

COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Cross-sections of the fresh water bearing strata of the Denver Basin between Greeley and Colorado Springs, Colorado

The purpose of this publication is to provide graphic representation of the stratigraphic and structural relationships of the strata that comprise the bedrock aquifers in the Denver Basin. The fifteen cross-sections depict stratigraphic and structural relationships of the Upper Cretaceous through Paleogene sediments that comprise the Denver Basin Bedrock aquifers. The work represents integration of subsurface data from 737 boreholes with surface geologic mapping to provide a regional three-dimensional view of the water-bearing strata. Preparation utilized computer-based technology using data from a broad array of sources including recent borehole geophysical logs. Graphic presentations include compilations on a basin-wide scale that illustrate how rapidly stratigraphic characteristics can change both laterally with distance and vertically with depth. Detailed cross-sections are also included to illustrate characteristics on a more local scale.

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