</sup> (μM)	Sr <sup>2+</sup> (μM)	Ca <sup>2+</sup> (mM)	K <sup>+</sup> (mM)	Mg <sup>2+</sup> (mM)	Ba <sup>2+</sup> (μM)	Fe <sup>2+</sup> (μM)	Mn <sup>2+</sup> (μM)	Na <sup>+</sup> (mM)	Na <sup>+</sup> diff
	(mbsf)	(mcd)																		
207-1259A-																				
1R-2, 105-110	2.55	2.55	35.3	3.21	7.47	560	28.5	25	199	0.45	30	100	11.1	11.0	54.1	7	1	0.5	482	479
2R-2, 145-150	11.75	11.75	35.5	4.01	7.45	559	28.0	25	220	0.47	42	126	12.3	11.0	51.0	8	2	0.7	467	481
3R-4, 145-150	24.25	24.25	35.7	3.86	7.32	570	25.4	30	273	0.49	61	174	14.3	10.9	50.5	8	1	0.6	489	484
5R-2, 145-150	39.35	39.35	35.8	4.86	7.33	578	24.1	50	314	0.48	78	212	16.7	10.7	50.3	8	2	1.1	486	486
6R-2, 145-150	48.45	48.45	36.0	5.00	7.21	584	24.6	75	376	0.49	86	232	17.9	10.8	49.1	7	10	3.7	493	493
7R-4, 145-150	60.55	60.55	36.3	6.00	7.11	583	23.9	90	420	0.50	97	257	18.8	10.7	47.9	7	33	1.2	494	492
8R-4, 145-150	69.75	69.75	36.7	5.89	7.57	585	22.8	130	615	0.52	106	275	18.6	10.6	48.1	7	49	1.7	485	492
9R-5, 145-150	80.35	80.35	36.7	6.55	6.89	592	22.7	150	665	0.50	116	300	19.7	10.5	48.2	7	45	1.5	494	497
10R-5, 140-150	90.00	90.00	36.7	5.95	6.92	596	21.1	195	585	0.55	126	303	20.5	10.9	46.6	8	42	1.9	510	499
12R-5, 140-150	109.40	109.40	36.7	7.07	6.94	606	20.4	230	532	0.56	143	345	22.8	10.1	48.8	7	35	1.0	513	500
14R-3, 140-150	125.70	125.70	36.7	7.33	6.77	617	19.6	255	535	0.57	155	375	23.4	9.7	45.5	7	80	1.2	508	515
16R-1, 140-150	142.00	142.00	37.5	8.07	6.73	615	20.2	280	747	0.54	170	415	22.9	9.6	45.1	7	110	1.2	514	516
18R-1, 135-145	161.15	161.15	37.7	8.25	6.85	615	19.4	285	785	0.58	177	436	26.4	8.9	46.2	7	115	1.1	500	506
20R-4, 130-140	185.00	185.00	38.0	7.12	6.86	624	17.5	355	763	0.58	187	451	27.2	9.3	45.9	7	75	1.6	518	509
22R-3, 140-150	202.90	202.90	38.0	7.80	6.89	624	18.2	390	752	0.58	199	480	27.6	9.0	44.1	7	97	1.2	511	514
24R-1, 132-142	219.12	219.12	38.3	8.86	6.77	627	17.6	400	805	0.58	200	504	29.2	8.4	45.5	7	144	1.2	519	511
26R-5, 140-150	244.30	244.30	38.7	8.25	6.82	629	15.9	420	800	0.58	213	539	28.6	8.2	45.0	7	104	1.3	531	512
29R-4, 140-150	271.70	271.70	39.0	8.50	6.86	650	15.0	465	814	0.59	226	568	28.5	8.2	44.1	7	60	1.5	537	533
32R-1, 133-143	296.03	296.03	39.5	6.19	7.03	654	13.8	550	424	0.55	230	622	28.3	8.1	43.6	7	59	1.9	536	534
34R-2, 140-150	316.92	316.77	39.7	4.16	7.10	664	12.5	635	394	0.49	234	640	26.1	8.2	43.0	8	31	1.7	537	545
36R-1, 140-150	334.70	335.30	40.0	3.46	7.13	663	10.8	635	538	0.49	238	701	26.8	7.9	42.6	8	15	1.7	556	539
38R-1, 140-150	354.00	354.83	40.3	4.01	7.17	678	8.2	675	595	0.52	239	739	28.6	7.6	41.7	8	7	1.9	535	548
40R-3, 90-100	375.70	374.85	40.7	3.25	7.37	698	6.8	655	577	0.50	242	753	29.0	7.3	42.5	8	2	2.4	550	562
43R-1, 140-150	402.10	403.27	41.5	2.21	7.06	714	5.7	740	428	0.42	244	860	28.8	7.3	42.5	8	2	2.3	570	575
45R-2, 140-150	422.90	424.38	43.5	3.95	7.07	743	3.9	910	500	0.50	263	946	31.6	7.4	44.3	9	9	3.6	594	592
48R-3, 138-150	453.18	453.19	45.7	1.81	7.34	788	1.7	920	274	0.33	270	992	30.9	7.4	43.2	11	1	1.5	609	634
50R-5, 137-149	475.06	475.59	46.5	ND	ND	812	0.6	940	449	0.42	291	1223	34.2	7.2	43.2	22	2	1.1	649	ND
52R-1, 103-117	488.33	490.08	50.0	ND	ND	832	0.1	1015	725	0.55	298	1280	35.9	7.3	45.3	50	0	0.7	646	ND
207-1259C-																				
16R-5, 137-150	525.65	529.18	50.7	4.52	7.06	883	0.0	1100	645	0.57	310	1546	35.9	7.3	45.8	247	1	0.2	656	712
17R-1, 136-146	529.26	532.38	51.7	4.89	6.83	896	0.0	1210	611	0.58	316	1559	38.0	7.1	42.1	262	1	0.3	707	729
18R-4, 140-150	543.40	547.73	52.0	3.94	7.06	903	0.0	1295	358	0.54	315	1545	38.0	7.3	40.0	323	6	1.2	724	739
19R-2, 78-88	549.22	551.57	54.7	ND	ND	907	0.6	955	99	0.23	302	1667	38.6	7.3	39.5	228	0	0.8	732	740

Notes: \* = ICP-AES. ND = not determined.

**Table T20.** Moisture and density of discrete samples, Site 1259. (See table note. Continued on next three pages.)

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Water content (%)		Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )			Porosity (%)	Void ratio
	(mbsf)	(mcd)	Wet	Dry	Bulk	Dry	Grain		
207-1259A-									
1R-1, 59-61	0.59	0.59	36.0	56.3	1.623	1.039	2.419	57.1	1.329
1R-2, 54-56	2.04	2.04	41.2	70.2	1.544	0.907	2.398	62.2	1.643
1R-3, 43-45	3.03	3.03	36.9	58.6	1.606	1.013	2.407	57.9	1.376
2R-1, 16-18	8.96	8.96	42.1	72.7	1.598	0.925	2.697	65.7	1.915
2R-2, 76-78	11.06	11.06	37.7	60.6	1.617	1.007	2.493	59.6	1.476
2R-3, 34-36	12.14	12.14	39.9	66.5	1.623	0.975	2.654	63.3	1.723
3R-1, 70-72	19.00	19.00	47.0	88.7	1.533	0.812	2.741	70.4	2.374
3R-2, 80-82	20.60	20.60	41.7	71.6	1.618	0.943	2.766	65.9	1.934
3R-3, 64-66	21.94	21.94	44.9	81.4	1.572	0.867	2.785	68.9	2.213
3R-4, 115-117	23.95	23.95	42.2	73.0	1.592	0.920	2.676	65.6	1.907
3R-5, 117-119	25.47	25.47	41.2	70.2	1.623	0.954	2.752	65.3	1.885
4R-1, 46-48	27.76	27.76	45.5	83.5	1.547	0.843	2.695	68.7	2.199
5R-1, 97-99	37.37	37.37	44.7	80.9	1.563	0.864	2.722	68.2	2.149
5R-2, 57-59	38.47	38.47	45.4	83.2	1.512	0.825	2.504	67.1	2.035
5R-3, 57-59	39.97	39.97	44.8	81.2	1.546	0.853	2.638	67.7	2.093
5R-4, 22-24	40.82	40.82	44.5	80.3	1.582	0.878	2.811	68.8	2.203
6R-1, 96-98	46.46	46.46	45.2	82.4	1.551	0.850	2.694	68.4	2.168
6R-2, 86-88	47.86	47.86	45.3	83.0	1.565	0.855	2.785	69.3	2.257
6R-3, 101-103	49.51	49.51	46.3	86.4	1.549	0.831	2.777	70.1	2.342
7R-1, 97-99	55.57	55.57	47.5	90.6	1.534	0.805	2.798	71.2	2.475
7R-2, 82-84	56.92	56.92	47.1	89.1	1.528	0.808	2.719	70.3	2.365
7R-3, 72-74	58.32	58.32	42.7	74.7	1.587	0.909	2.694	66.3	1.964
7R-4, 68-70	59.78	59.78	44.5	80.1	1.545	0.858	2.610	67.1	2.042
7R-5, 75-77	61.35	61.35	43.3	76.2	1.549	0.879	2.544	65.4	1.894
8R-1, 87-89	64.67	64.67	44.5	80.2	1.550	0.860	2.635	67.3	2.063
8R-2, 94-96	66.24	66.24	47.8	91.4	1.523	0.796	2.747	71.0	2.452
8R-3, 85-87	67.65	67.65	45.2	82.6	1.591	0.871	2.933	70.3	2.367
8R-4, 79-81	69.09	69.09	45.2	82.4	1.556	0.853	2.723	68.7	2.192
8R-5, 76-78	70.56	70.56	46.8	88.1	1.543	0.820	2.784	70.5	2.395
8R-6, 64-66	71.94	71.94	41.5	71.0	1.565	0.915	2.504	63.5	1.737
9R-1, 87-89	73.77	73.77	49.3	97.2	1.504	0.763	2.763	72.4	2.624
9R-2, 81-83	75.21	75.21	45.6	83.9	1.555	0.846	2.755	69.3	2.258
9R-3, 89-91	76.79	76.79	41.6	71.3	1.578	0.921	2.569	64.1	1.788
9R-4, 67-69	78.07	78.07	42.0	72.3	1.604	0.931	2.716	65.7	1.918
9R-5, 59-61	79.49	79.49	48.3	93.5	1.524	0.788	2.804	71.9	2.560
9R-6, 77-79	81.17	81.17	44.3	79.5	1.560	0.869	2.672	67.5	2.074
9R-7, 45-47	81.95	81.95	40.3	67.6	1.649	0.984	2.810	65.0	1.856
10R-1, 63-65	83.23	83.23	44.0	78.7	1.572	0.880	2.714	67.6	2.086
10R-2, 82-84	84.92	84.92	43.8	78.0	1.580	0.888	2.741	67.6	2.088
10R-3, 54-56	86.14	86.14	42.5	73.9	1.594	0.917	2.708	66.2	1.955
10R-4, 92-94	88.02	88.02	40.6	68.4	1.621	0.963	2.695	64.3	1.799
10R-5, 61-63	89.21	89.21	33.9	51.2	1.732	1.146	2.682	57.3	1.341
10R-6, 55-57	90.65	90.65	37.1	58.9	1.668	1.050	2.648	60.4	1.522
10R-7, 8-10	91.38	91.38	32.5	48.1	1.674	1.130	2.408	53.1	1.130
11R-1, 78-80	93.08	93.08	30.0	42.8	1.693	1.185	2.351	49.6	0.983
11R-2, 58-60	94.38	94.38	29.8	42.5	1.729	1.213	2.444	50.4	1.014
11R-3, 96-98	96.26	96.26	32.8	48.8	1.675	1.126	2.428	53.6	1.156
11R-4, 87-89	97.67	97.67	30.5	43.8	1.694	1.178	2.376	50.4	1.017
11R-5, 52-54	98.82	98.82	30.9	44.7	1.716	1.187	2.459	51.7	1.072
12R-1, 81-83	102.81	102.81	38.6	62.9	1.642	1.008	2.649	61.9	1.628
12R-2, 97-99	104.47	104.47	39.8	66.1	1.620	0.975	2.631	62.9	1.698
12R-3, 65-67	105.65	105.65	41.7	71.4	1.623	0.947	2.787	66.0	1.943
12R-4, 65-67	107.15	107.15	44.3	79.4	1.570	0.875	2.725	67.9	2.114
12R-5, 79-81	108.79	108.79	45.6	83.9	1.556	0.846	2.756	69.3	2.259
12R-6, 53-55	110.03	110.03	47.7	91.3	1.526	0.798	2.766	71.2	2.468
13R-1, 77-79	112.47	112.47	46.4	86.6	1.549	0.830	2.785	70.2	2.356
13R-2, 66-68	113.86	113.86	41.9	72.1	1.608	0.934	2.729	65.8	1.922
13R-3, 85-87	115.55	115.55	43.5	77.1	1.578	0.891	2.704	67.0	2.035
13R-4, 24-26	116.44	116.44	43.4	76.8	1.601	0.906	2.822	67.9	2.116
13R-5, 28-31	117.98	117.98	45.2	82.5	1.584	0.868	2.885	69.9	2.324
13R-6, 22-24	119.42	119.42	45.9	85.0	1.559	0.843	2.805	69.9	2.328
14R-1, 73-75	122.03	122.03	45.2	82.6	1.556	0.852	2.726	68.7	2.200
14R-2, 67-69	123.47	123.47	43.1	75.8	1.594	0.907	2.759	67.1	2.042
14R-3, 69-71	124.99	124.99	44.3	79.4	1.584	0.883	2.803	68.5	2.175
14R-4, 43-45	126.23	126.23	36.6	57.7	1.687	1.070	2.693	60.3	1.518
15R-1, 74-76	131.64	131.64	35.3	54.6	1.676	1.084	2.568	57.8	1.370
15R-2, 74-76	133.14	133.14	39.8	66.1	1.621	0.976	2.638	63.0	1.702

Table T20 (continued).

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Water content (%)		Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )			Porosity (%)	Void ratio
	(mbsf)	(mcd)	Wet	Dry	Bulk	Dry	Grain		
15R-3, 76-78	134.66	134.66	41.2	70.0	1.615	0.950	2.711	65.0	1.854
15R-4, 49-51	135.89	135.89	42.6	74.4	1.607	0.922	2.786	66.9	2.023
16R-1, 64-66	141.24	141.24	43.2	76.0	1.582	0.899	2.700	66.7	2.004
16R-2, 74-76	142.84	142.84	41.1	69.9	1.598	0.941	2.630	64.2	1.795
16R-3, 50-52	144.10	144.10	46.8	87.8	1.516	0.807	2.625	69.2	2.252
16R-4, 48-50	145.28	145.28	43.1	75.6	1.580	0.900	2.681	66.4	1.979
17R-1, 72-74	150.92	150.92	41.6	71.2	1.601	0.935	2.671	65.0	1.856
17R-2, 64-66	152.34	152.34	46.4	86.4	1.540	0.826	2.731	69.7	2.306
18R-1, 66-68	160.46	160.46	47.2	89.3	1.521	0.803	2.685	70.1	2.342
18R-2, 74-76	161.99	161.99	44.0	78.6	1.558	0.872	2.639	67.0	2.026
19R-1, 66-68	170.16	170.16	41.6	71.1	1.620	0.947	2.763	65.7	1.919
19R-2, 65-67	171.65	171.65	44.8	81.2	1.553	0.857	2.676	68.0	2.123
20R-1, 72-74	179.92	179.92	38.9	63.8	1.661	1.014	2.753	63.2	1.714
20R-2, 69-71	181.39	181.39	38.6	62.9	1.676	1.029	2.794	63.2	1.716
20R-3, 66-68	182.86	182.86	35.3	54.5	1.711	1.107	2.697	59.0	1.437
20R-4, 74-76	184.44	184.44	36.1	56.5	1.684	1.076	2.647	59.4	1.461
21R-1, 70-72	189.50	189.50	40.3	67.4	1.621	0.968	2.669	63.7	1.756
21R-2, 75-77	191.05	191.05	36.1	56.5	1.703	1.088	2.722	60.0	1.501
21R-4, 46-48	193.26	193.26	36.6	57.7	1.668	1.058	2.616	59.6	1.473
22R-1, 71-73	199.21	199.21	41.3	70.4	1.609	0.945	2.691	64.9	1.849
22R-2, 80-82	200.80	200.80	39.6	65.5	1.635	0.988	2.684	63.2	1.717
22R-3, 27-29	201.77	201.77	36.9	58.4	1.715	1.083	2.831	61.8	1.615
22R-4, 20-22	203.20	203.20	37.4	59.8	1.681	1.052	2.727	61.4	1.592
22R-5, 21-23	204.71	204.71	37.2	59.2	1.693	1.063	2.762	61.5	1.598
23R-1, 78-80	208.88	208.88	39.1	64.2	1.641	1.000	2.677	62.7	1.678
23R-3, 79-81	211.89	211.89	40.9	69.2	1.626	0.961	2.740	64.9	1.852
23R-4, 53-55	213.13	213.13	43.9	78.4	1.584	0.888	2.774	68.0	2.124
24R-1, 80-82	218.60	218.60	42.3	73.2	1.597	0.922	2.708	66.0	1.937
24R-2, 48-50	219.70	219.70	39.3	64.7	1.619	0.983	2.595	62.1	1.640
25R-1, 60-62	227.80	227.80	37.1	59.0	1.671	1.050	2.663	60.6	1.535
25R-2, 54-56	229.24	229.24	39.1	64.2	1.633	0.994	2.642	62.4	1.657
25R-3, 54-56	230.74	230.74	40.3	67.4	1.622	0.969	2.677	63.8	1.761
26R-1, 62-64	237.52	237.52	37.4	59.8	1.671	1.046	2.686	61.1	1.569
26R-2, 61-63	239.01	239.01	35.7	55.5	1.693	1.089	2.654	59.0	1.437
26R-3, 61-63	240.51	240.51	35.5	55.1	1.715	1.106	2.732	59.5	1.471
26R-4, 80-82	242.20	242.20	34.1	51.7	1.728	1.139	2.683	57.5	1.355
26R-5, 52-54	243.42	243.42	31.2	45.3	1.772	1.220	2.648	53.9	1.171
26R-6, 17-19	244.57	244.57	34.6	52.8	1.729	1.131	2.717	58.4	1.402
27R-1, 59-61	247.09	247.09	36.4	57.2	1.679	1.068	2.650	59.7	1.480
27R-2, 64-66	248.64	248.64	37.9	61.1	1.665	1.033	2.696	61.7	1.610
27R-3, 64-66	250.14	250.14	34.2	51.9	1.726	1.136	2.680	57.6	1.360
27R-4, 82-84	251.82	251.82	35.7	55.6	1.695	1.090	2.666	59.1	1.446
27R-5, 78-80	253.28	253.28	38.1	61.4	1.681	1.041	2.775	62.5	1.664
27R-6, 83-85	254.83	254.83	39.8	66.1	1.618	0.974	2.626	62.9	1.695
28R-1, 40-42	256.60	256.60	35.8	55.8	1.707	1.095	2.716	59.7	1.480
29R-1, 79-81	266.59	266.59	32.9	49.0	1.755	1.178	2.697	56.3	1.291
29R-2, 79-81	268.09	268.09	33.3	50.0	1.751	1.167	2.713	57.0	1.325
29R-3, 90-92	269.70	269.70	34.5	52.6	1.720	1.127	2.679	57.9	1.377
29R-4, 81-83	271.11	271.11	36.0	56.3	1.700	1.088	2.704	59.8	1.486
29R-5, 75-77	272.55	272.55	34.6	52.9	1.706	1.116	2.635	57.7	1.362
29R-6, 17-19	273.47	273.47	33.9	51.3	1.737	1.148	2.701	57.5	1.353
30R-1, 62-64	276.12	276.12	31.6	46.2	1.744	1.193	2.585	53.8	1.166
30R-2, 57-59	277.57	277.57	32.2	47.5	1.762	1.195	2.679	55.4	1.243
30R-3, 75-77	279.25	279.25	28.4	39.7	1.842	1.319	2.698	51.1	1.046
30R-4, 66-68	280.16	280.16	28.2	39.2	1.844	1.324	2.688	50.7	1.030
31R-2, 59-61	287.19	287.19	36.7	58.1	1.670	1.056	2.637	59.9	1.496
32R-1, 58-60	295.28	295.28	33.7	50.9	1.729	1.146	2.661	56.9	1.321
32R-2, 57-59	296.70	296.70	33.0	49.3	1.725	1.156	2.605	55.6	1.254
33R-1, 55-57	304.95	304.95	31.6	46.3	1.744	1.192	2.584	53.9	1.168
33R-2, 68-70	306.58	306.58	37.9	61.1	1.657	1.028	2.662	61.4	1.588
33R-3, 55-57	307.95	307.95	34.7	53.1	1.703	1.113	2.628	57.7	1.361
33R-4, 73-75	309.63	309.63	33.0	49.2	1.729	1.159	2.616	55.7	1.257
33R-4, 90-92	309.80	309.80	33.3	50.0	1.727	1.151	2.631	56.2	1.285
33R-5, 80-82	311.20	311.20	33.2	49.8	1.717	1.146	2.590	55.7	1.260
33R-6, 80-82	312.70	312.70	32.2	47.6	1.775	1.203	2.726	55.9	1.266
34R-1, 60-62	314.60	314.45	31.9	46.8	1.750	1.192	2.619	54.5	1.197
34R-2, 75-77	316.27	316.12	29.2	41.2	1.790	1.267	2.586	51.0	1.041
34R-3, 75-77	317.77	317.62	32.8	48.8	1.713	1.151	2.552	54.9	1.217
34R-4, 81-83	319.33	319.18	30.8	44.5	1.771	1.225	2.623	53.3	1.140

**Table T20 (continued).**

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Water content (%)		Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )			Porosity (%)	Void ratio
	(mbsf)	(mcd)	Wet	Dry	Bulk	Dry	Grain		
34R-5, 85-87	320.87	320.72	30.6	44.1	1.769	1.227	2.605	52.9	1.123
34R-6, 87-89	322.39	322.24	27.8	38.6	1.818	1.312	2.595	49.4	0.978
35R-1, 80-82	324.50	324.71	27.7	38.3	1.822	1.318	2.598	49.3	0.972
35R-2, 89-91	326.09	326.30	26.7	36.3	1.840	1.350	2.591	47.9	0.920
35R-3, 89-91	327.59	327.80	25.9	35.0	1.860	1.378	2.602	47.0	0.888
35R-4, 89-91	329.05	329.26	28.9	40.6	1.782	1.267	2.550	50.3	1.012
35R-5, 91-93	330.57	330.78	29.4	41.7	1.780	1.256	2.572	51.2	1.049
35R-6, 91-93	332.07	332.28	29.0	40.9	1.777	1.261	2.542	50.4	1.016
36R-1, 73-75	334.03	334.63	27.6	38.1	1.841	1.334	2.645	49.6	0.983
36R-2, 67-69	335.47	336.07	27.1	37.1	1.840	1.342	2.612	48.6	0.947
36R-3, 79-81	337.09	337.69	27.7	38.2	1.839	1.330	2.644	49.7	0.988
36R-4, 69-71	338.49	339.09	27.2	37.4	1.849	1.345	2.646	49.2	0.967
36R-5, 64-66	339.94	340.54	26.9	36.7	1.863	1.363	2.665	48.9	0.956
36R-6, 60-62	341.40	342.00	27.6	38.1	1.838	1.330	2.637	49.6	0.982
37R-1, 57-59	343.57	344.25	26.3	35.8	1.864	1.373	2.639	48.0	0.922
37R-2, 42-44	344.92	345.60	27.0	37.0	1.836	1.340	2.598	48.4	0.939
37R-3, 48-50	346.48	347.16	27.7	38.2	1.847	1.336	2.668	49.9	0.996
37R-5, 47-49	349.47	350.15	25.4	34.1	1.865	1.391	2.593	46.4	0.864
37R-6, 44-46	350.94	351.62	28.7	40.2	1.786	1.274	2.546	50.0	0.999
38R-1, 49-51	353.09	353.92	27.7	38.3	1.843	1.333	2.655	49.8	0.992
38R-2, 55-57	354.65	355.48	26.9	36.8	1.847	1.350	2.623	48.5	0.943
38R-3, 49-51	356.09	356.92	26.2	35.5	1.838	1.356	2.559	47.0	0.887
38R-4, 51-53	357.61	358.44	27.7	38.2	1.802	1.304	2.539	48.7	0.948
39R-1, 54-56	362.74	363.92	27.6	38.1	1.806	1.308	2.549	48.7	0.949
39R-2, 47-49	364.17	365.35	27.0	37.0	1.817	1.327	2.547	47.9	0.920
40R-1, 37-39	372.17	371.32	18.3	22.4	1.921	1.570	2.389	34.3	0.522
40R-4, 42-44	376.22	375.37	25.1	33.5	1.859	1.393	2.557	45.5	0.835
43R-1, 67-69	401.37	402.54	23.4	30.5	1.916	1.468	2.611	43.8	0.779
43R-2, 39-41	402.59	403.76	25.1	33.6	1.852	1.387	2.542	45.4	0.833
43R-3, 15-17	403.85	405.02	25.9	34.9	1.845	1.368	2.562	46.6	0.874
44R-1, 58-60	410.98	412.15	26.1	35.3	1.843	1.362	2.567	46.9	0.885
44R-2, 74-76	412.64	413.81	24.7	32.9	1.875	1.411	2.578	45.3	0.827
44R-3, 74-76	414.14	415.31	25.9	35.0	1.845	1.367	2.563	46.7	0.875
44R-4, 47-49	415.37	416.54	24.9	33.2	1.888	1.417	2.622	46.0	0.850
44R-5, 59-61	416.99	418.16	25.4	34.1	1.866	1.391	2.592	46.3	0.863
45R-1, 53-55	420.53	422.01	25.1	33.5	1.881	1.409	2.613	46.1	0.855
45R-2, 78-80	422.28	423.76	22.7	29.3	1.942	1.502	2.632	42.9	0.753
45R-3, 44-46	423.44	424.92	21.9	28.0	1.942	1.517	2.592	41.5	0.709
46R-1, 42-44	430.02	431.50	22.4	28.8	1.969	1.528	2.682	43.0	0.755
46R-2, 70-72	431.11	432.59	24.8	33.0	1.951	1.466	2.782	47.3	0.897
46R-3, 84-86	432.75	434.23	20.3	25.4	2.013	1.605	2.668	39.8	0.662
46R-4, 88-90	434.29	435.77	19.8	24.7	2.025	1.623	2.671	39.2	0.645
46R-5, 89-91	435.80	437.28	21.8	27.9	1.996	1.561	2.717	42.6	0.741
48R-1, 59-61	449.39	449.40	14.4	16.8	2.176	1.863	2.682	30.5	0.440
48R-2, 57-59	450.87	450.88	13.9	16.1	2.200	1.895	2.701	29.8	0.425
48R-3, 78-80	452.58	452.59	12.5	14.3	2.258	1.976	2.726	27.5	0.379
48R-4, 87-89	454.17	454.18	22.4	28.9	1.965	1.525	2.674	43.0	0.754
48R-5, 47-49	455.27	455.28	20.5	25.7	1.982	1.577	2.610	39.6	0.655
48R-6, 53-55	456.83	456.84	15.1	17.7	2.150	1.826	2.671	31.6	0.463
48R-7, 53-55	458.33	458.34	19.7	24.6	2.022	1.622	2.659	39.0	0.639
49R-1, 73-75	459.13	459.99	11.3	12.7	2.254	2.001	2.660	24.8	0.329
49R-2, 73-75	460.63	461.49	13.7	15.9	2.200	1.898	2.692	29.5	0.419
49R-3, 81-83	462.04	462.90	21.9	28.1	1.979	1.545	2.680	42.3	0.734
49R-4, 74-76	463.47	464.33	10.4	11.6	2.341	2.098	2.749	23.7	0.310
49R-5, 85-87	465.02	465.88	12.3	14.1	2.229	1.954	2.671	26.9	0.367
49R-6, 73-75	466.38	467.24	19.1	23.6	2.061	1.668	2.709	38.4	0.624
50R-1, 66-68	468.66	469.19	11.0	12.3	2.302	2.050	2.719	24.6	0.327
50R-2, 87-89	470.37	470.90	17.6	21.3	2.101	1.732	2.709	36.1	0.564
50R-3, 92-94	471.74	472.27	10.6	11.9	2.305	2.061	2.707	23.9	0.314
50R-4, 81-83	473.13	473.66	22.0	28.3	1.977	1.541	2.682	42.5	0.740
51R-1, 79-81	478.39	478.72	15.8	18.7	2.153	1.813	2.714	33.2	0.497
51R-2, 78-80	479.88	480.21	15.8	18.8	2.106	1.773	2.629	32.6	0.483
51R-3, 63-65	481.23	481.56	17.3	20.9	2.070	1.712	2.632	35.0	0.538
51R-4, 86-88	482.96	483.29	16.7	20.1	2.103	1.751	2.666	34.3	0.522
51R-5, 77-79	484.37	484.70	23.0	29.9	1.904	1.466	2.562	42.8	0.747
51R-6, 88-90	485.95	486.28	20.0	25.0	1.973	1.579	2.567	38.5	0.626
52R-1, 93-95	488.23	489.98	25.3	33.8	1.826	1.364	2.485	45.1	0.821
207-1259B- 2R-3, 66-68	308.66	308.06	33.6	50.6	1.724	1.145	2.636	56.6	1.303

Table T20 (continued).

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Water content (%)		Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )			Porosity (%)	Void ratio
	(mbsf)	(mcd)	Wet	Dry	Bulk	Dry	Grain		
2R-5, 90-92	311.90	311.30	34.7	53.2	1.717	1.121	2.683	58.2	1.393
4R-2, 79-81	326.49	316.99	32.9	49.1	1.727	1.158	2.606	55.5	1.250
4R-3, 30-32	327.50	318.00	33.1	49.5	1.733	1.159	2.634	56.0	1.272
4R-4, 57-59	329.27	319.77	26.6	36.2	1.849	1.357	2.610	48.0	0.923
5R-3, 3-5	336.83	338.28	27.1	37.1	1.853	1.352	2.647	48.9	0.959
7R-1, 9-11	353.19	354.92	30.2	43.3	1.757	1.226	2.546	51.9	1.077
7R-CC, 1-3	362.58	364.31	25.3	33.9	1.842	1.375	2.526	45.6	0.837
10R-1, 4-6	420.54	418.75	27.5	37.9	1.872	1.358	2.727	50.2	1.008
10R-3, 36-38	423.86	422.07	25.2	33.7	1.871	1.400	2.592	46.0	0.852
10R-5, 28-30	426.78	424.99	21.6	27.6	1.968	1.543	2.639	41.5	0.710
10R-7, 4-6	429.24	427.45	23.5	30.8	1.926	1.473	2.642	44.2	0.794
11R-3, 5-7	432.85	432.17	21.7	27.7	2.018	1.580	2.760	42.7	0.747
12R-1, 40-42	440.10	438.65	18.9	23.2	2.070	1.679	2.713	38.1	0.616
13R-3, 5-7	447.75	446.30	17.2	20.7	2.106	1.745	2.696	35.3	0.546
13R-5, 6-8	450.76	449.31	15.1	17.7	2.173	1.845	2.713	32.0	0.470
13R-7, 7-9	453.78	452.33	14.2	16.5	2.152	1.847	2.630	29.8	0.424
14R-1, 7-9	454.37	453.13	17.4	21.0	2.089	1.726	2.673	35.4	0.549
14R-3, 4-6	457.34	456.10	14.6	17.0	2.194	1.875	2.724	31.2	0.453
14R-5, 8-10	460.38	459.14	23.1	30.0	1.957	1.506	2.693	44.1	0.789
15R-1, 56-58	462.46	460.92	24.7	32.9	1.862	1.401	2.546	45.0	0.817
15R-5, 31-33	468.21	466.67	12.1	13.8	2.262	1.988	2.717	26.8	0.367
15R-7, 59-61	471.49	469.95	11.3	12.7	2.314	2.053	2.755	25.5	0.342
16R-1, 74-76	472.24	471.95	9.6	10.6	2.346	2.121	2.718	22.0	0.281
16R-3, 78-80	475.28	474.99	12.2	14.0	2.270	1.992	2.735	27.2	0.373
17R-1, 14-16	476.64	475.70	13.2	15.2	2.181	1.893	2.634	28.1	0.391
17R-3, 10-12	479.60	478.66	13.9	16.1	2.481	2.137	3.221	33.7	0.508
17R-5, 79-81	483.29	482.35	24.2	32.0	1.899	1.439	2.613	44.9	0.816
25R-1, 134-136	554.54	555.63	9.0	9.9	2.354	2.141	2.703	20.8	0.262
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2R-1, 91-93	318.51	322.32	31.0	45.0	1.767	1.219	2.625	53.6	1.154
2R-2, 142-144	320.52	324.33	28.1	39.1	1.815	1.304	2.600	49.8	0.994
4R-1, 16-18	335.36	338.74	29.9	42.7	1.798	1.260	2.655	52.5	1.107
4R-3, 81-83	339.01	342.39	28.2	39.3	1.842	1.323	2.686	50.8	1.031
4R-5, 76-78	341.96	345.34	28.5	39.9	1.802	1.288	2.587	50.2	1.009
5R-1, 75-77	345.55	348.08	26.7	36.5	1.864	1.366	2.661	48.7	0.948
5R-3, 70-72	348.50	351.03	27.7	38.3	1.827	1.321	2.610	49.4	0.976
5R-5, 18-20	350.98	353.51	26.3	35.7	1.858	1.369	2.621	47.8	0.915
6R-1, 74-76	355.14	358.90	28.2	39.2	1.802	1.294	2.566	49.6	0.983
6R-3, 79-81	358.19	361.95	28.4	39.7	1.828	1.308	2.655	50.7	1.029
6R-5, 76-78	361.16	364.92	27.1	37.2	1.850	1.348	2.643	49.0	0.961
7R-1, 125-127	365.25	368.74	29.3	41.4	1.794	1.269	2.603	51.3	1.052
7R-3, 64-66	367.49	370.98	27.2	37.4	1.830	1.332	2.592	48.6	0.945
8R-1, 90-92	436.90	438.15	18.9	23.3	2.064	1.674	2.703	38.1	0.615
8R-4, 24-26	440.74	441.99	21.9	28.0	1.990	1.555	2.704	42.5	0.739
8R-7, 64-66	445.13	446.38	19.1	23.6	2.063	1.669	2.713	38.5	0.625
10R-1, 49-51	485.49	486.92	18.7	23.0	2.021	1.642	2.605	36.9	0.586
10R-3, 20-22	487.85	489.28	23.7	31.1	1.895	1.445	2.575	43.9	0.782
11R-1, 39-41	489.79	492.03	21.2	26.9	1.920	1.513	2.511	39.7	0.660
11R-2, 93-95	491.83	494.07	17.4	21.1	2.117	1.748	2.732	36.0	0.562
11R-5, 24-26	495.17	497.41	30.9	44.7	1.701	1.175	2.416	51.4	1.056
12R-2, 71-73	497.61	501.86	29.9	42.6	1.681	1.179	2.312	49.0	0.961
12R-3, 55-57	498.95	503.20	31.7	46.4	1.642	1.121	2.280	50.8	1.034
12R-4, 6-7	499.96	504.21	29.7	42.3	1.742	1.224	2.476	50.5	1.022
13R-3, 21-23	504.81	509.47	32.3	47.7	1.754	1.187	2.659	55.4	1.240
14R-1, 49-50	509.09	513.31	10.1	11.2	2.090	1.879	2.366	20.6	0.259
15R-1, 1-3	513.81	518.63	34.0	51.6	1.579	1.041	2.191	52.5	1.104
15R-2, 3-5	515.33	520.15	18.7	23.0	1.903	1.547	2.369	34.7	0.531
16R-3, 69-71	521.97	525.50	33.2	49.8	1.645	1.098	2.357	53.4	1.146
16R-7, 44-46	527.22	530.75	33.1	49.6	1.596	1.067	2.206	51.6	1.068
17R-1, 23-25	528.13	531.25	29.8	42.5	1.655	1.161	2.241	48.2	0.930
17R-3, 35-36	531.21	534.33	29.7	42.2	1.684	1.184	2.312	48.8	0.952
17R-5, 12-14	533.98	537.10	29.7	42.3	1.601	1.125	2.103	46.5	0.869
18R-3, 94-96	541.44	545.77	29.2	41.2	1.636	1.159	2.170	46.6	0.873
19R-1, 93-95	548.03	550.38	10.0	11.1	2.488	2.240	2.957	24.2	0.320
19R-2, 47-49	548.91	551.26	10.1	11.3	2.368	2.128	2.779	23.4	0.306
19R-3, 66-68	550.20	552.55	9.8	10.8	2.365	2.135	2.756	22.5	0.291
19R-4, 2-4	550.56	552.91	9.1	10.0	2.334	2.121	2.676	20.7	0.262

Note: This table is also available in [ASCII](#).



**Table T21.** Average difference between GRA bulk density and MAD measurements, Site 1259.

Unit/ Subunit	Hole	Average difference (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Number of samples
	207-		
I	1259A	0.084	13
IIA	1259A	0.106	52
IIB	1259A	0.136	57
IIC	1259A	0.181	39
	1259B	0.136	8
	1259C	0.207	11
IIIA	1259A	0.231	18
	1259B	0.200	6
	1259C	0.232	5
IIIB	1259A	0.273	24
	1259B	0.275	14
	1259C	0.227	3
IV	1259B	0.228	15
V	1259B	1.143	1
	1259C	0.314	4

Note: Differences are calculated for each hole and lithostratigraphic unit.

Table T22. Discrete measurements of *P*-wave velocity, Site 1259.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Velocity (m/s)			Core, section, interval (cm)	Depth		Velocity (m/s)		
	(mbsf)	(mcd)	x	y	z		(mbsf)	(mcd)	x	y	z
207-1259A-						7R-3, 46.1	58.06	58.06	1577.2		
1R-1, 10.9	0.11	0.11	1604.7			7R-3, 72.5	58.33	58.33	1573.8		
1R-1, 47.6	0.48	0.48	1585.9			7R-3, 121.5	58.81	58.81	1635.4		
1R-1, 88.5	0.88	0.88	1584.5			7R-4, 31.5	59.42	59.42	1588.0		
1R-1, 134.6	1.35	1.35	1586.4			7R-4, 67.7	59.78	59.78	1610.1		
1R-2, 13.2	1.63	1.63	1573.2			7R-4, 89.9	60.00	60.00	1605.2		
1R-2, 55.1	2.05	2.05	1554.2			7R-4, 121.3	60.31	60.31	1630.2		
1R-2, 95.4	2.45	2.45	1621.4			7R-5, 14.4	60.74	60.74	1691.1		
1R-3, 14.6	2.75	2.75	1621.9			7R-5, 42.4	61.02	61.02	1619.0		
1R-3, 43.7	3.04	3.04	1573.3			7R-5, 74.9	61.35	61.35	1626.1		
2R-1, 14.2	8.94	8.94	1644.2			7R-5, 88.3	61.48	61.48	1509.8		
2R-1, 59.1	9.39	9.39	1659.4			7R-5, 113	61.73	61.73	1587.4		
2R-1, 136.6	10.17	10.17	1628.9			8R-1, 12.6	63.93	63.93	1658.0		
2R-2, 36.4	10.66	10.66	1573.3			8R-1, 87.4	64.67	64.67	1632.9		
2R-2, 77.2	11.07	11.07	1573.1			8R-2, 33.5	65.64	65.64	1517.0		
2R-2, 125.2	11.55	11.55	1581.2			8R-2, 93.9	66.24	66.24	1560.7		
2R-3, 34.7	12.15	12.15	1596.6			8R-2, 127.1	66.57	66.57	1564.8		
2R-3, 71.1	12.51	12.51	1715.4			8R-3, 19.1	66.99	66.99	1642.2		
2R-3, 124.4	13.04	13.04	1716.4			8R-3, 49.8	67.30	67.30	1612.8		
3R-1, 40.9	18.71	18.71	1558.1			8R-3, 84.7	67.65	67.65	1556.2		
3R-1, 70.6	19.01	19.01	1548.4			8R-4, 15.5	68.46	68.46	1561.0		
3R-1, 103	19.33	19.33	1587.6			8R-4, 45.8	68.76	68.76	1573.5		
3R-2, 32.4	20.12	20.12	1624.4			8R-4, 79.4	69.09	69.09	1580.9		
3R-2, 81.2	20.61	20.61	1623.3			8R-4, 112.3	69.42	69.42	1563.4		
3R-3, 19.5	21.50	21.50	1585.8			8R-5, 9.3	69.89	69.89	1569.4		
3R-3, 63.6	21.94	21.94	1610.6			8R-5, 75.9	70.56	70.56	1562.8		
3R-3, 101.8	22.32	22.32	1645.1			8R-5, 108.3	70.88	70.88	1577.1		
3R-4, 13.3	22.93	22.93	1576.8			8R-6, 11.3	71.41	71.41	1512.8		
3R-4, 48.3	23.28	23.28	1564.3			8R-6, 63.6	71.94	71.94	1575.5		
3R-4, 115.2	23.95	23.95	1618.9			9R-1, 27.7	73.18	73.18	1590.8		
3R-5, 18.7	24.49	24.49	1635.1			9R-1, 74.9	73.65	73.65	1589.0		
3R-5, 59.3	24.89	24.89	1608.0			9R-1, 102.6	73.93	73.93	1536.4		
3R-5, 97.1	25.27	25.27	1646.1			9R-1, 138.6	74.29	74.29	1586.5		
3R-5, 117	25.47	25.47	1628.1			9R-2, 16.4	74.56	74.56	1545.2		
4R-1, 27.3	27.57	27.57	1544.9			9R-2, 46.9	74.87	74.87	1563.4		
4R-1, 74.4	28.04	28.04	1537.8			9R-2, 81.4	75.21	75.21	1613.2		
5R-1, 24.9	36.65	36.65	1560.7			9R-2, 138.2	75.78	75.78	1552.8		
5R-1, 68.2	37.08	37.08	1586.6			9R-3, 17.2	76.07	76.07	1560.6		
5R-1, 96.7	37.37	37.37	1613.5			9R-3, 50.7	76.41	76.41	1610.0		
5R-1, 130	37.70	37.70	1592.5			9R-3, 88.8	76.79	76.79	1561.2		
5R-2, 25.2	38.15	38.15	1601.5			9R-3, 133.5	77.24	77.24	1555.5		
5R-2, 56.6	38.47	38.47	1600.1			9R-4, 14.4	77.54	77.54	1596.6		
5R-2, 85.7	38.76	38.76	1571.7			9R-4, 67.1	78.07	78.07	1599.2		
5R-2, 111.8	39.02	39.02	1589.6			9R-4, 98.8	78.39	78.39	1635.9		
5R-3, 29.1	39.69	39.69	1557.6			9R-4, 124.4	78.64	78.64	1653.7		
5R-3, 57.3	39.97	39.97	1601.0			9R-5, 24.5	79.14	79.14	1539.9		
5R-3, 103.9	40.44	40.44	1574.4			9R-5, 59.7	79.50	79.50	1585.5		
5R-4, 22.2	40.82	40.82	1603.4			9R-5, 119.6	80.10	80.10	1547.9		
5R-4, 52.6	41.13	41.13	1607.0			9R-6, 20.6	80.61	80.61	1636.4		
6R-1, 10	45.60	45.60	1678.4			9R-6, 77.6	81.18	81.18	1535.8		
6R-1, 58.9	46.09	46.09	1626.6			9R-7, 11.3	81.61	81.61	1574.0		
6R-1, 95.8	46.46	46.46	1634.5			9R-7, 45.1	81.95	81.95	1555.3		
6R-1, 116.5	46.67	46.67	1625.4			10R-1, 22.4	82.82	82.82	1577.9		
6R-2, 11.8	47.12	47.12	1631.8			10R-1, 63.1	83.23	83.23	1582.8		
6R-2, 42.2	47.42	47.42	1615.3			10R-1, 92.7	83.53	83.53	1545.9		
6R-2, 86.4	47.86	47.86	1570.3			10R-1, 127.3	83.87	83.87	1530.4		
6R-2, 118.2	48.18	48.18	1628.0			10R-2, 14.9	84.25	84.25	1552.3		
6R-3, 15.4	48.65	48.65	1651.4			10R-2, 44.6	84.55	84.55	1569.8		
6R-3, 44.5	48.94	48.94	1608.8			10R-2, 82.2	84.92	84.92	1552.7		
6R-3, 101.4	49.51	49.51	1613.6			10R-2, 120.4	85.30	85.30	1598.7		
6R-3, 132.6	49.83	49.83	1611.4			10R-3, 13.7	85.74	85.74	1542.1		
7R-1, 9.9	54.70	54.70	1632.2								
7R-1, 48.8	55.09	55.09	1612.1								
7R-1, 96	55.56	55.56	1624.9								
7R-1, 140.3	56.00	56.00	1638.1								
7R-2, 26.6	56.37	56.37	1592.7								
7R-2, 52.5	56.62	56.62	1606.6								
7R-2, 81.9	56.92	56.92	1551.9								
7R-2, 125	57.35	57.35	1503.5								

Notes: Multiple axis measurements were performed on 2-cm<sup>3</sup> samples. x-direction is perpendicular to the surface of a split core, y-direction is parallel to the surface of a split core, and z-direction is perpendicular to the top of the core. Only a portion of this table appears here. The complete table is available in [ASCII](#).