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Introduction

This paper presents benthic foraminiferal census data, and magnetic susceptibility, ^{210}Pb , radiocarbon, and geochemical measurements from gravity core PE0305-GC1 (=GC1). Core GC1 was collected from the Louisiana continental shelf as part of an initiative to investigate the geographic and temporal extent of hypoxia, low-oxygen water, in the Gulf of Mexico. Hypoxia ($<1.4 \text{ ml/l}$ or $<2 \text{ ppm}$ oxygen concentration) in Gulf of Mexico waters can eventually lead to death of marine species (Malakoff, 1998). The development of hypoxia off the Mississippi delta has increased steadily since routine and systematic measurements were begun in 1985 and has been linked to the use of fertilizer in the Mississippi basin (Rabalais, 2002). Benthic foraminifers provide a proxy to track the development of hypoxia prior to 1985 (Blackwelder et al., 1996; Sen Gupta et al., 1996). Previous work (Osterman, 2003) determined that the relative occurrence of three low-oxygen-tolerant species is highest in the hypoxia zone (Fig. 1). The cumulative percentage of these three species (% *Pseudononion atlanticum* + % *Epistominella vitrea*, + % *Buliminella morgani* = PEB index of hypoxia) was used to investigate fluctuation in paleohypoxia in four cores, including the upper 60 cm of GC1 (Osterman et al., 2005). In this report, we compile all available data from GC1 as the basis for further publications.

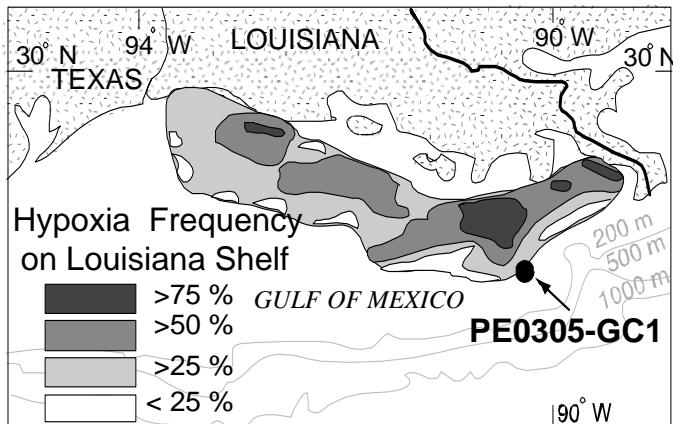


Figure 1. Location map of gravity core GC1 showing the frequency of hypoxia measured at a grid of stations since 1985 by N. Rabalais; taken from CENR (2000).

Methods and Results

Gravity core GC1 was collected at 47 mwd (meters water depth) on the Louisiana continental shelf during R/V *Pelican* cruise PE-03-05 (July 2002). The core was sectioned (at 60 and 120 cm), refrigerated, and transported to Reston, VA. X-radiographs were obtained on the whole core at the Maryland Geological Survey in Baltimore, MD. Digital scans of the x-radiographs are found in Appendix 1.

Whole-core magnetic susceptibility (MS) was measured on GC1 using the Bartington system with an 8-cm loop diameter. The meter was set on cgs (centimeters/gram/second), 0.1 (7 seconds/measurement) scale and later converted to SI (Systeme Internationale). Background measurements were taken before and after the measurement of each of the three core sections. Because of unreliable measurements near the ends of the core sections, the values from the top and bottom 4 cm of each section were discarded. The MS values are reported in Table 1.

Table 1. Measurement of magnetic susceptibility in Gravity core PE0305-GC1.

depth (cm)	MS value	depth (cm)	MS value
4	203.575	80	316.673
5	213.628	81	327.982
6	218.655	82	331.752
7	222.425	83	334.265
8	221.168	84	335.522
9	219.911	85	344.319
10	218.655	86	363.168
11	216.142	87	382.018
12	214.885	88	388.301
13	211.115	89	387.044
14	209.858	90	376.991
15	207.345	91	371.965
16	208.602	92	368.195
17	212.372	93	368.195
18	214.885	94	374.478
19	217.398	95	389.557
20	218.655	96	431.027
21	218.655	97	466.212
22	218.655	98	443.593
23	219.911	99	382.018
24	221.168	100	346.832
25	213.628	101	327.982
26	224.938	102	319.186
27	224.938	103	311.646
28	224.938	104	314.159
29	222.425	105	319.186
30	224.938	106	324.212
31	228.708	107	326.726
32	233.734	108	326.726
33	237.504	109	327.982
34	241.274	110	329.239
35	242.531	111	330.496
36	242.531	112	330.496
37	241.274	113	327.982
38	242.531	114	325.469
39	251.327	115	324.212
40	262.637	116	319.186
41	267.664	117	311.646
42	256.354	124	304.106
43	246.301	125	314.159
44	241.274	126	317.929
45	242.531	127	321.699
46	245.044	128	327.982
47	251.327	129	334.265
48	256.354	130	349.345
49	261.381	131	376.991
50	267.664	132	407.150
51	266.407	133	437.310
52	257.611	134	448.619
53	241.274	135	412.177
54	237.504	136	370.708
55	234.991	137	348.088
56	231.221	138	336.779
62	234.991	139	330.496
63	247.558	140	317.929
64	248.814	141	309.133
65	248.814	142	299.080
66	246.301	143	296.566
67	247.558	144	295.310
68	248.814	145	295.310
69	252.584	146	294.053
70	256.354	147	292.796
71	262.637	148	290.283
72	270.177	149	287.770
73	272.690	150	285.257
74	277.717	151	285.257
75	282.743	152	281.487
76	286.513	153	277.717
77	290.283	154	276.460
78	295.310	155	277.717
79	306.619	156	280.230
		157	281.487
		158	281.487
		159	282.743
		160	284.000
		161	281.487
		162	272.690

The core was split in half longitudinally. One half was sampled and processed for foraminifers in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Foraminiferal Research Laboratory in Reston, VA, in the fall of 2002. The samples for faunal analyses were soaked in a dilute calgon solution and agitated for 30 minutes to assist in disaggregation, then wet sieved at 63 μm . The washed residue was oven dried at $\leq 50^\circ \text{C}$, then dry sieved at 125 μm . The samples were not dried prior to the wet-sieving process; the calculated dry weights were obtained by measuring the moisture content in a small subsample of each sample and are presented in Table 2.

Samples contained few to abundant benthic foraminifera (3 to 603 foraminifers/gram). When necessary, a representative subsample of approximately 300 specimens was obtained for faunal analysis with a microsplitter (Table 2). Benthic foraminifers were hand picked from the >125- μm faunal split and placed on standard 60-square micropaleontological slides to be sorted by species. Identification of the benthic foraminifer species was made using standard literature, including the taxonomy of Loeblich and Tappan (1988, 1994), Phleger and Parker (1951), Parker (1954), Bandy (1954), Anderson (1961), Murray (1971, 2000), Bock et al. (1971), Poag (1981), and Morkhoven et al. (1986).

Table 2 records the number of specimens that were counted in each sample. Most specimens were identified to the species level. However, rare species may be grouped with other foraminifers of the same taxonomic level; by family (e.g., Nodosariidae spp.), or by genera (e.g., *Pyrgo* spp.). See Appendix 2 for more information on all identified species and on the groups of rare species. In addition, the number of planktonic foraminifers, ostracods, the *Ammonia Elphidium* (AE) Index (Sen Gupta et al., 1996), and the PEB Index (Osterman, 2003) are also reported in Table 2.

TABLE 2 BENTHIC FORAMINIFERAL COUNTS OF PE0305-GC1

sample depth dry sample wt.	% sample examined	Total Calc. & Agglut. Total Agglutinated Planktonics in split Ostracods in split	N of foraminifers per gram	PEB INDEX	AE INDEX	TABLE 2 BENTHIC FORAMINIFERAL COUNTS OF PE0305-GC1	
0.13 6.2878763139 8	603.26,0.36,19.14	455	41	Anomiotum salsum	B. subaenariensis v. spinata		
				B. gigantea irregularis	B. transfuscens		
				Haplophragmoides bradyi	Buccella hanni		
				Lagenammina diffugiliformis	Bulinella marginata		
				Miliammina horrida	Cancris auriculus		
				Pseudocalymene mexicana	Cassidulina curvata		
				Reophax oviculus	Cibicidoides mundulus		
				Reophax scorpiurus	Cornulopora planorbis		
				Reophax spp.	Dentalina spp.		
				Textularia candolae	Elphidium spp.		
				Textularia majori	Epistominella vitrea		
				Ammota parkinsoniana	Fuscioides antillorum		
				Amphicoryne hirsuta	Furcicula pontoni		
				Bolivina subspinensis	Furcicula pontoni		
				Bizalina barbata	Gavelinolina atlanticum		
				Bizalina striatula f. spinata	Glandulina tae ligata		
				B. subaenariensis v. mexicana	Globocassidina subglobosa		
0.58 18.761331534 4	435.41,259.95,36.64	2033	1	Bizalina transfuscens	Hanzawai concentrica		
1.58 12.925963123 2	438.42,528.28,27.153	723	1	Buccella hanni	Lenticulina calcic		
2.59 25454138027 9	203.82,843.79,31	56	4	Bulinella marginata	Millinigina sp.		
3.59 12.508010349 4	353.23,93.92,17.128	512	1	Cancris auriculus	Miliolinula fichtelliana		
4.58 12.594927277 7	374.81,829.19,134	351	819	Cassidulina curvata	Neolenticulina peregrina		
5.57 12.553000402 0	381.55,58.92,6.28	21572	2	Cibicidoides mundulus	Nodosaria spp.		
6.56 12.821350365 5	543.58,83.24,26.47	182	2	Cornulopora planorbis	Pyramularia		
7.57 12.803983437 5	467.51,0.22,58.17	621	1025	Dentalina spp.	Reticulobulicina advena		
8.57 12.564942629 5	404.88,829.15,45.25	523	2	Elphidium spp.	Reussella spinulosa		
9.516 12.5841308767 6	458.92,424.49,36.71	711	3	E. nautilis	Rosacina sp.		
10.57 12.276643225 3	307.91,423.19,22.25	251	1	Fuscioides antillorum	Siphonaria pulchra		
11.29 2556214388913 2	251.23,33.7,08.42	1711	2124	Gavelinolina atlanticum	Spiraliscammina spp.		
12.56 37.803126573 2	182.97,42.7,38.37	2463	2	Glandulina tae ligata	Trocholina bella		
13.50 12.844308786 6	343.92,0.84,4.48	38	591	Globocassidina subglobosa	Uvigerina pegregina		
14.50 25292743633 3	117.24,009.25,39	21	12317	Hanzawai concentrica	Vauvalina aevigata		
15.58 25476173567 2	228.63,33.47,6.79	393	2	1	Leptocyclina calcic		
16.57 12.580993372 2	409.85,712.64,32	50	1822	2	Millinigina sp.		
17.58 256291808#10	298.23,23.04,0.58	7110	1315	2	Other Calcareous		
18.58 12.50701038689 1	411.62,86.83,9.47	204	1	1	Other millioids		
19.58 12.59516428312 5	564.21,69.6,30.58	1715	17	1	Quinqueloculina compata		
20.57 12.32903050 6	362.23,08.5,5.53	28	451	1818	Recticulobulicina dimidiata		
21.59 12.50691306511 3	375.26,67.4,0.47	38	1331	1112	Reticulobulicina bicarinata		
22.57 12.50802234312 6	625.24,92.8,50.42	371	1	1120	Reticulobulicina advena		
23.58 12.528882947 2	349.46,43.4,33.39	302	2	2722	1	Reussella spinulosa	
24.58 12.59683263112 2	29221.05,62.24,33	282	1	1526	Rosacina sp.		
25.57 25345730401 5	209.27,59.4,20.38	3123	4	138	Siphonaria pulchra		
26.50 2555715387#5	221.83,75.19,16.73	374	1	1	Trocholina tegmininus		
27.51 12.573953553 6	278.29,85.0.75	37	254	1	1226	Uvigerina pegregina	
28.50 25308813151 7	125.27,66.1,0.43	223	1	2320	Vauvalina aevigata		
29.56 5043511357413 4	140.32,78.5,21.59	204	1	1117			
30.50 1004591534083 7	47.728.136,106.58	143	74	2013			
31.57 10086818040 832	92.837,279.265,86	1582	3	12518			
32.55 10099014631132 91	837.18.0,26.75	40	1	3418			
33.50 ND 7542426433110 ND	40.008.969.52	412	1	3418			
34.50 ND 504109828 915 ND	51.658.29.49	41	1	1922			
35.51 5036366234315 68	454.29,39.01,42	104	1	1147			
36.58 100681921 72	8.530.00,0.28	8	31	1038			
37.50 10013322217 5	24.27,278.03	121	6	1			
38.51 10051816899626 47	7125.618,302.67	156	1	1			
39.58 75409122807013 72	2238.365.62064	151	1	22221			
40.50 10023492324 15	15.525.64.63.23	23	143	1			
41.51 1005289344236 46	63.63.33.37.57	53	34	1			
42.59 105231295827 56	54.57.54.3.77	60	74	71829			
43.51 10050013275819 47	47.336.78.4.80.70	17	1	1			
44.58 1009860815030 63	546.93.0.28.75	26	2	4318			
45.53 5035576293021 52	52.946.67.3.24	51	15	21621			
46.52 7548511293327 45	54.849.189.48	68	84	3130			
47.54 7559813106437 58	53.342.33.5.76	91	44	571			
48.50 7546498294426 63	63.752.08.5.73	65	39	12936			
49.51 75599118118143 70	70.353.33.33.36	76	8	12025			
50.59 5055693659593 126	54.24.29.88.48	41	44	71829			
51.53 2564089355655 204	30.50.79.9.69	53	63	11619			
52.56 506787654948 83	33.53.85.1.95.85	183	5	2732			
53.50 1006891543707 30	41.38.112.34.64	3318	56035	1			
54.52 10049427376629 40	49.951.79.0.53	65	2014	62651			
55.51 10049410866153 50	50.843.33.5.48	66	109	22529			
56.58 10047894375030 62	62.261.82.3.81.55	124	2234	1			
57.58 10024879294019 45	44.44.12.3.51	44	74	15175			
58.53 1004079302942 45	34.45.12.4.82	42	76	2436			
59.55 10051225824770 41	45.34.78.8.95	71	63	34224			
60.53 10089475272417 30	135.19.3.20	42	56	2219			
61.52 1009650304418 24	24.79.0.0.14	30	3	1719			
62.59 10052912295433 57	54.46.55.5.52	64	124	4034			
63.51 100406102274720 38	34.32.368.37.25	71	30	3227			
64.51 1004051804515 37	45.47.17.16	71	103	52826			
65.51 10039810731630 36	25.257.786.78.1	58	178	62626			
66.59 1003791272716 36	157.155.64.35	59	1	12227			
67.58 10023672222614 28	43.47.57.63	54	3	11421			
68.51 100265718285 21	23.49.358.41	45	1	2219			
69.51 10025562192018 24	153.198.63	39	14	1825			
70.50 100307224214 23	139.0.25.24	45	7	1916			
71.53 100184401719 3	141.141.86.70	26	4	1018			
72.54 10034614242813 24	24.439.767.80	71	17	3533			
73.59 100216492322 4	93.676.72.96	30	5	1422			
74.51 100264525225211 24	24.28.38.4.77	30	5	1719			
75.59 1001904716248 24	20.724.0.0.15.23	5	5	1912			
76.59 1002903252915 30	37.036.0.71.0.36	60	5	2822			
77.52 1003495193111 27	24.74.0.99.88.58	9	2	2841			
78.52 1003651092231 8	30.132.677.40	67	6	3633			
79.59 10037012592722 40	24.05.106.76	85	18	13046			
80.52 5056015621613 97	124.227.13.93	80	12	65850			
81.50 504431321718 87	223.954.06	69	15	4840			

TABLE 2 CONTINUED. BENTHIC FORAMINIFERAL COUNTS OF PEOS

Samples for ^{210}Pb were collected from the upper 20 cm of the remaining core half in November 2003. Sediment geochronology of GC1 was derived using multiple radioactive tracers, including excess ^{210}Pb , ^{137}Cs , and $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ isotopes (Table 3, Fig. 2). A detailed description of the methods utilized in developing a geochronological framework for the core can be found in Swarzenski et al. (2005). Very briefly, ^{210}Pb activities were determined either by alpha counting of its granddaughter, ^{210}Po (half life, $t_{1/2} = 138$ days) (Flynn, 1968), or by gamma-ray spectrometry. Polonium-210 reaches secular equilibrium with ^{210}Pb after approximately two years. Five-gram aliquots of dried and pulverized sediment were leached in a warm $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HCl}$ solution, and a known amount of ^{209}Po was added to the pulverized sample as a yield tracer prior to digestion. Polonium was spontaneously electrodeposited onto silver planchets overnight on a warm stirring plate. The overall chemical yield was 83 - 95%, based on an introduced ^{209}Po yield tracer. The Ag planchets were subsequently counted under vacuum on a Si surface-barrier detector (300 mm^2) with an alpha-energy resolution of about 20 keV full-width-at-half maximum (FWHM). The average efficiency for the 5.3 MeV alpha-line of ^{210}Po was estimated at $\sim 20\%$. Supported ^{210}Pb activity was estimated from the mean ^{210}Pb activity within a deeper region of the cores, where total ^{210}Pb activity was relatively constant and assumed to be in secular equilibrium with ^{226}Ra . The mean value was subtracted from the total ^{210}Pb activities at each level to calculate excess ^{210}Pb activity. Supported ^{210}Pb activities for a subset of samples were also compared with ^{226}Ra activities determined by gamma-ray counting ^{214}Bi on a Ge well detector and were found to be within 10% of the sample values. For $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$ analyses, ~ 10 g of dried, powdered sample were leached repeatedly with hot 6 M HC, and the combined leachates were processed for Pu after the addition of a ^{242}Pu yield tracer. Pu was separated and purified using standard ion-exchange techniques (Baskaran et al., 1996). About 10-15 g of dried, powdered

sediment sample were placed in a gamma-counting vial, and specific concentrations of ^{226}Ra were determined using the 351 keV (^{214}Pb) and 609 keV (^{214}Bi) gamma lines for ^{226}Ra and the 661.6 keV line for ^{137}Cs . Either NIST radioactive spikes and material or radioactive standards that are calibrated with NIST standards were used for calibrating the counting equipment. Precision in the activities of ^{210}Pb , $^{239,240}\text{Pu}$, and ^{226}Ra was typically better than 5%.

Table 3. Lead-210 measurements.

Core ID	Depth (cm)	Mean Depth (cm)	Water Content	Loss On Ignition (% Dry Wt.)	Total Pb-210 Activity (dpm/g)	Total Pb-210 Activity Error (+/-)	In Pb-210 xs (dpm/g)
PE03-05 GC-1	0-1	0.5	45.50	5.72	6.79	0.147	1.915881574
PE03-05 GC-1	1-2	1.5	46.44	5.97	6.22	0.128	1.827083617
PE03-05 GC-1	2-3	2.5	47.16	6.15	5.78	0.119	1.753927176
PE03-05 GC-1	3-4	3.5	46.93	5.83	5.78	0.127	1.755193036
PE03-05 GC-1	4-5	4.5	45.59	6.08	5.44	0.118	1.694164883
PE03-05 GC-1	5-6	5.5	45.52	6.09	5.94	0.127	1.782404
PE03-05 GC-1	6-7	6.5	45.24	5.95	4.92	0.125	1.592310586
PE03-05 GC-1	7-8	7.5	45.91	5.88	4.66	0.107	1.539364112
PE03-05 GC-1	8-9	8.5	45.88	5.60	4.61	0.103	1.527772096
PE03-05 GC-1	9-10	9.5	45.32	5.81	5.40	0.127	1.686187744
PE03-05 GC-1	10-11A	10.5	44.91	5.00	4.51	0.137	1.506789032
PE03-05 GC-1	10-11B	10.5	--	4.00	4.61	0.141	1.527978766
PE03-05 GC-1	10-11C	10.5	--	4.00	4.58	0.146	1.520694639
PE03-05 GC-1	11-12	11.5	45.37	4.40	2.90	0.071	1.065067487
PE03-05 GC-1	12-13	12.5	42.84	4.80	2.01	0.050	0.697804123
PE03-05 GC-1	13-14	13.5	47.81	5.07	1.92	0.053	0.653985353
PE03-05 GC-1	14-15	14.5	48.62	5.60	1.53	0.046	0.423845728
PE03-05 GC-1	15-16	15.5	45.85	5.00	1.71	0.044	0.535763038
PE03-05 GC-1	16-17	16.5	45.81	5.79	2.05	0.057	0.718325104
PE03-05 GC-1	17-18	17.5	46.81	5.50	3.25	0.077	1.178146698
PE03-05 GC-1	18-19	18.5	46.00	5.00	3.39	0.080	1.221843186
PE03-05 GC-1	19-20	19.5	46.49	5.20	3.82	0.094	1.341429152

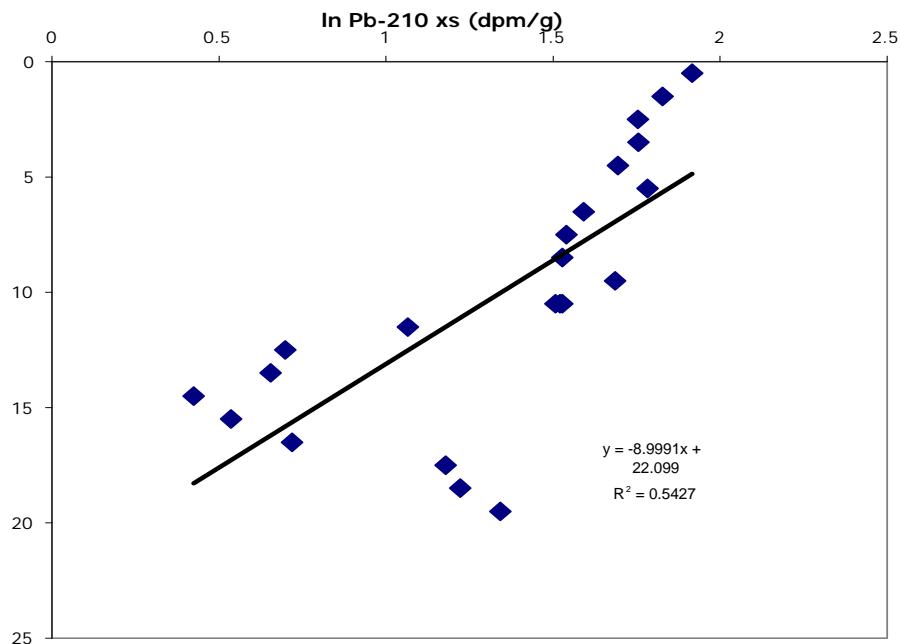


Figure 2. Lead-210 chronology for Gravity core PE0305-GC1.

A separate set of samples was taken in February 2005 from the remaining core half for geochemical analyses. Concentrations of total carbon and total inorganic carbon (IC) were determined using a UIC carbon coulometer (Table 4). A known quantity of each sediment sample (approximately 40 mg) was weighed and placed in a porcelain boat into the carbon-coulometer oven, which combusted the sample at 970°C in the presence of excess oxygen. All of the carbon was oxidized into carbon dioxide to determine the total carbon concentration. A known quantity of each sediment sample was weighed, placed into a glass flask, and acidified in a heated reaction vessel to measure, using 5 mL of 2 M perchloric acid to release all the inorganic carbon. Total organic carbon (TOC) was determined by calculating the difference between the total carbon (released by combustion) minus the total inorganic carbon (generated by acidification). Calcium-carbonate (CaCO_3 , wt. %) concentrations were determined by

dividing the inorganic carbon by the total weight of the sediment sample, and multiplying by a factor of 8.33 to account for carbonate stoichiometry.

Sediment samples for organic carbon and nitrogen stable-isotope analyses were dried at 50°C, powdered, and stored frozen. Powder sediments were acidified in 0.1N HCl to remove carbonate for analysis of the stable isotopic composition of organic carbon ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$) and organic nitrogen ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$). Small samples (>70 µg[micrograms] organic nitrogen) were loaded into tin boats using a microbalance capable of 1-µg resolution. Samples were combusted at 1050°C using a Carlo Erba 2500 series I Elemental Analyzer. The isotopic ratio of the combustion product, CO₂ and N₂ gases, was measured sequentially using a continuous-flow inlet system on a Finnigan Mat Delta Plus XL stable-isotope mass spectrometer. Carbon and nitrogen isotopic values are reported in conventional per mil (‰) notation relative to the VPDB and Air international standards, respectively. All carbon and nitrogen isotopic analyses were run in duplicate or triplicate, and the instrument was calibrated using multiple internal standards including urea, bovine liver, and/or spinach. Standard deviation of the isotopic measurements for organic carbon and nitrogen were better than 0.2‰ and 0.3‰, respectively (Table 4).

A single AMS ^{14}C date of 4195 +/- 35 years on mixed benthic foraminifers was obtained in the lower part of the core (152-157 cm). The graphite target for the date was processed at the ^{14}C laboratory of the (USGS) in Reston, VA, and the ^{14}C age was determined at the Center for Accelerator Mass Spectrometry (CAMS), Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, CA. The quoted age is in radiocarbon years (BP) using the Libby half-life of 5568 years, and no correction has been applied.

Table 4. Geochemical analyses

Sample	% Total C	Inorg. C, wt. %	CaCO ₃ , Wt. %	Org C, wt. %	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$, ‰ Air	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$, ‰ PDB
3-4	1.27	0.29	2.40	0.98	4.66	-23.24
4-5	1.20	0.34	2.81	0.87	4.13	-25.88
5-6	1.13	0.30	2.51	0.83	-0.98	-21.95
6-7	1.20	0.32	2.64	0.88	3.83	-25.23
7-8	1.13	0.32	2.69	0.81	3.72	-22.04
8-9	1.18	0.33	2.78	0.84	3.46	-22.77
9-10	1.22	0.34	2.79	0.89	0.27	-27.30
10-11	1.14	0.34	2.82	0.80	3.55	-25.55
11-42	1.11	0.28	2.36	0.82	-1.64	-28.92
12-13	1.11	0.27	2.26	0.84	2.84	-23.82
13-14	1.06	0.26	2.18	0.80	-4.96	-23.99
14-15	1.09	0.37	3.12	0.71	3.11	-24.11
15-16	1.24	0.28	2.33	0.96	3.85	-22.49
16-17	1.06	0.29	2.40	0.77	3.76	-26.10
17-18	1.11	0.34	2.85	0.77	4.11	-24.95
18-19	1.22	0.41	3.39	0.81	-2.31	-27.16
19-20	1.03	0.32	2.68	0.71	-2.36	-24.50
20-21	1.07	0.35	2.88	0.73	-5.41	-27.64
21-22	1.59	0.79	6.55	0.80	4.26	-23.84
22-23	1.30	0.55	4.55	0.76	4.69	-25.82
23-24	3.37	0.36	3.02	3.01	3.46	-26.21
24-25	2.29	0.54	4.52	1.74	-5.94	-30.66
25-26	0.99	0.23	1.92	0.76	3.69	-31.98
26-27	0.95	0.26	2.21	0.68	3.77	-24.10
27-28	0.90	0.22	1.86	0.68	3.60	-26.36
28-29	0.89	0.27	2.25	0.62	-3.80	-24.04
29-30	0.96	0.25	2.10	0.71	-0.97	-26.91
30-31	0.92	0.24	1.99	0.68	3.60	-25.48
31-32	0.87	0.27	2.21	0.60	3.82	-24.70
32-33	0.87	0.22	1.81	0.65	3.80	-23.77
33-34	0.83	0.21	1.79	0.62	2.80	-29.08
34-35	0.91	0.20	1.65	0.71	3.37	-28.03
35-36	0.82	0.22	1.87	0.60	3.52	-24.98
36-37	0.78	0.19	1.61	0.59	3.19	-31.20
37-38	0.87	0.25	2.09	0.62	3.81	-24.22
38-39	0.94	0.19	1.58	0.75	-1.72	-24.93
39-40	0.94	0.20	1.69	0.73	3.24	-22.90
40-41	0.83	0.22	1.79	0.61	0.42	-25.24
41-42	0.82	0.22	1.81	0.60	-2.41	-24.64
42-43	0.82	0.21	1.77	0.61	3.57	-27.37
43-44	0.86	0.19	1.61	0.67	3.03	-35.39
44-45	0.81	0.22	1.82	0.59	2.50	-31.17
45-46	0.86	0.19	1.61	0.66	3.62	-23.66
46-47	0.83	0.23	1.89	0.61	3.00	-25.31
47-48	0.88	0.21	1.77	0.67	-2.94	-24.57
48-49	0.88	0.19	1.60	0.68	2.66	-28.41
49-50	0.88	0.21	1.76	0.67	3.08	-29.69
50-51	0.79	0.21	1.72	0.58	0.45	-37.74
51-52	0.78	0.19	1.62	0.59	3.15	-27.05
52-53	0.88	0.18	1.49	0.70	3.59	-27.70
53-54	0.82	0.17	1.45	0.64	2.44	-27.97
54-55	0.87	0.19	1.60	0.68	3.36	-25.31
55-56	0.86	0.18	1.54	0.68	-2.56	-25.40
56-57	0.84	0.22	1.85	0.62	-3.37	-22.44
57-58	1.56	0.19	1.62	1.37	3.34	-30.30
58-59	0.85	0.24	2.01	0.61	3.89	-24.60
59-60	0.82	0.19	1.58	0.63		
60-61	0.84	0.21	1.78	0.63	2.97	-36.83
61-62	0.87	0.23	1.95	0.64	2.73	-25.52
62-63	0.87	0.22	1.87	0.64		
63-64	0.84	0.20	1.65	0.64	3.62	-25.25
64-65	0.90	0.24	1.97	0.66	-1.73	-28.17
65-66	0.85	0.23	1.93	0.61	0.31	-27.32
66-67	0.90	0.22	1.85	0.68	3.45	-24.70
67-68	0.86	0.22	1.86	0.63	-1.78	-26.38
68-69	0.82	0.21	1.75	0.61	3.24	-29.69
69-70	0.89	0.23	1.96	0.65	3.63	-28.16
70-71	0.91	0.22	1.84	0.69	3.63	-24.20
71-72	0.85	0.25	2.07	0.61	3.74	-23.29
72-73	0.86	0.25	2.07	0.61	3.73	-24.16
73-74	0.89	0.28	2.32	0.61	4.02	-23.58
74-75	0.91	0.26	2.15	0.65	2.50	-27.92

Table 4 continued. Geochemical analyses

Sample	% Total C	Inorg C, wt. %	CaCO ₃ , Wt. %	Org C, wt. %	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$, ‰ Air	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$, ‰ PDB
75-76	0.89	0.25	2.07	0.64	3.50	-27.97
76-77	0.87	0.25	2.11	0.62	3.18	-26.19
77-78	0.87	0.25	2.06	0.63	3.42	-25.24
78-79	0.85	0.26	2.14	0.60	3.80	-24.62
79-80	0.90	0.23	1.94	0.66	3.28	-26.10
80-81	0.90	0.26	2.20	0.63	2.93	-33.58
81-82	0.91	0.25	2.07	0.67	3.44	-29.10
82-83	0.87	0.23	1.91	0.64	3.84	-23.32
83-84	0.83	0.23	1.88	0.60	-1.01	-25.31
84-85	0.82	0.23	1.95	0.58	1.47	-31.97
85-86	0.85	0.23	1.92	0.62	3.86	-36.46
86-87	0.79	0.20	1.69	0.59	1.95	-30.76
87-88	0.79	0.20	1.69	0.59	3.11	-27.00
88-89	0.83	0.20	1.67	0.63	2.86	-24.95
89-90	0.90	0.20	1.69	0.70		
90-91	0.87	0.21	1.79	0.66		
91-92	0.93	0.18	1.47	0.75	3.58	-25.30
92-93	0.97	0.19	1.61	0.77	3.51	-29.27
93-94	0.98	0.22	1.81	0.76	4.11	-24.05
94-95	0.99	0.26	2.20	0.73	2.51	-28.46
95-96	0.98	0.22	1.84	0.76	4.16	-26.07
96-97	1.05	0.21	1.74	0.84	3.35	-34.64
97-98	0.74	0.22	1.81	0.52	3.71	-25.06
98-99	0.86	0.20	1.63	0.67	3.67	-26.94
99-100	0.87	0.20	1.71	0.67	2.21	-26.55
100-101	0.93	0.20	1.66	0.73	2.86	-23.89
101-102	0.93	0.19	1.58	0.74	3.80	-26.42
102-103	0.87	0.20	1.65	0.67	2.11	-27.33
103-104	0.86	0.21	1.77	0.65	3.74	-23.46
104-105	0.88	0.21	1.74	0.67	3.54	-23.83
105-106	0.91	0.26	2.17	0.65	4.40	-28.46
106-107	0.90	0.28	2.32	0.63	3.66	-22.68
107-108	0.98	0.27	2.26	0.71	2.47	-25.29
108-109	0.94	0.29	2.41	0.65	3.96	-24.01
109-110	0.97	0.23	1.94	0.73	3.34	-24.52
110-111	1.01	0.31	2.54	0.70	3.57	-22.60
111-112	1.06	0.36	2.98	0.70	2.25	-22.71
112-113	0.97	0.40	3.32	0.57	3.60	-26.63
113-114	1.06	0.35	2.89	0.71	4.00	-23.28
114-115	1.06	0.38	3.17	0.68	4.24	-24.84
115-116	1.07	0.39	3.23	0.69	3.65	-24.92
116-117	1.04	0.40	3.30	0.65	4.19	-23.28
117-118	1.02	0.36	3.03	0.66	4.06	-21.53
118-119	1.07	0.41	3.44	0.66	2.74	-21.45
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122-123	1.10	0.39	3.22	0.71	4.07	-23.72
123-124	1.08	0.37	3.06	0.71	5.47	-24.83
124-125	1.06	0.35	2.89	0.71		
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126-127	1.05	0.34	2.85	0.71	3.33	-26.98
127-128	1.14	0.38	3.20	0.75		
128-129	1.18	0.35	2.90	0.84	3.25	-23.62
129-130	1.28	0.40	3.36	0.87	2.95	-29.84
130-131	1.42	0.39	3.22	1.03	3.64	-22.89
131-132	1.17	0.36	2.98	0.81	2.40	-30.02
132-133	1.00	0.36	3.01	0.64	3.94	-31.03
133-134	0.93	0.33	2.74	0.60		
134-135	1.03	0.35	2.94	0.68	4.09	-23.67
135-136	1.04	0.34	2.87	0.70	2.31	-24.20
136-137	1.14	0.37	3.06	0.77	1.99	-25.56
137-138	1.07	0.26	2.18	0.81	3.75	-23.97
138-139	0.99	0.31	2.54	0.68	2.45	-24.20
139-140	0.96	0.31	2.56	0.65	2.93	-28.42
140-141	1.00	0.29	2.38	0.71	3.09	-24.84
141-142	0.97	0.24	2.02	0.73	4.10	-26.91
142-143	0.94	0.24	2.01	0.70		
143-144	1.04	0.25	2.05	0.79		

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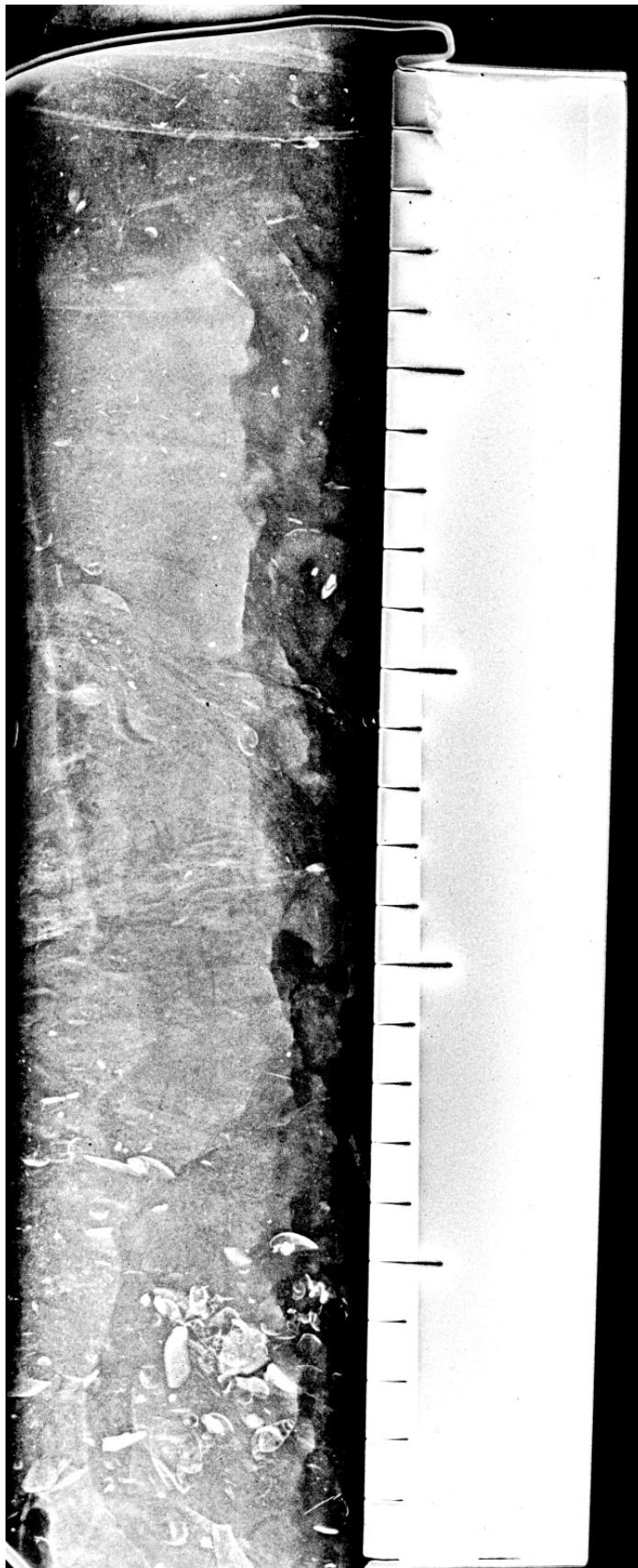
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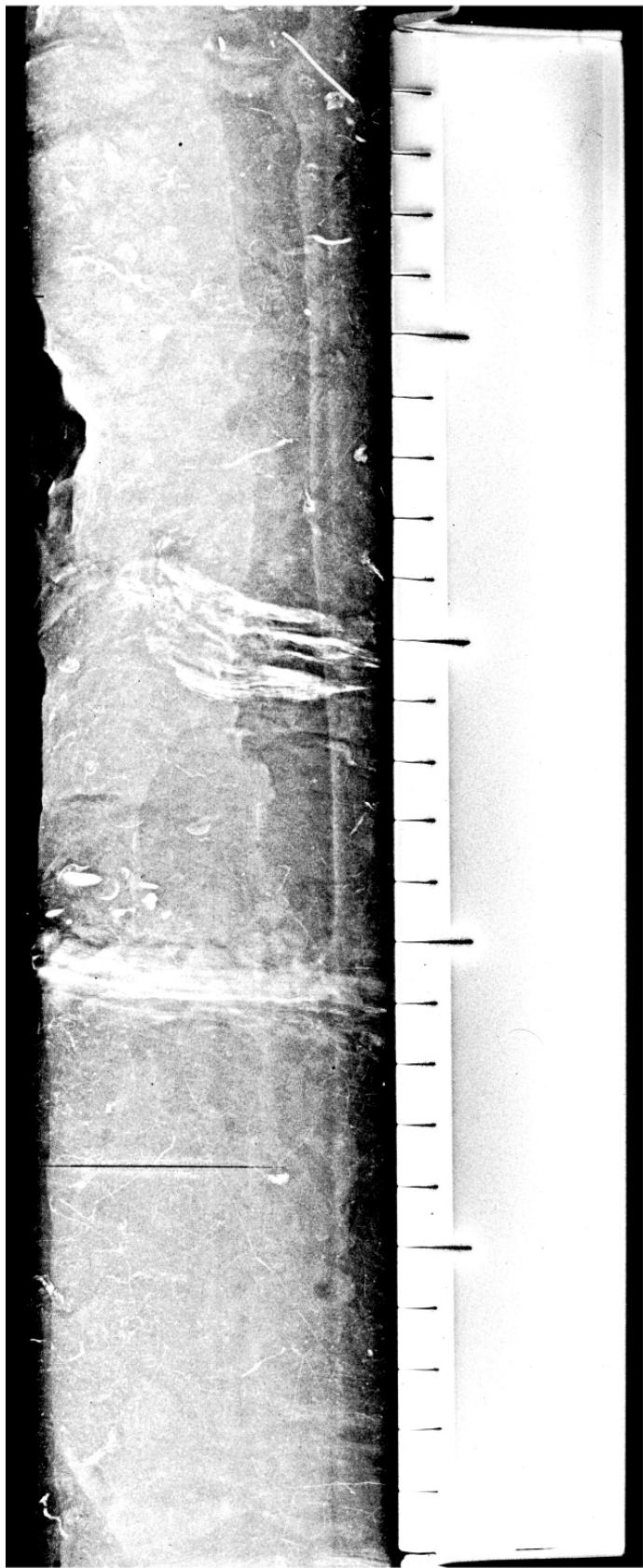
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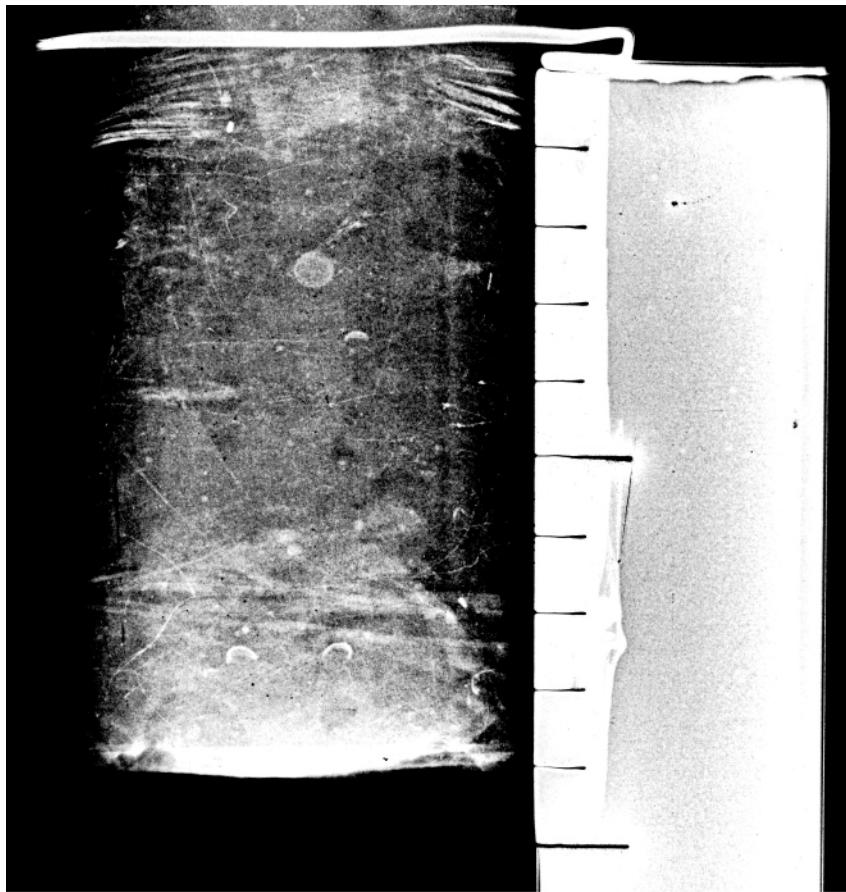
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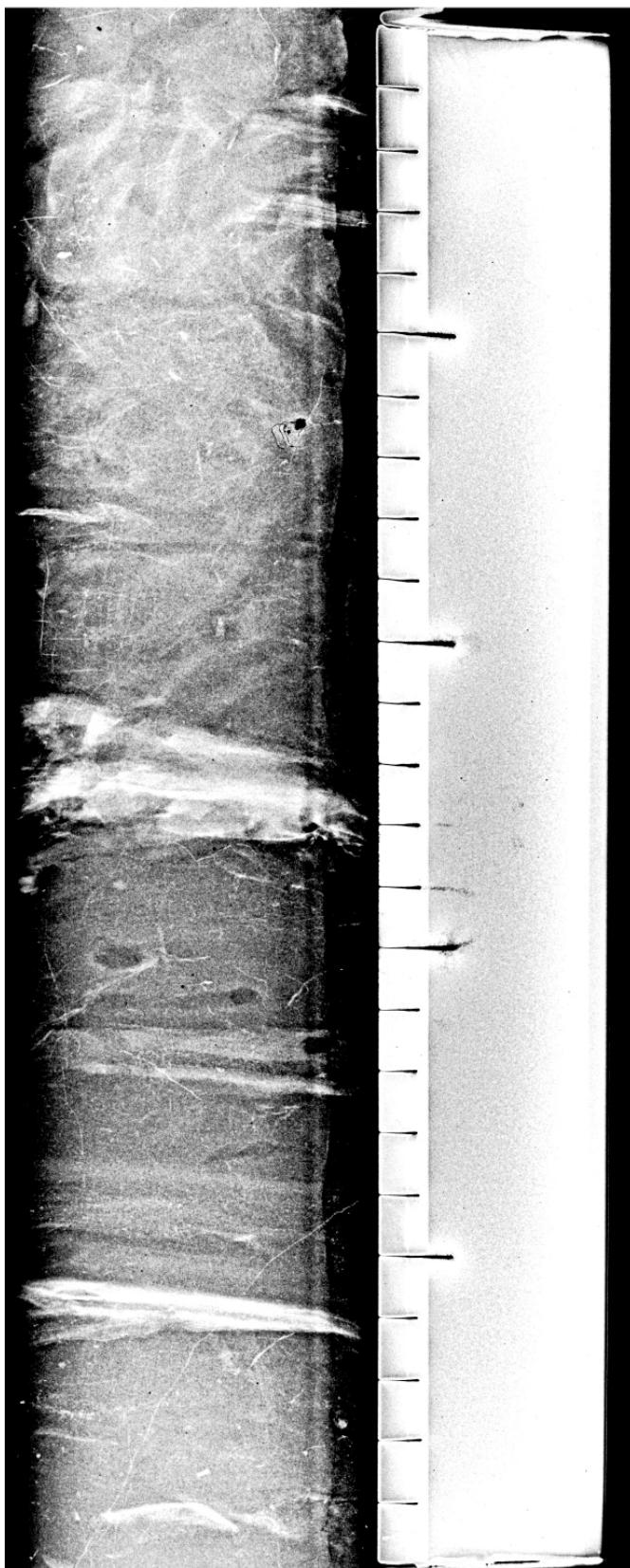


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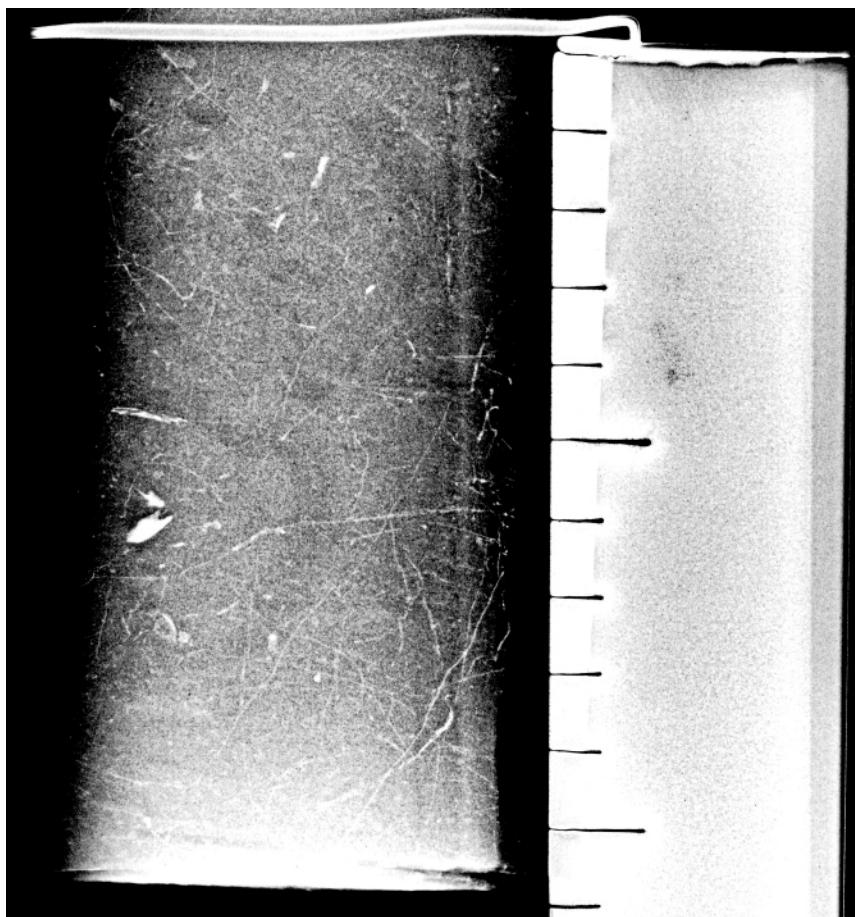
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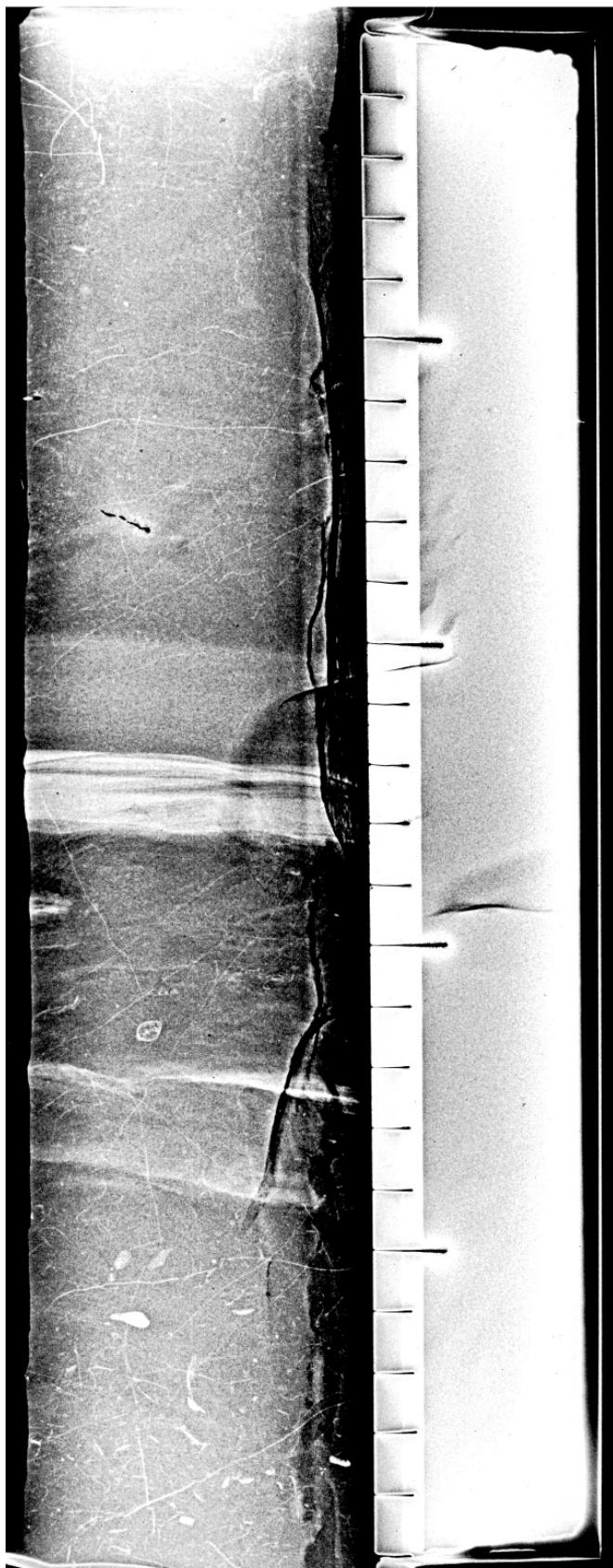
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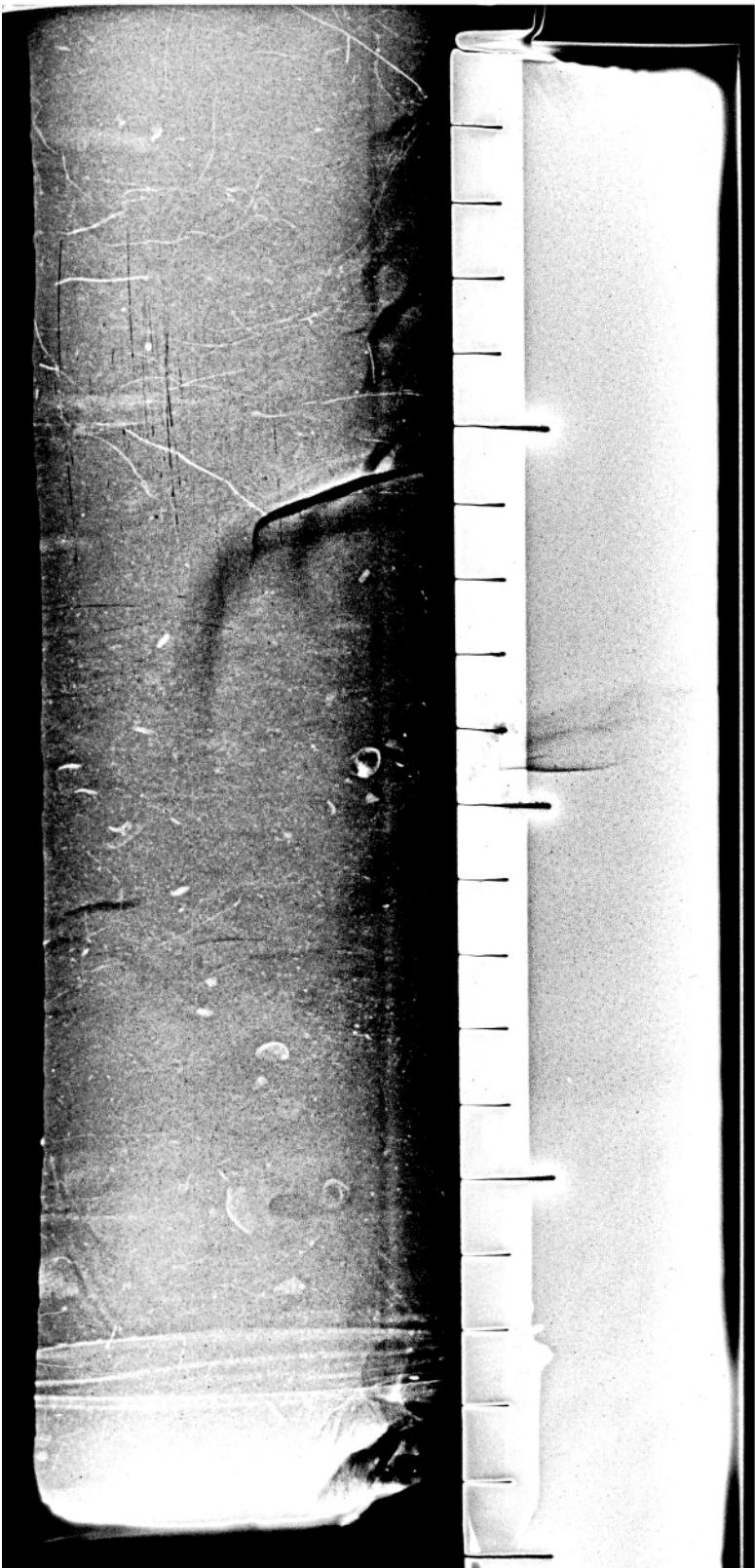
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145 cm



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164 cm

APPENDIX 2 GULF OF MEXICO FORAMINIFERS

AGGLUTINATED SPECIES

Ammotium salsum Cushman and Brönniman, 1948, CUSH. FOUND. FORAM. RES. CONTR., V. 24, PT. 2, P. 39, PL. 7, FIG. 9.

Bigeneria irregularis Phleger and Parker, 1951, GEOL. SOC. AMER. MEM. NO. 46, PT. II, P. 4, PL. 1, FIGS. 16-21.

Haplophragmoides bradyi (Robertson) = *Trochammina bradyi* Robertson, 1897, ANN. MAG. NAT. HIS., SER. 6, V. 7 P. 388. FINE-GRAINED TROCCAMMINID.

Lagenammina diffugiformis (Brady) = *Reophax diffugiformis* Brady, 1879, NOTES ON SOME OF THE RETICULARIAN RHIZOPODA OF THE CHALLENGER EXPEDITION: QUARTERLY J. OF MICRO. SCI., NEW SERIES, V. 19, P. 51, PL. 4, FIGS. 3A,B.

Milliammina horrida (Cushman) = *Quinqueloculina horrida* Cushman, 1947, CONTR. CUSH. LAB. FORAM. RES., V. 23, PT. 88, PL. 19, FIG. 1.

Pseudoclavulina mexicana (Cushman) = *Clavulina humilis* Brady var. *mexicana* Cushman, 1922, BULL. 104, U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM, PT. 3, P. 83, PL. 16, FIGS. 1-3. NOTE: INITIAL PART TRISERIAL WITH LATTER CHAMBERS UNISERIAL, OFTEN FINE GRAINED

Reophanus oviculus (Brady) = *Reophax ovicula* Brady, 1879, QUARTERLY J. OF MICRO. SCI., NEW SERIES, V. 19, P. 20-62.

Reophanus scorpiurus (Montfort) = *Reophax scorpiurus* Brady, 1884, REPT. VOY. CHALLENGER, ZOOL., V. 9, P. 62, PL. 30, FIGS. 12, 14-17. NOTE COARSE-TO-MEDIUM GRAINED MULTICHAMBERED.

Reophax spp. = OTHER UNIDENTIFIED, RARE FORMS.

Textularia candeina d'Orbigny, 1839, IN RAMONE DE LA SAGRA, HIST. FIS. POL. NAT. CUBA "FORAMINIFERES," P. 143, PL. 1, FIGS. 25-27. NOTE ROUND FORM WITH TYPICAL TEXTULARIA APERATURE

Textularia mayori Cushman, 1922, PUB. 311 CARNegie INST. WASHINGTON, V. 17, P. 23, PL. 2, FIG. 3. NOTE: SPIKEY FORM FOUND IN SHALLOW WATER.

CALCAREOUS SPECIES

Ammonia parkinsoniana (d'Orbigny) = *Rosalina parkinsoniana* d'Orbigny, 1939, IN RAMONE DE LA SAGRA, HIST. FIS. POL. NAT. CUBA "FORAMINIFERES," P. 99, PL. 4, FIGS. 25-27.

Amphicoryne hirsute (d'Orbigny) = *Nodosaria hirsute* d'Orbigny, 1826, ANN. SCI. NAT., V. 7, P. 252, N. 7.

Bolivina subspinensis Cushman, 1922, BULL. 104, U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM, PT. 3, P. 48, PL. 7, FIG. 5.

Brizalina barbata (Phleger and Parker) = *Bolivina barbata* Phleger and Parker, 1951, GEOL. SOC. AMER. MEM., NO. 46, PT. II, P. 13, PL. 6, FIGS. 12-13.

Brizalina striatula Cushman var. *spinata* Cushman = *Bolivina striatula* Cushman var. *spinata* Cushman, 1936, SPEC. PUB. NO. 6, CUSH. LAB. FORAM. RES., P. 59, PL. 8, FIGS. 9A,B.

Brizalina subaenariensis Cushman var. *mexicana* Cushman = *Bolivina subaenariensis* Cushman var. *mexicana* Cushman, 1922 BULL. 104, U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM, PT. 3, PT. 47, PL. 8, FIG. 1

Brizalina transluscens (Phleger and Parker) = *Bolivina transluscens* Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. II, p. 15, pl. 7, figs. 13, 14a,b.

Buccella hanni (Phleger and Parker) = *Eponides hanni* Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. 2, p. 21, pl. 11, figs. 1a,b, 2a,b.

Bulimina marginata d'Orbigny, 1826, Ann. Sci. Nat., v. 7, p. 269, no. 4, pl. 12, figs. 10-12.

Buliminella morgani Anderson, 1961, LA Geol. Bull no. 35, pt. II, p. 87, pl. 19, fig. 10.

Cancris auriculus (Fichtel and Moll) = *Nautilus auricula* var. β Fichtel and Moll, 1798, p. 108, pl. 20, figs. a-c. NOTE: this is the *Cancris sagra* (d'Orbigny) of Anderson, 1961.

Cassidulina curvata Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. II, p. 26, pl. 14, figs. 5a,b.

Cassidulina reniforme (Nørvang) = *Cassidulina crassa* d' Orbigny var. *reiniforme* Nørvang, 1945, The zoology of Iceland. *Foraminifera*, v. 2, no. 2

Chilostomella oolina Schwager, 1878, Bol. Com. Geol. Ital., v. 9, p. 527, pl. 1, fig. 16. NOTE: included in other calcareous species.

Cibicides spp. included in other calcareous species.

Cibicidoides mundulus (Brady, Parker, and Jones) = *Truncatulina mundula*, Brady, Parker, and Jones, 1888, Zool. Soc. London, Trans. v. 12, pt. 7, no. 1, p. 228, pl. 45, figs. 25a-c.

Cibicidoides pachyderma (Rzehak) = *Truncatulina pachyderma* Rzehak, 1886, Naturf. Ver. Brünn, Verh., Brünn, Bd. 24 (1885), p. 87, pl. 1, fig. 5a-c. (see Morkoven et al., 1986, p. 68-71). NOTE: *Planulina floridana* (Cushman) = *Truncatulina floridana* Cushman, 1919. U.S. Geol. Sur. Bull. 676, p. 62, pl. 19, fig. 2. (see Loeblich and Tappan 1994, p. 149, pl. 312, figs. 9-14)/ *Planulina floridana* (sublittoral) Poag 1981/ *Cibicides pseudoungerianus* (Cushman)/ *Cibicides cicatricosus* (Schwager) in Bock et al., 1971/ *Cibicides umbonatus* (Phleger and Parker, 1951. pl. 17, figs. 7a,b, 8a,b.)

Cornuspira planorbis Schultze, 1854, Organismus Polythal., p. 40, pl. 2, fig. 21.

Dentalina communis d'Orbigny in Brady, 1884, Rept. Voy. *Challenger*, Zool., v. 9, p. 130, pl. 62, figs. 21, 22. Note: most common species included in *Dentalina* spp.

Elphidium discoidale (d'Orbigny) = *Polystomella discoidalis* d'Orbigny, 1839, in Ramone de la Sagra, Hist. Fis. Pol. Nat. Cuba "Foraminiferes," p. 56, pl. 6, figs. 23, 24.

Elphidium excavatum (Terquem) = *Polystomella excavata* Terquem, 1876, Société Dunquerquoise, Memoires, v. 19 (1874-75), p. 429. NOTE: included in other *Elphidium* spp.

Elphidium poeyanum (d'Orbigny) = *Polystomella poeyana* d'Orbigny, 1839, in Ramone de la Sagra, Hist. Fis. Pol. Nat. Cuba "Foraminiferes," p. 55, pl. 6, figs. 25, 26. NOTE: included in other *Elphidium* spp.

Epistominella vitrea Parker, in Phleger, Parker, and Peirson, 1953, Cush. Found. Sp. Pub. no. 2, p. 9, pl. 4, figs. 34-36, 40, 41.

Eponides antillarium (d'Orbigny) = *Rotalina antillarum* d'Orbigny, 1839, in Ramone de la Sagra, Hist. Fis. Pol. Nat. Cuba "Foraminiferes," p. 75, pl. 5, figs. 4-6. NOTE: round.

Fursenkoina pontoni (Cushman) = *Virgulina pontoni* Cushman, 1932, Contr. Cush. Lab. Foram. Res., v. 8, pt. 1, p. 17, pl. 3, fig. 7.

Fursenkoina spp. other unidentified *Fursenkoina*.

Gavelinopsis translucens (Phleger and Parker) = "Rotalia" *translucens* Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. 2, p. 24, pl. 12, figs. 11a,b, 12a,b.

Glandulina laevigata (d'Orbigny) = *Nodosaria laevigata* d' Orbigny, 1826, Ann. Sci. Nat., ser. 1, v. 7, p. 252, pl. 10, figs. 1-3.

Globocassidulina subglobosa (Brady) = *Cassidulina subglobosa* Brady, 1881, Quart. J. Micr. Sci., v. 21, pl. 30 fig. 60.

Hanzawaia concentrica (Cushman) = *Truncatulina concentrica* Cushman, 1918, U.S.

Geological Sur. Bull. 676, p. 64, pl. 21, fig. 3.

Lenticulina calcur (Linné) = *Nautilus calcur* Linné, 1767, Syst. Nat., 12th ed., p. 1162, no. 272

Note: most common species included in *Lenticulina* spp.

Marginulina marginulinoides (Göes) = *Cristellaria aculeata* var. *marginulinoides* Göes, 1896,

Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., v. 29, p. 56, pl. 5, figs. 15, 16. Note: most common form, included in *Marginulopsis* spp.

Miliolinella fichteliana (d'Orbigny) = *Triloculina fichteliana* d'Orbigny, 1839, in Ramone de la Sagra, Hist. Fis. Pol. Nat. Cuba "Foraminiferae," p. 171, pl. 9, figs. 8-10.

Neolenticulina peregrina (Schwager) = *Cristellaria peregrina* Schwager, 1866, Novara

Expedition, Geol. Thiel, v. 2, p. 245, pl. 7, fig. 89. Note: more commonly referred to as *Lenticulina perigrina*.

Nodosaria albatrossi Cushman = *Nodosaria vertabralis* (Batsch), var. *albatrossi* Cushman, 1923, Bull. 104, U.S. National Mus., pt. 4, p. 87, pl. 15, fig. 1. NOTE: included in *Nodosaria* spp.

Nodosaria pyrula d'Orbigny, 1826, Ann. Sci. Nat., v. 7, no. 13, p. 253., Note: included in *Nodosaria* spp.

Nodosariidae spp. includes assorted species of the genera *Lagena*, *Fissurina* and *Oolina*.

Nonion depressulum (Walker and Jacob) var. **matagordanum** Kornfeld, 1931, Stanford Univ., Dept. Geol., Contr., v. 1, no. 3, p. 87, pl. 13, figs. 2a,b.

Nonionella opima Cushman, 1947, Cont. CUSH. LAB. FORAM RES., v. 23, pt. 4, p. 90, pl. 20, figs. 1-3. NOTE: occurs rarely and included with *P. atlanticum*.

Oridorsalis umbonatus (Reuss) = *Rotalina umbonatus* Reuss, 1851, Zeitschrift der Deutschen Geologischen Gesellschaft, Berlin, v. 3, p. 75, pl. 5, figs. 35a-c. Note: *O. umbonatus* includes individuals identified as *Eponides tener* by other authors.

Other calcareous other unidentified and rare species.

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Planulina foveolata (Brady) = *Anomolina foveolata* Brady, 1884, Rept. Voy. *Challenger*, Zool., v. 9, p. 676, pl. 94, figs. 1a-c. NOTE: included with *Planulina* spp.

Pseudononion atlanticum (Cushman) = *Nonionella atlantica* Cushman, 1947, Cont. CUSH. LAB. FORAM. RES., v. 23, pt. 4, p. 11, pl. 5, figs. 21-23.

Pseudonosaria comatula (Cushman) = *Nodosaria comatula* Cushman, 1923, Bull. 104, U.S. Nat. Museum, pt. 4, p. 83, pl. 14, fig. 5.

Pyrgo nasutus Cushman, 1935, Smithsonian Misc. Coll., v. 91, no. 21, p. 7, pl. 3, figs. 1-4.

Pyrgo murrhina (Schwager) = *Biloculina murrhina* Schwager 1866, Novara Expedition, Geol. Thiel, v. 2, p. 203, pl. 4, figs. 15a-c.

Pyrgo williamsoni (Silvestri) = *Biloculina williamsoni* Silvestri, 1923, Atti Accad. Pont. Romana Nuovi Lincei, v. 76 (1922-23), p. 73, pl. 6, figs. 169-170.

Quinqueloculina bicarinata d'Orbigny, 1826, Ann. Sci. Nat. v. 7, p. 302. NOTE: this is the triangular-shaped form with no striations.

Quinqueloculina compta Cushman, 1947, Contr. CUSH. LAB. FORAM. RES., v. 23, pt. 4, p. 87, pl. 19, fig. 2. Note: elongated form.

Quinqueloculina dimidiata Terquem, 1876, Essai sur le classement des animaux que vivent sur la plage et dans le environs le Dunkerque, p. 81, pl. 4, figs. 5a-c.

Rectobolivina advena (Cushman) = *Siphogenerina advena* Cushman, 1922, Carnegie Inst., Washington, Pub. 311, p. 35, pl. 5, fig. 2.

Reussella spinulosa (Reuss) = *Verneuilina spinulosa* Reuss, 1850, Denkschriften Kaiser. Akad. Der Wissensch. Math. - Natur. Classe. 1, 374. NOTE checked *Reussella spinulose* (Reuss) var. *atlantica* Cushman, 1947, Cont. Cush. Lab. Foram. Res., v. 23, pt. 4, p. 91, pl. 20, figs. 6-7, but I believe it to be the same.

Rosalina suezensis = *Rosalina bahamensis* Todd and Low, 1971, U.S. Geol. Sur., Prof. Paper 683-C, p. C14, pl. 3, fig. 2.

Saracenaria spp. assorted species of this genera.

Siphonina pulchra Cushman, 1919, Publ. 291, Carnegie Inst. Washington, p. 42, pl. 14, figs. 7a-c.

Spirolaccamina spp. assorted species of the genera.

Trifarina bella (Phleger and Parker) = *Angulogerina bella* Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. 2, p. 12, pl. 6, figs. 7, 8.

Triloculinella tegminis (Loeblich and Tappan) = *Scutularis tegminus* Loeblich and Tappan, 1953, Studies of Arctic Foraminifera, Smithsonian Misc. Coll., v. 121, no. 7, p. 41, pl. 6, fig. 10; includes *Miliolinella chukchiensis* (Loeblich and Tappan) 1953, pl. 7, fig. 7 *Quinqueloculina subrotunda* (Montague) Todd and Low, 1967; and *Quinqueloculina subrotunda* (Montague?) Cushman, 1948.

Uvigerina peregrina Cushman, 1923, Bull. 104, U.S. Nat. Museum, pt. 4, p. 166, pl. 42, figs. 7-10.

Valvulina laevigata Phleger and Parker, 1951, Geol. Soc. Amer. Mem. no. 46, pt. 2, p. 25, pl. 13, figs. 11a,b, 12a,b.