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Another significant Minerals Data and Information Rescue in Alaska (MDIRA) milestone has been achieved! Virtually all U.S. Geological Survey Bulletins and Professional Papers for Alaska are now viewable and retrievable online through the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) Web site <<http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/pubs/pubs.jsp>>. The collection includes about 700 text reports, consisting of approximately 55,000 pages of text, photographs, data tables, and small (page-sized or up to 11 x 17 inch) illustrations. Various documents in the collection also include “oversize” (larger than 11 x 17 inch) illustrations (about 1,100 sheets). The reports and maps are very high quality scans that are readable with Adobe Acrobat Reader. An example is U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1 by A.H. Brooks from 1902 <<http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us/scan1/p/text/P0001.PDF>>, which includes what may be the first geologic map of southeast Alaska.

The U.S. Geological Survey Bulletins and Professional Papers are catalogued by series and number and are incorporated into the DGGs publications search engine. Additionally, these publications and other USGS, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and DGGs geology and mineral resource publications are included in the MDIRA Interagency Bibliography <<http://www.bib.AKGeology.Info>>, which has multiple search methods. Clicking on the citation in the search results provides a direct link to scanned publications.

The USGS Publications Scanning Project, the AKGeology bibliography project, and the DGGS Database project that runs the DGGS publications Web pages are all components of the federally funded MDIRA Program. For the future, DGGS has begun a similar project that will include Alaska-related USGS Open-File Reports, Miscellaneous Field Studies, Geologic Quadrangle Maps, Miscellaneous Investigations/Geologic Investigations, Mineral Investigations Resources Maps, and various other short-series USGS publications.

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