

COLORS

COLOR OPTIMIZATION METRICS FOR GEOLOGIC MAPS

BEYOND THE BASICS OF GEOLOGIC MAP DATABASE QA/QC

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AK GeMS QA/QC focused workflow phases

QA (don't make mistakes)

- Phase 2: Production
- Phases 5: Data Prep

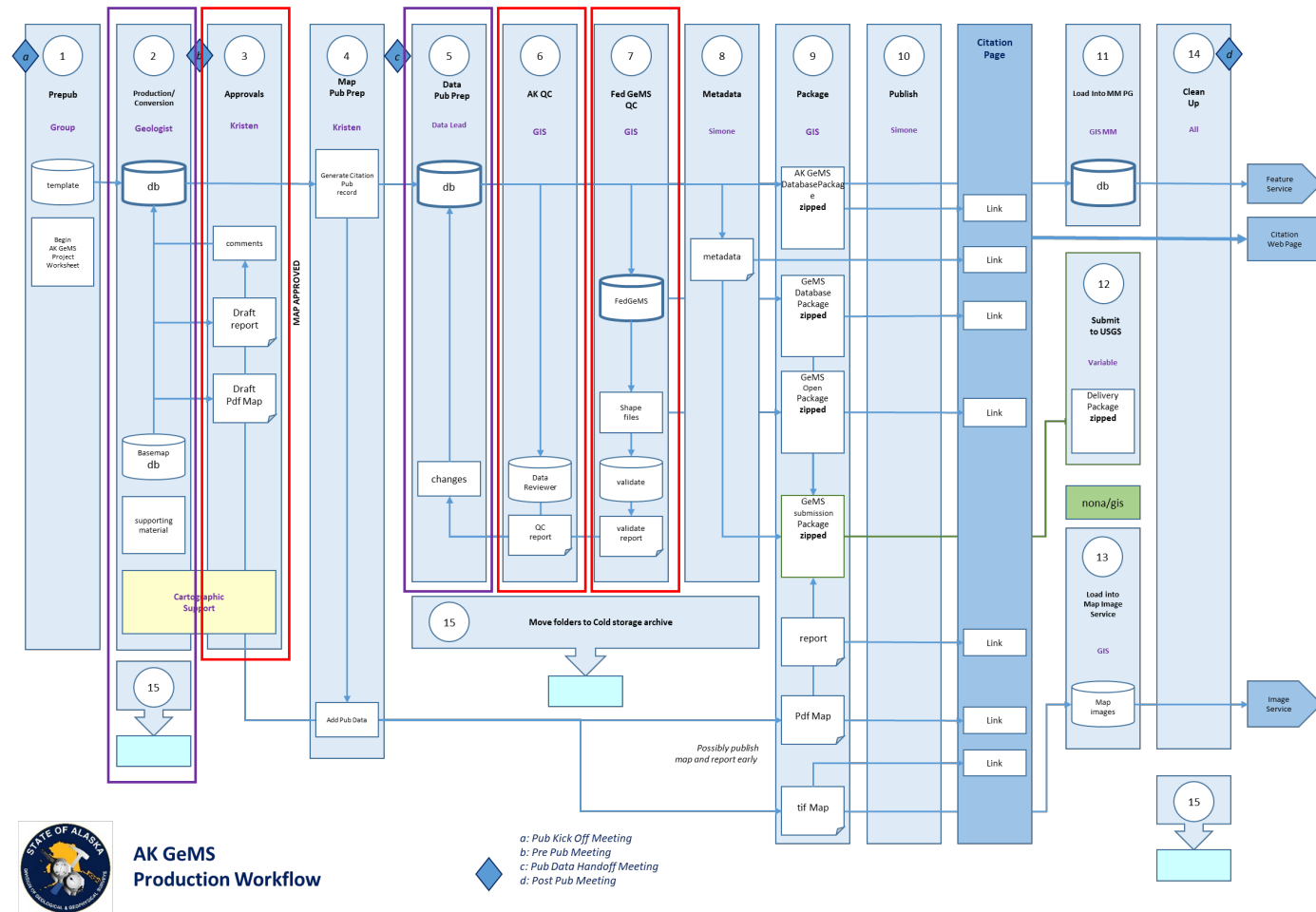
QC (find mistakes)

- 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.x

AK DGGS Color Review

Phase 2

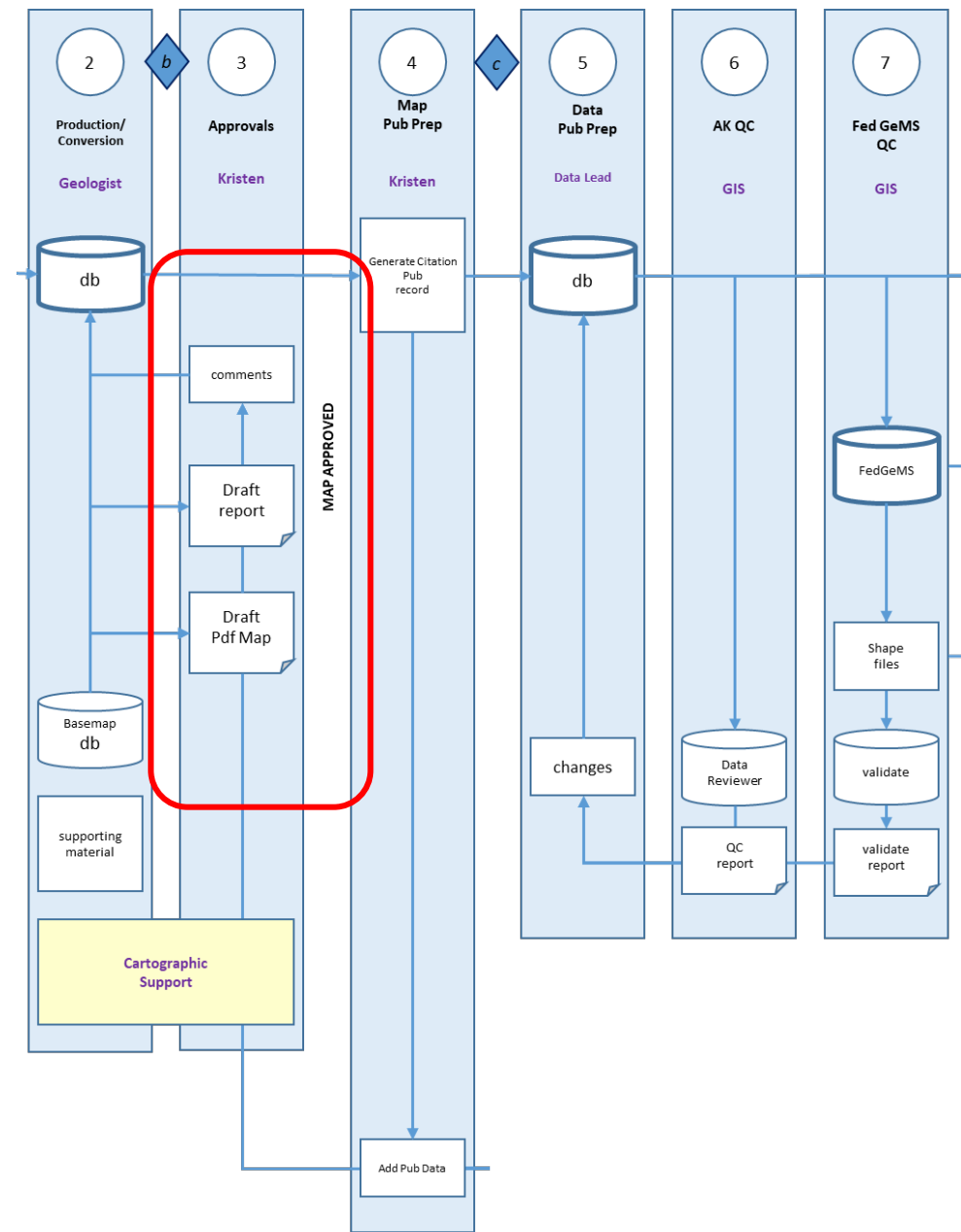
Colors chosen by geologist

Phase 3

Colors checked manually by reviewers

Description Of Map Units Table

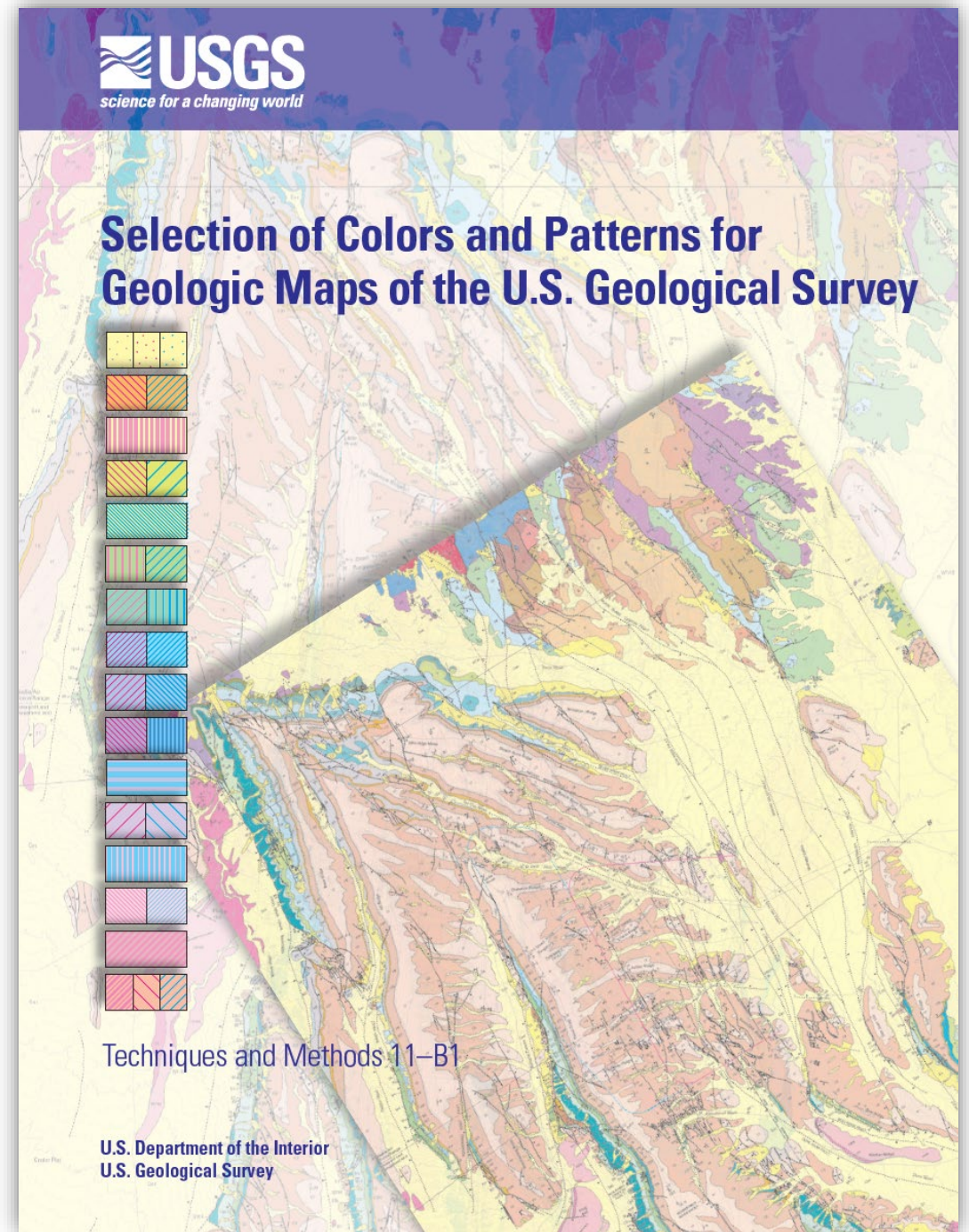
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FGDC Geologic Color Standards

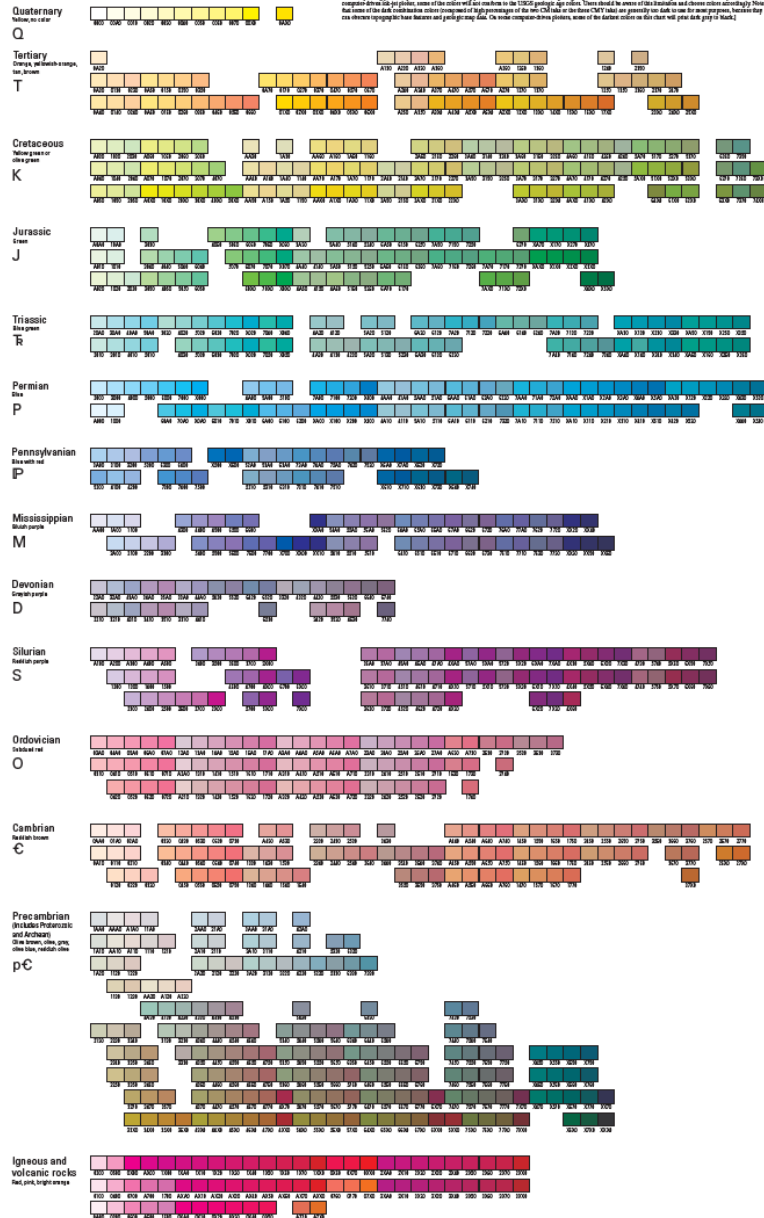
USGS Techniques and Methods 11-B1

- Purpose and use of the map
- Legibility of the map
- Showing contrast and clarity of map units and symbols
- Showing ages or age relationships of map units
- Showing structural relationships of map units
- Matching or approximating colors and patterns used on nearby or adjacent maps to maintain consistency and continuity of colors and patterns among maps in a region



Suggested Colors for Geologic Maps

Techniques and Methods 11-81



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Table 1. Suggested colors for geologic maps. CMYK values: A = 8%, 1 = 13%, 2 = 20%, 3 = 30%, 4 = 40%, 5 = 50%, 6 = 60%, 7 = 70%, X = 100%.

Geologic age	Basic color	Color combination	Selected color samples
Quaternary Q	Yellow or no color (white)	Tints of yellow (30% and 50% are best to use, except in narrow bands or very small areas) or no color (white).	0000 0030 0050 00X0
Tertiary T	Orange, yellowish orange, tan, brown	Combinations of yellow and magenta, with proportionally more yellow than magenta.	A130 0270 A570 16X0
Cretaceous K	Yellow green or olive green	Combinations of yellow and cyan, with proportionally more yellow than cyan; the addition of a small proportion of magenta produces olive greens.	A030 3070 4260 63X0
Jurassic J	Green	Combinations of yellow and cyan in equal or nearly equal proportions. Note: in theory, this is the correct color for Jurassic; however, in practice it is well to lean toward the conventional "blue greens" when possible.	3030 6060 6160 X0X0
Triassic R	Blue green	Combinations of yellow and cyan, with proportionally more cyan than yellow.	30A0 5030 6A30 6240
Permian P	Blue	Tints of cyan; a small proportion of magenta is often needed to increase contrast.	2000 5000 6200 62A0
Pennsylvanian P	Blue with red	Combinations of cyan and magenta, with a much higher proportion of cyan than magenta.	3A00 3200 53A0 6400
Mississippian M	Bluish purple	Combinations of cyan and magenta, with the proportion of cyan only slightly higher than magenta.	1100 4300 5400 6500
Devonian D	Grayish purple	Combinations of equal or nearly equal proportions of magenta and cyan plus a low proportion of yellow.	32A0 3310 54A0 6410
Silurian S	Reddish purple	Combinations of magenta and cyan, with proportionally more magenta than cyan.	1200 1500 3400 3620
Ordovician O	Subdued red	Light tints of magenta or combinations of a high proportion of magenta with low proportions of yellow and cyan.	03A0 1310 2410 2630
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Precambrian* pC	Olive brown, olive, gray, olive blue, reddish olive	Combinations of equal or nearly equal proportions of yellow, magenta, and cyan.	11A0 4430 1240 3560 2140 5370 3220 6430

*Includes Proterozoic and Archean.

Color Challenges

Large maps with many map units

























































- Particularly large number of map units of any one geologic age

Guidance :

- select colors that maintain the relative order of colors on the geologic age column but move up and (or) down on the column.
- use the color immediately above the geologic age color for the youngest units, the correct color for the middle units, and the color immediately below the geologic age for the older units.

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			 2140	 5370	 3220	 6430

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Patterns

Help maintain
basic color
scheme on
complex maps

Not factored into
tools at this time

Sedimentary Patterns

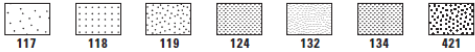
Sedimentary units in general



Shale



Sandstone



Evaporites (gypsum, salt)



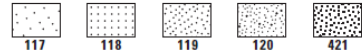
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Breccia, angular conglomerate

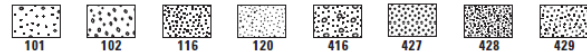


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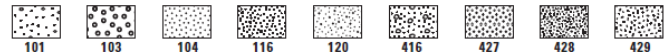
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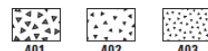
Gravel, sand and gravel



Conglomerate



Talus, breccia, landslides



Glacial moraine



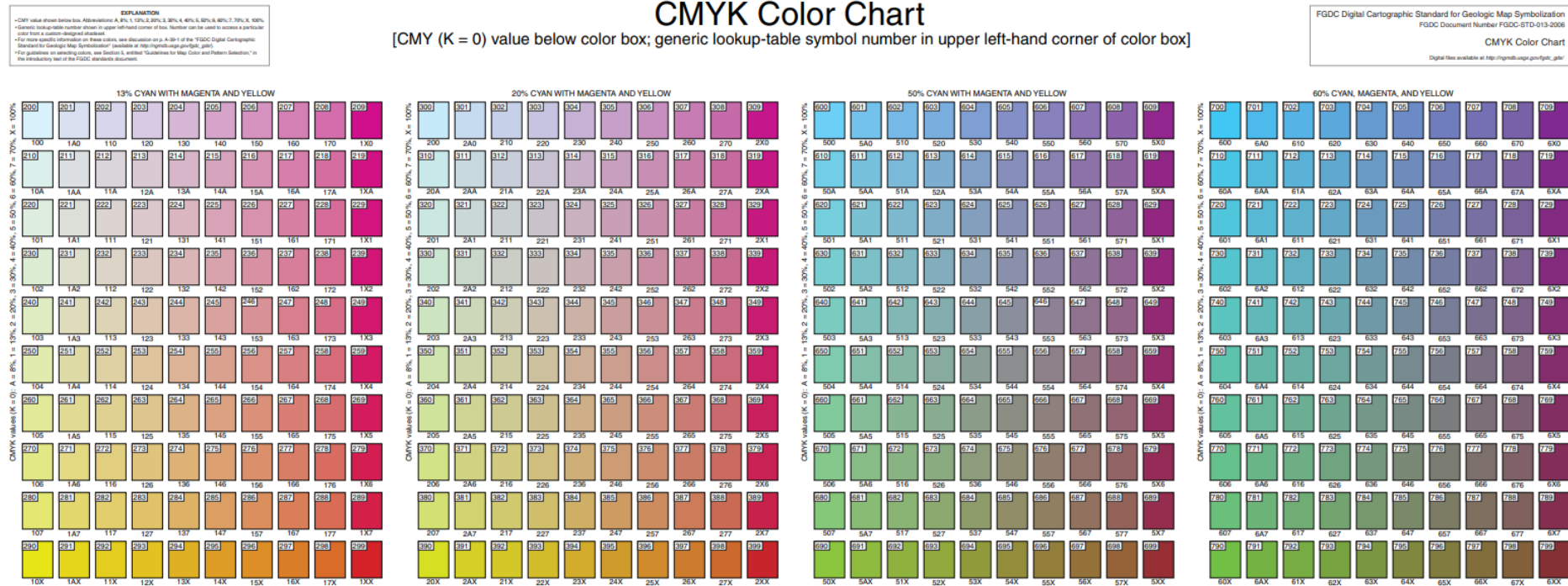
Table 3. Selected examples of **background colors** (CMYK codes shown below color boxes) and various **point patterns** (pattern numbers shown above color boxes) for geologic maps.
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Geologic age	Pattern Color									
	C (X000)	M (0X00)	C (5000)	M (0500)	C (X000)	M (0X00)	C (X000)	M (0X00)	K (0005)	
Quaternary Q	101 0000 0030	117 0000 0030	429 0000 0030	402 0000 0030	101 0000 0030	117 0000 0030	429 0000 0030	402 0000 0030	101 0000 0030	117 0000 0030
Tertiary T	101 A130 0270	301 A130 0270	318 A130 0270	327 A130 0270	101 A130 0270	301 A130 0270	318 A130 0270	327 A130 0270	101 A130 0270	301 A130 0270
Cretaceous K	101 A030 3070	427 A030 3070	301 A030 3070	327 A030 3070	101 A030 3070	427 A030 3070	301 A030 3070	327 A030 3070	101 A030 3070	427 A030 3070
Jurassic J	101 3030 6060	118 3030 6060	302 3030 6060	317 3030 6060	101 3030 6060	118 3030 6060	302 3030 6060	317 3030 6060	101 3030 6060	118 3030 6060
Triassic T	101 30A0 6030	416 30A0 6030	327 30A0 6030	314 30A0 6030	101 30A0 6030	416 30A0 6030	327 30A0 6030	314 30A0 6030	101 30A0 6030	416 30A0 6030
Permian P	101 2000 6030	429 2000 6030	328 2000 6030	317 2000 6030	101 2000 6030	429 2000 6030	328 2000 6030	317 2000 6030	101 2000 6030	429 2000 6030
Pennsylvanian IP	101 3A00 3200	102 3A00 3200	317 3A00 3200	328 3A00 3200	101 3A00 3200	102 3A00 3200	317 3A00 3200	328 3A00 3200	101 3A00 3200	102 3A00 3200
Mississippian M	101 1100 4300	103 1100 2200	318 1100 4300	327 1100 4300	101 1100 4300	103 1100 2200	318 1100 4300	327 1100 4300	101 1100 4300	103 1100 2200
Devonian D	117 32A0 3320	103 2210 32A0	319 32A0 3320	318 32A0 3320	117 32A0 3320	103 2210 32A0	319 32A0 3320	318 32A0 3320	117 32A0 3320	103 2210 32A0
Silurian S	117 1200 1500	401 1200 A300	303 1200 1500	319 1200 1500	117 1200 1500	401 1200 A300	303 1200 1500	319 1200 1500	117 1200 1500	401 1200 A300
Ordovician O	117 03A0 06A0	116 03A0 A3A0	305 03A0 06A0	327 03A0 06A0	117 03A0 06A0	116 03A0 A3A0	305 03A0 06A0	327 03A0 06A0	117 03A0 06A0	116 03A0 A3A0
Cambrian C	117 0120 24A0	118 0120 02A0	315 0120 24A0	318 0120 24A0	117 0120 24A0	118 0120 02A0	315 0120 24A0	318 0120 24A0	117 0120 24A0	118 0120 02A0
Proterozoic and Archean P*	117 2140 1230	302 2140 1230	306 2140 1230	327 2140 1230	117 2140 1230	302 2140 1230	306 2140 1230	327 2140 1230	117 2140 1230	302 2140 1230

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FGDC Key Recommendations

1. CMYK colors that differ by at least 30% for computer driven plotters
2. Colors maintain the relative order of colors on the geologic age column



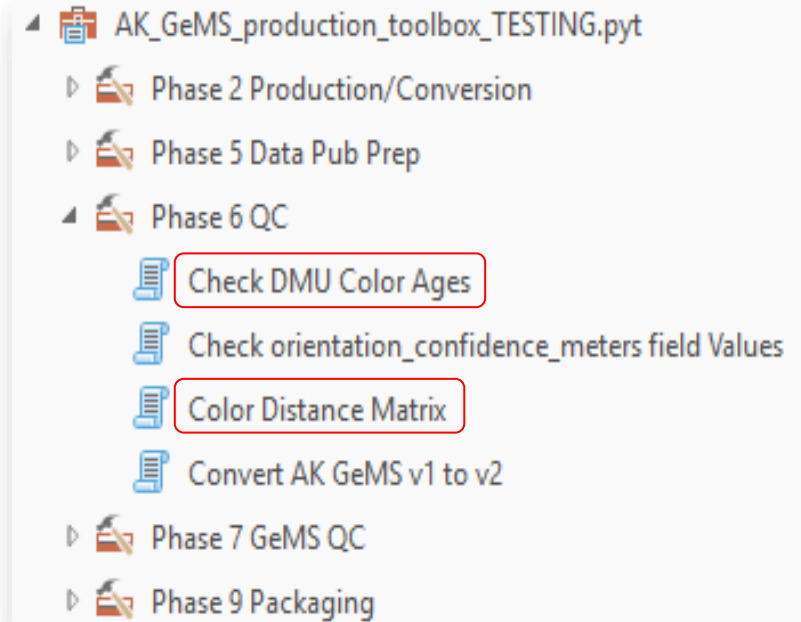
Developing Metrics

1. Human Readability

- Color Distance Matrix Tool

2. Adherence to Color Age Standards

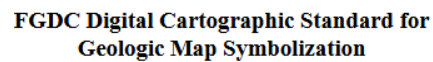
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Exist in `AK_GeMS_production_toolbox.pyt`

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CMYK Color Chart



Cyan

Color Code Logic

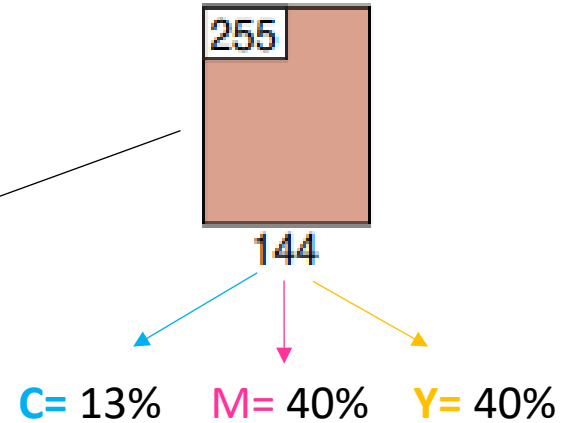
EXPLANATION

CMY value shown below box. Abbreviations: A, 8%; 1, 13%; 2, 20%; 3, 30%; 4, 40%; 5, 50%; 6, 60%; 7, 70%; X, 100%.

13% CYAN WITH MAGENTA AND YELLOW

CMYK values (K = 0): A = 8%, 1 = 13%, 2 = 20%, 3 = 30%, 4 = 40%, 5 = 50%, 6 = 60%, 7 = 70%, X = 100%

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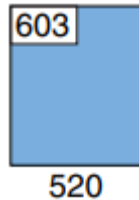


Color Distance Matrix Tool

Calculate the Euclidean distance between map units on 3D color cube



C= 30% M= 40% Y= 0%

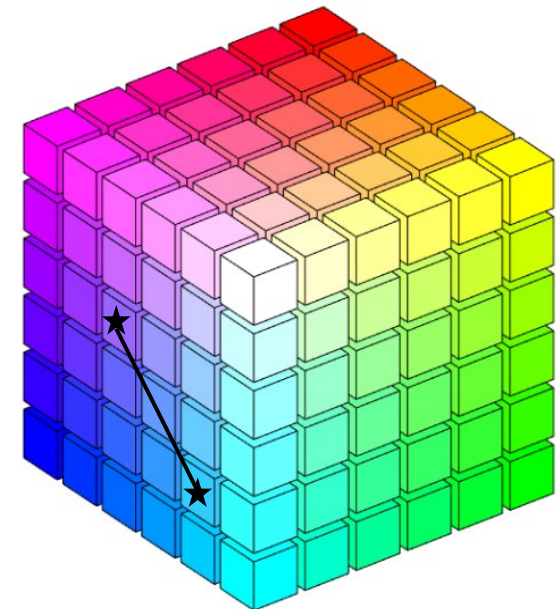
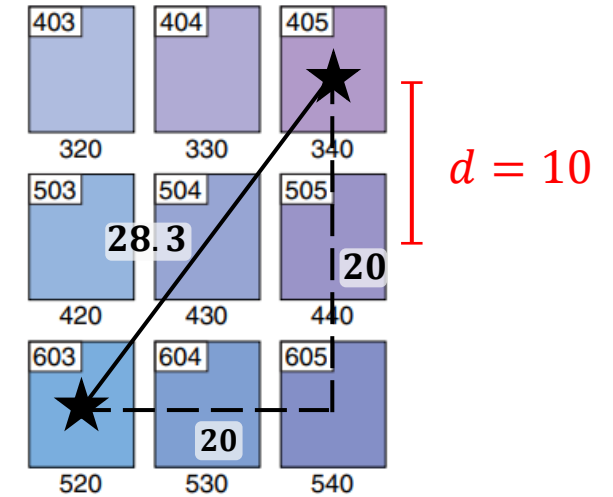


C= 50% M= 20% Y= 0%

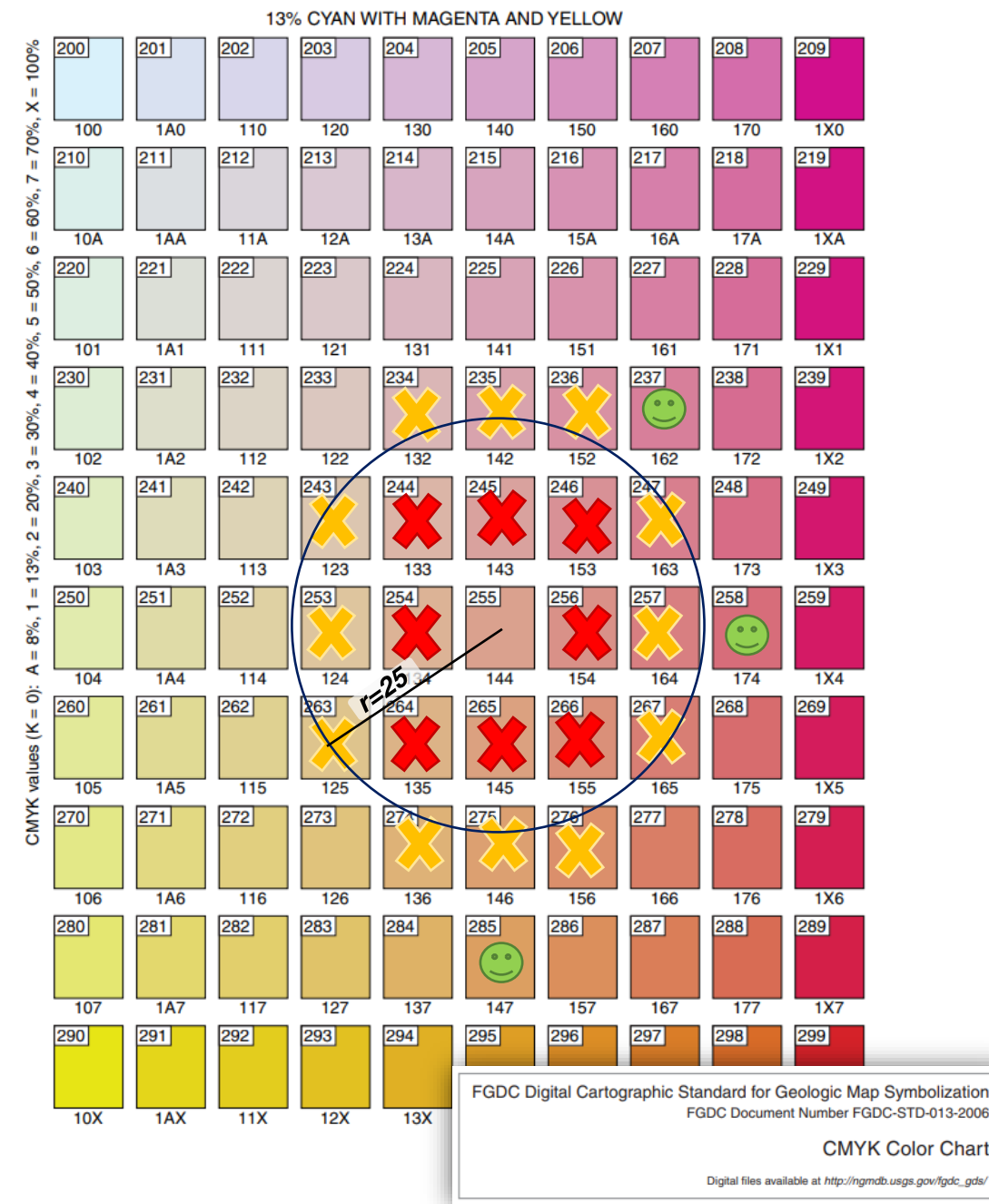
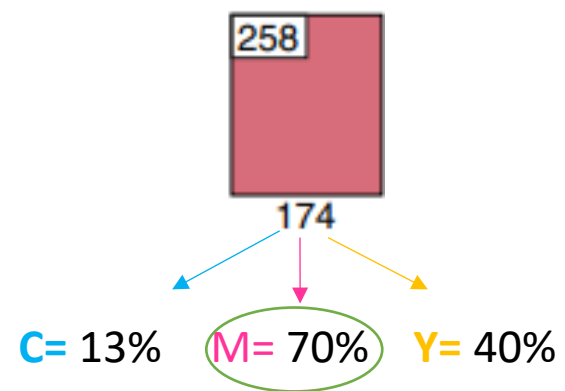
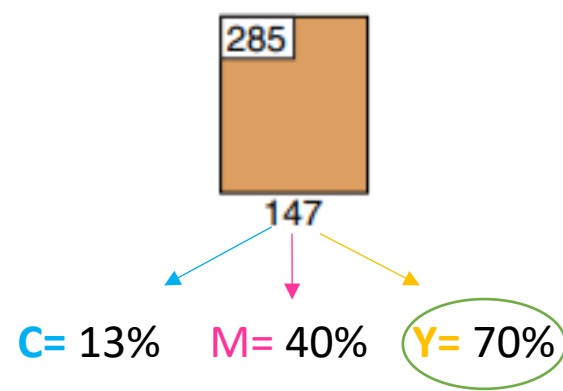
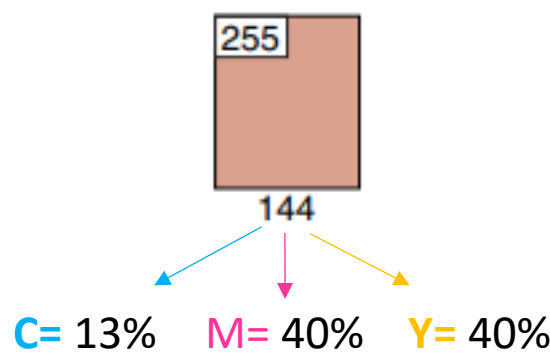
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$$d = \sqrt{(30 - 50)^2 + (40 - 20)^2 + (0 - 0)^2}$$

$$d = 28.3$$

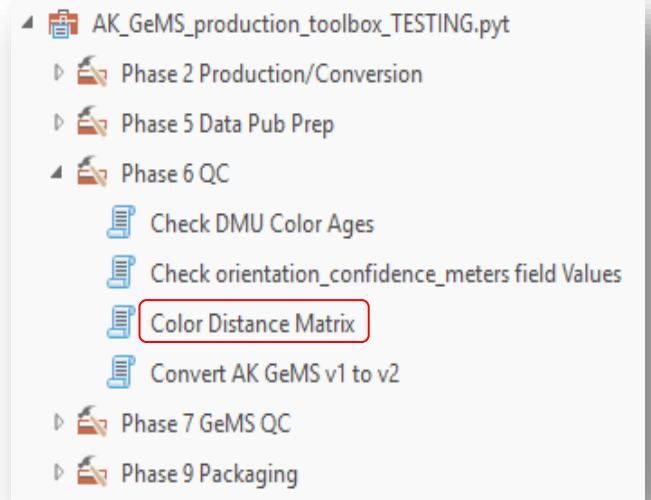


FGDC CMYK Color Chart



Color Distance Matrix Tool

- Distance matrix of the Euclidean distance between colors in DMU
- Average Euclidean distance between colors for a map



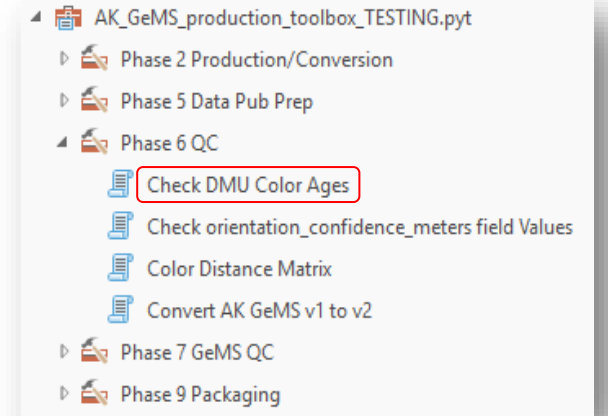
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Qal										
Qg	27									Qal
Ksbls	26.2	22.4								Qg
Ksblb	41.1	31	16.2							Ksbls
Ksblr	33.6	20	10	12.8						Ksbls
Ktu	49.4	34.2	25.9	11.2	19.2					Ksblb
Ks	39.2	16.4	21.2	21.3	12.2	21.4				Ksblr
Kn	63.1	46.6	38.3	22.9	31.1	14.1	31.6			Ktu
Kt	52.2	44.7	30	15.6	28.3	15.8	35.1	21.2		Ksblb
Average Dist	41.475	30.75714	23.6	16.76	22.7	17.1	33.35	21.2		25.86777

COLOR
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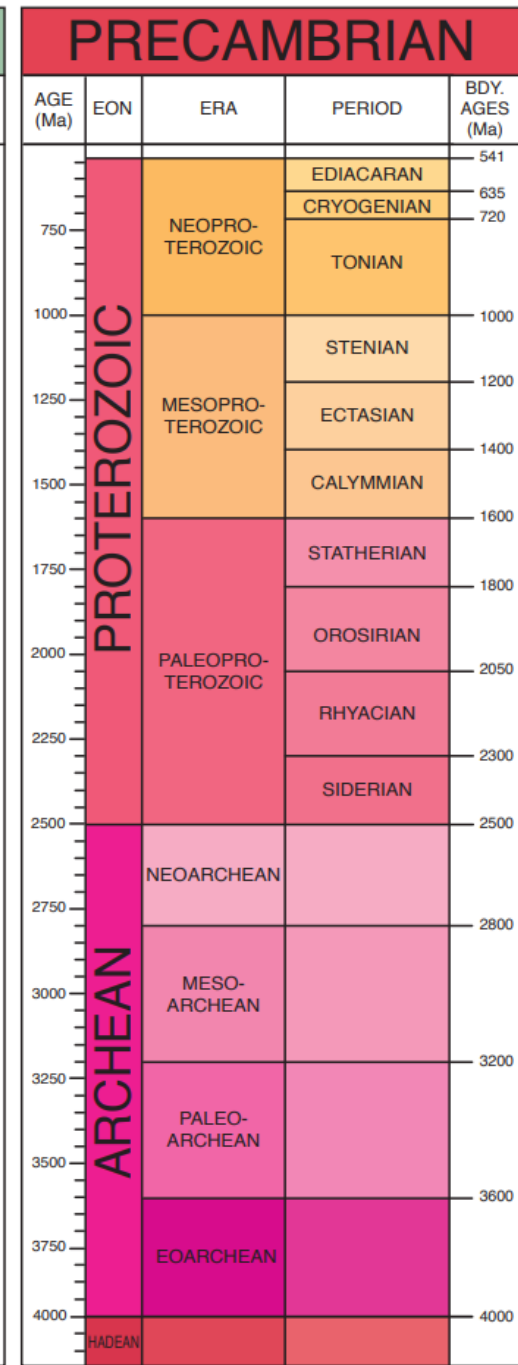
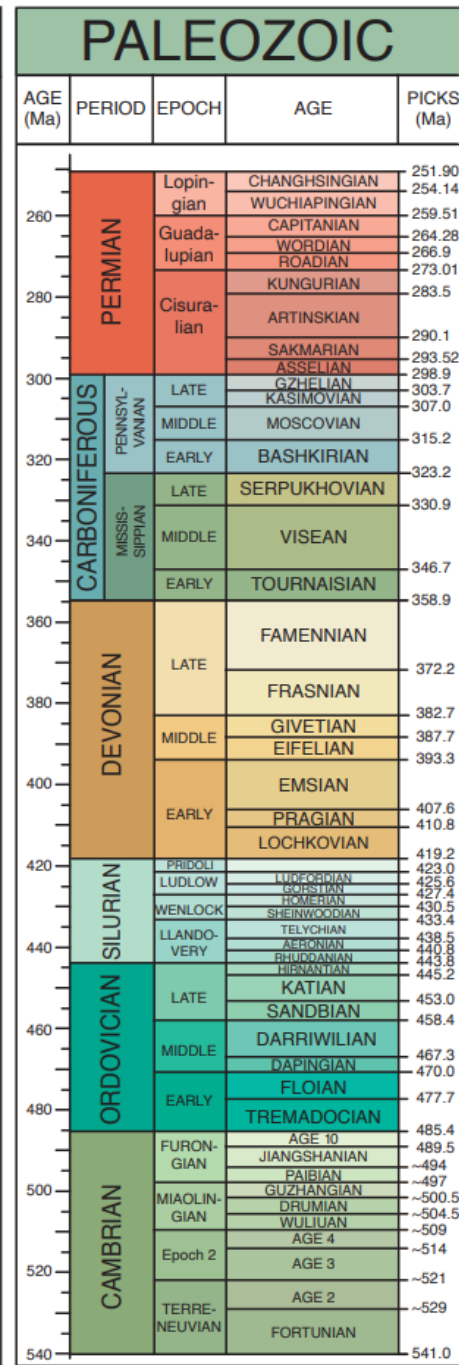
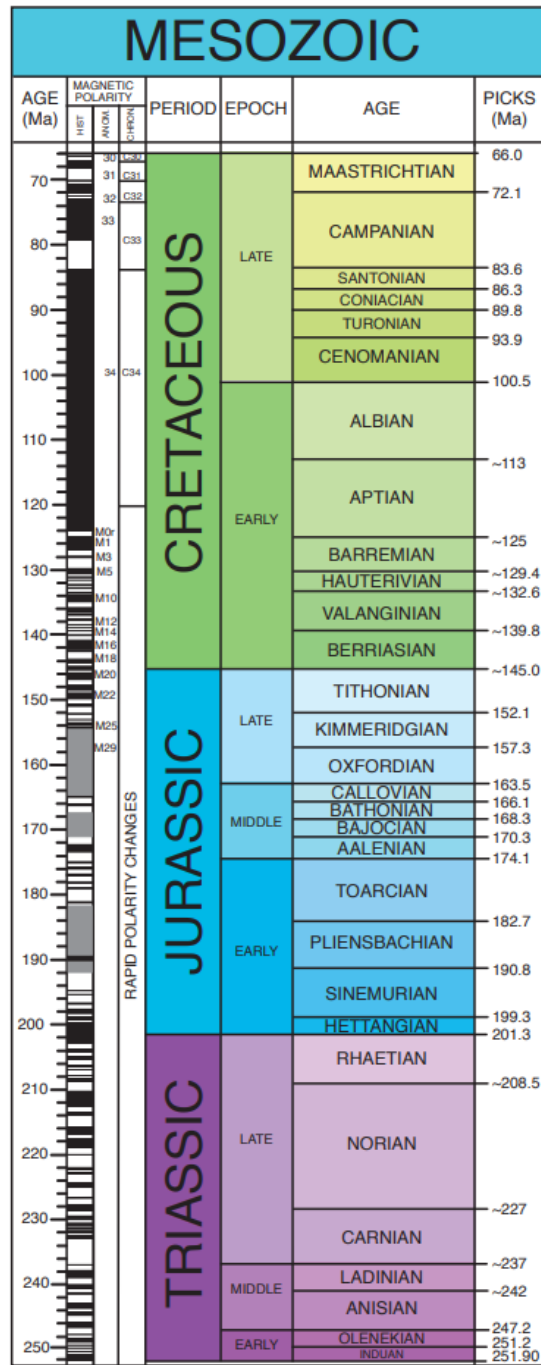
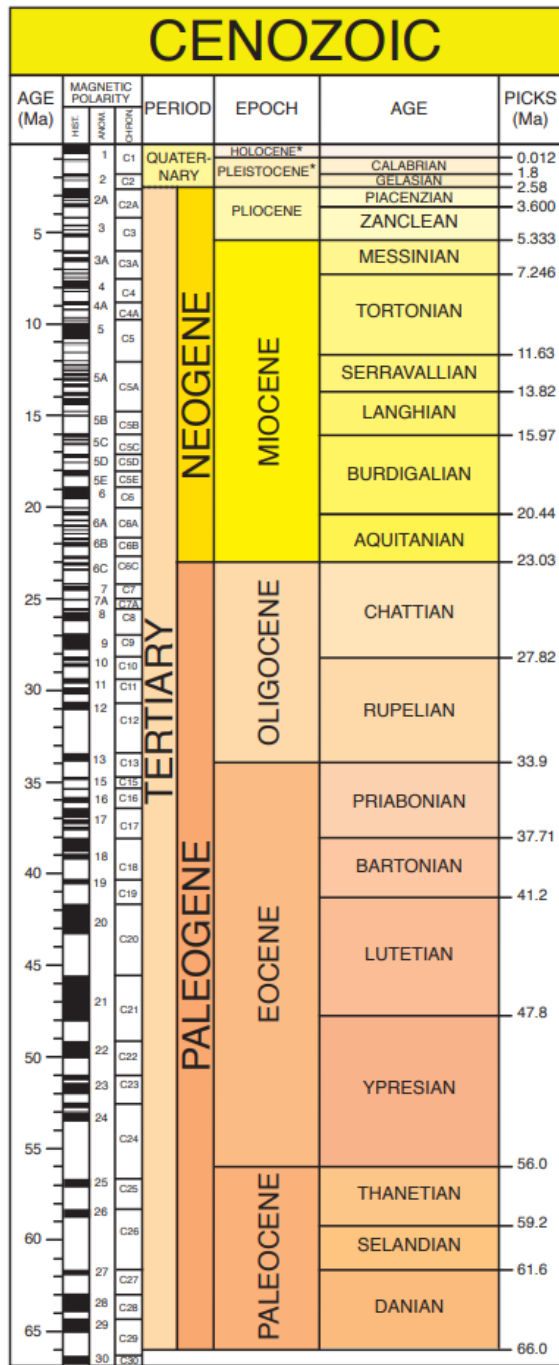
Check DMU Color Ages Tool

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Map Unit	Age Oldest	Age Youngest	Style Age	Match Status	Distance	Symbol
Qb	Quaternary	Quaternary	Igneous; Volcanic	MATCH	0	0XX0
Ds	Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian	MISMATCH	1	6500
Dm	Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian	MISMATCH	1	2200
EKs	Cretaceous	Cretaceous	Quaternary	MISMATCH	3	0000
LKg	Cretaceous	Cretaceous	Igneous; Volcanic	MATCH	0	0X30
DOg	Devonian	Ordovician	Silurian	MATCH	0	4600
Omg	Ordovician	Ordovician	Cretaceous	MISMATCH	9	63X0
DOx	Devonian	Ordovician	Ordovician	MATCH	0	0420
DOi	Devonian	Ordovician	Permian	MISMATCH	4	6200
DOms	Devonian	Ordovician	Igneous; Volcanic	MISMATCH	0	XA0
DOm	Devonian	Ordovician	Permian	MISMATCH	4	2000
DOq	Devonian	Ordovician	Ordovician	MATCH	0	07A0
DOqs	Devonian	Ordovician	Igneous; Volcanic	MISMATCH	0	X70
DOsq	Devonian	Ordovician	Cambrian	MISMATCH	1	0750
DOs	Devonian	Ordovician	Cambrian	MISMATCH	1	0AA0
Osg	Ordovician	Ordovician	Jurassic	MISMATCH	8	A020
Oi	Ordovician	Ordovician	Jurassic	MISMATCH	8	6040
DOu	Devonian	Precambrian	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MATCH	0	2A20
PzPh	Paleozoic	Proterozoic	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MISMATCH	4	770
PzPa	Paleozoic	Proterozoic	Precambrian; Proterozoic; Archean	MISMATCH	3	450
--- OVERALL ACCURACY REPORT ---						
Total Units	20					
Matches	6					
Mismatches	14					



Results

























































1. Percent of map unit record whose age matches
2. How far off mismatched records DMU ages are from FDGC age standard



Standardize DMU Ages

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6	Jdap	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
7	pMm	6540	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
8	Jdfi	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
9	Jcp	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
10	Tg	04X0	Tertiary	Tertiary	Tertiary
11	pMg	4450	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
12	pMq	4660	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
13	pMoq	4760	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
14	MJdf	0X00	Jurassic or pre-Mississippian	Jurassic or pre-Mississi...	Jurassic or pre-Mississi...
15	JKdl	0X00	Jurassic or younger	Jurassic or younger	Jurassic or younger
16	uPzst	3330	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
17	uPzv	5550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
18	Jdhg	0X00	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
19	uPzl	6550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
20	MDag	3760	Mississippian to Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian
21	Jc	0320	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
22	MDog	3750	Mississippian to Devonian	Devonian	Mississippian
23	Jt	2X40	Jurassic	Jurassic	Jurassic
24	pMqgs	2240	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
25	pMaf	2320	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
26	pMam	4540	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
27	pMa	3320	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
28	pMsg	3460	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian	Pre-Mississippian
29	uPzmg	6550	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic	upper Paleozoic
30	Jg	0X00	Jurassic?	Jurassic?	Jurassic?
31	TJcp	7XX0	Jurassic to Tertiary?	Jurassic	Tertiary?

- Clean up DMU ages: lower cases, ?s, adjectives
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Symbol: A640

Description of Map Units Symbol Age: Tertiary

map_unit *	symbol	age_label	age_oldest	age_youngest
Tg	A640	Tertiary	Tertiary	Tertiary

FGDC Standard Symbol Age: Cambrian

Name	Type	Category
A640	Polygon symbol	Cambrian

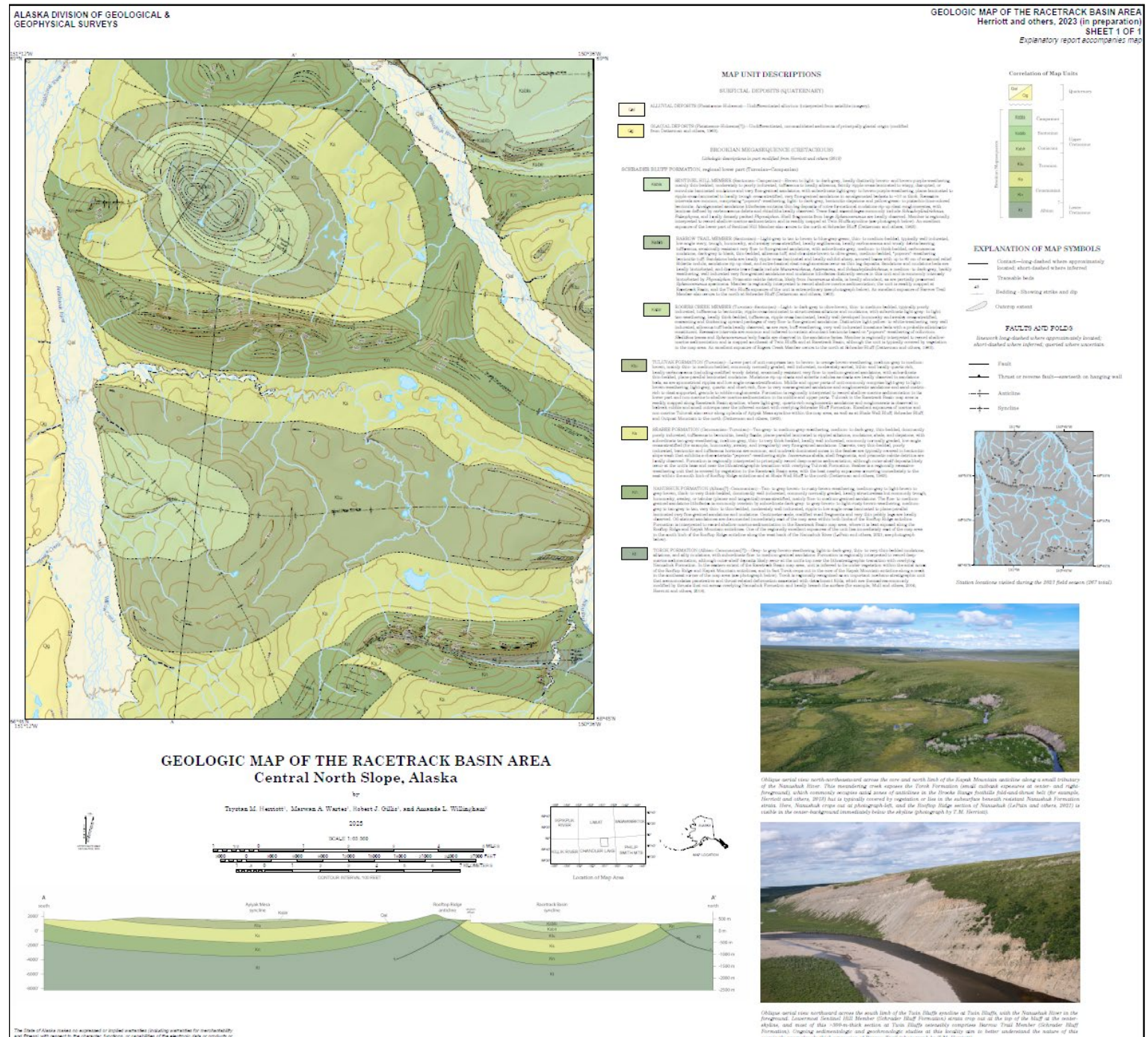
= Age Mismatch of 10

CHECK DMU COLOR AGES TOOL

DEMO

Color Distance Assessment

- **Color Age Assessment**
 - **10/10** Match



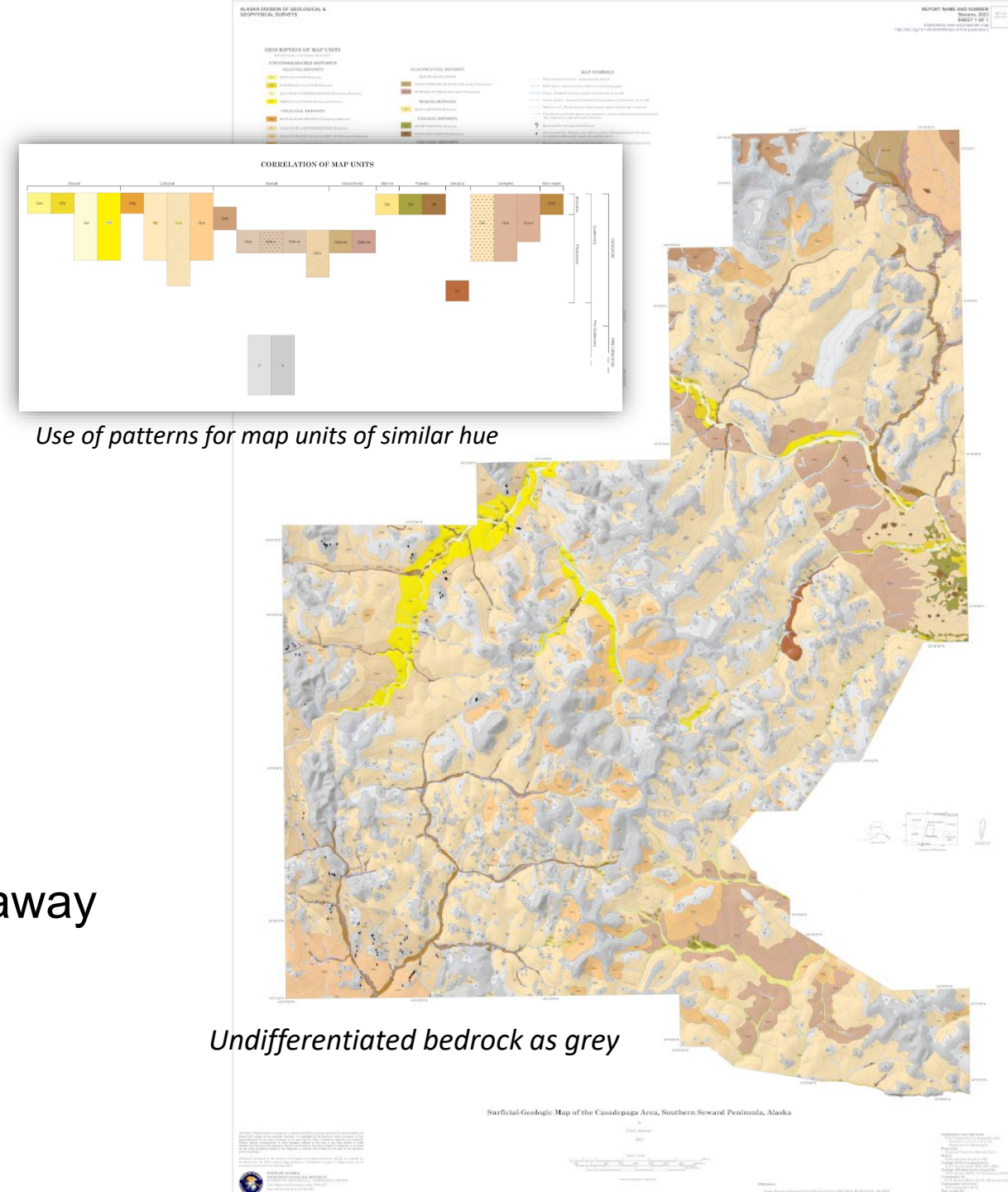
High Legibility, Low Age Accuracy

Color Distance Assessment

- Average Distance= **59.9**
- **24/24** Map Units= Great (>30)

Color Age Assessment

- Map Units with correct age: **5/25**
- Map Units with incorrect age: **20**
 - 9 map units within 3 age categories
 - 11 map units more than 10 categories away



Color Metrics

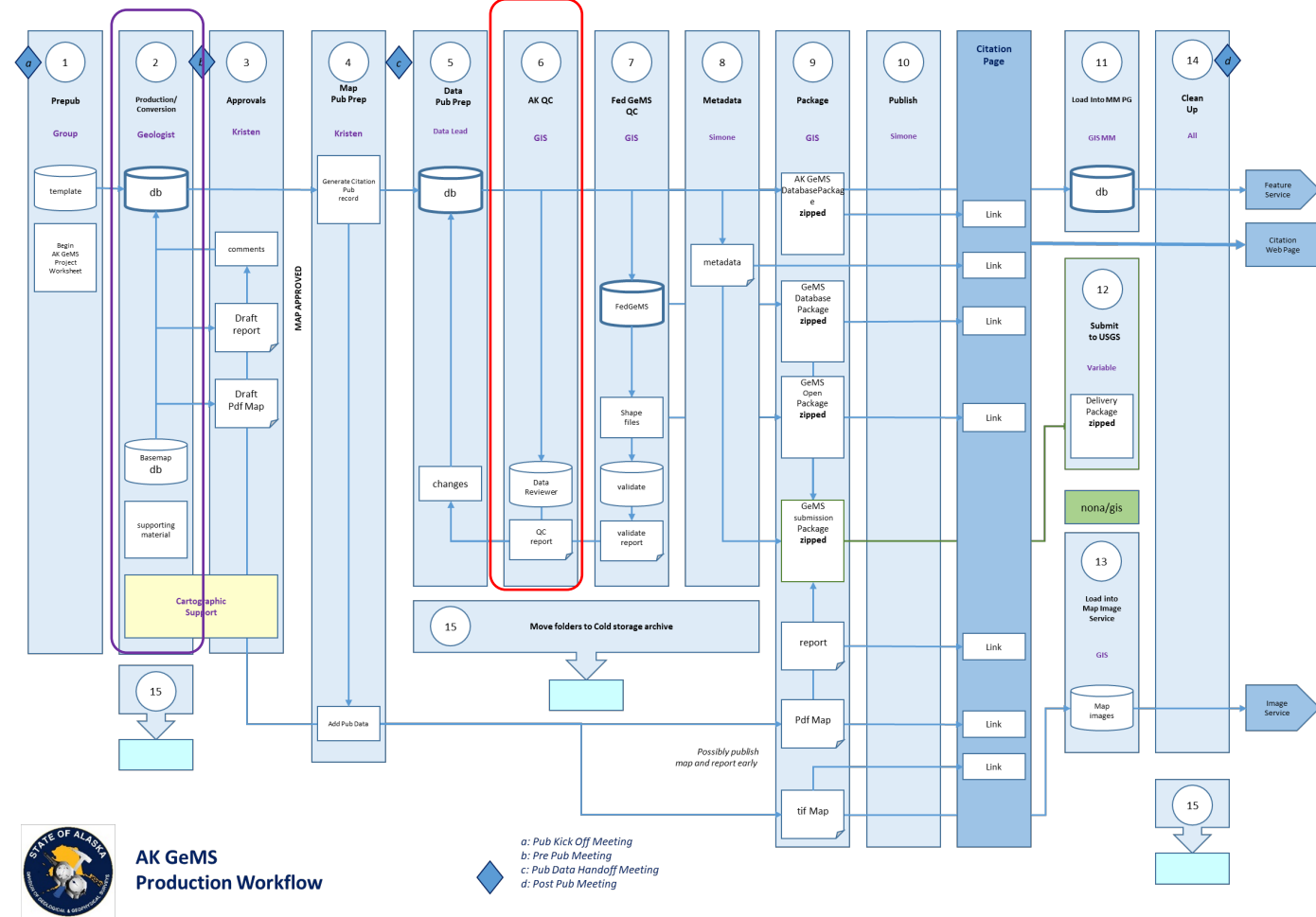
Phase 2

Aid geologists in database and map production

Phase 6

More robust QC

AK GeMS Production Workflow



QUESTIONS

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