

# AK GeMS Geologic Mapping System

The Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) produces and publishes numerous geologic maps each year.

To produce standards-based geologic maps we developed the **AK DGGS Geologic Mapping System** 



This system controls the process of: collecting, producing, converting, packaging, publishing, and sharing geologic map data.

#### Poster View of System



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### AK GeMS Recent Efforts

- Developed a comprehensive AK GeMS Production Workflow & Task List
- Developed a semiautomated quality control process
- Published 40+ AK GeMS
   Databases
- Populating our multi-map geodatabase and began development of multi-map services and web apps
- Working on Version 2.0 of Published Standards



### Integrated Team Is Essential!

- Dedicated and Embedded IT support at the Division Level is Absolutely Critical
- Regularly scheduled coordination
   meetings:
  - Weekly GEDI meetings (Geologic Data Inquiry)
  - Bi-weekly Division Publications Meetings
  - Weekly GeMS Multimap Meetings
  - Individual Product Production Status Meetings
  - Other Spin Off Meetings
- Emphasis on Training:
  - Weekly GIS Tips & Tricks
  - Illustrator sessions
  - ESRI Training emphasis
  - One-on-one training and support from IT, GIS, & Publications.



Geologic Information Center (GIC)

### AK GeMS Data Dictionary

#### **Key Aspects**

- Increased focus on modeling geologic features
- Capable of exporting to National GeMS.
- Capable of supporting both single-map geodatabases as well as the DGGS multi-map enterprise geodatabase (PostGreSQL).
- Support multiple geologic layers (i.e. bedrock, surficial, others).
- Formalized pick lists as attribute domains.
  - Over 75 domains
  - Over 400 controlled & defined values
- Well Documented.

*Version 2.0 scheduled for 1 Apr 2023* 

### **AK GeMS Schema**



AK GeMS Data Dictionary: A description of the AK GeMS database schema, MP 170. https://dgs.alaska.gov/pubs/id/30669

#### Example: map\_unit\_polys Documentation from Data Dictionary

Field	When	Who	How	Why	default value	Domain	data type		
OBJECTID	on the fly	esri	calculated	software			OBJECTID		
Shape	on the fly	esri	calculated	software			Geomtery		
map_unit_polys_id	pub prep	pub data lead	calculated				string: 50		100 map unit
laver	Interpretation	geologist	calculated		0		Long Integer		997 unprovided
category	pub prep	pub data lead	calculated		0	map unit polys category dom	string: 50		998 unknown 999 other
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symbol	pub prep	variable	calculated				string: 254		100 map unit, generic
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									997 unprovided
			1.1.1.1						998 unknown
label	pub prep	pub data lead	calculated				string: 50		999 other
									Code Description
								×	1 certain
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									3 questionable 997 upprovided
map unit	interpretation	geologist	manual				string: 10		998 unknown
									Code Description 0 no 1 yes
identity confidence	interpretation	geologist	manual			identity confidence dom	string: 50		2 thinly
		00							999 unknown
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is_concealed	interpretation	geologist	manual			is concealed dom	string: 10	◄	<ol> <li>Feature unmodified from source material</li> </ol>
									2 Feature modified from source(s),
									primarily field mapping 3 Feature modified from source(s)
modifier	interpretation	geologist	manual	allows special		no domain, but suggested values of:			primarily basemap data
				characteristic of a unit,		hornfels, migmatite, mylonite,			4 Feature modified from source(s), primarily goophysical data
				withou making a new unit		outcrop, shear, non, other,			5 Feature modified from source(s)
				in the DMU		unspecified, unknown			6 New feature based primarily on
notes	interpretation	geologist	manual				string: 4096		7 New feature based primarily on
									basemap data
data_sources_method	interpretation	geologist	manual			data sources method dom	Long Integer		geophysicaldata
data_sources_id	Interpretation	geologist	manual				string: 50		9 New feature based on sources(s) 997 unprovided
product_id	pub prep	pub data lead	calculated				string: 50		998 unknown 999 other
draw_policy	Interpretation	Geologist	manual	Controls if the feature is	yes	draw policy dom	string: 10		555 Galer
				drawn on the map product					
distribution_policy	pub prep	pub data lead	manual		1	distribution policy dom	Long Integer		

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### AK GeMS Symbology

- Alaska DGGS has developed and published a GeMS symbology standard and accompanying style file
- Describes the organization and content of the style file used by DGGS for the Alaska GeMS map production system.
- Established procedures for requesting, creating, coding, and documenting custom symbols added to our style.

# AK GeMS Symbology Architecture



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#### AK GeMS symbology: A description of the AK GeMS style file, MP 169. https://dgs.alaska.gov/pubs/id/30584

#### Well-defined organizational procedures are critical.

### AK GeMS Production Workflow

#### **Key Aspects**

- The backbone of our procedures is our AK GeMS production workflow graphic.
- This workflow is a 16-phase process that takes a map and its data from pre-publication though production, quality control, publication, and archiving.
- The workflow Identifies:
  - Order
  - Responsibilities
  - Location of data
  - Production meetings
  - Products



## AK GeMS QA/QC focused workflow phases

QA (don't make mistakes)

- Phase 2: Production
- Phases 5: Data Prep QC (*find mistakes*)
- Phase 3: Approvals
- Phases 6-7: GeMS QC

#### QA/QC Accomplished with:

- Data Reviewer
- Python Scripts
- Implementing Attribute Rules

### AK GeMS Production Workflow



*Currently leveraging ESRI advantage Program credits to leverage Tasks and upgrade data reviewer processes to ArcPro 3.0* 

Using MS Teams **Planner App** to track map production through the AK GeMS Production Workflow

Reviewed during Weekly GEDI meetings (*Geologic Data Inquiry*) &

Bi-weekly Division Publications Meetings



# Geologic Map Index Web App

### https://maps.dggs.alaska.gov/mapindex



### For additional Information & related Presentations and Publications

https://dggs.alaska.gov/pubs/project/1607

### AK GeMS Availability

- Available: 43 AK GeMS Map Database currently available for download
- In Production: 20 Geologic Maps currently in production
- **Planned**: We have 40+ Geologic Maps will go into production this next year
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