

COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Open-file Report OF-01-17

The Coalbed Methane Potential in the Upper Cretaceous to Early Tertiary Laramie and Denver Formations, Denver Basin, Colorado

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Colorado Geological Survey OF-01-17 provides existing geological information regarding the coalbed methane resources of the Denver Basin in Colorado. These data have been previously compiled and published by the Colorado Geological Survey in both coal and coalbed methane reports.

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To open the compressed (.zip) file that you downloaded, double-click on the file. Inside the folder labeled **OF-01-17**, there are a number of files and folders. Some files are stored in Adobe Portable Document (.pdf) format. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data are also included. These data are in ESRI's Shapefile and Geodatabase format.

HOW TO IDENTIFY AND READ FILES

REPORT DOCUMENTS

- **OF-01-17-Read_Me.pdf**
This file
- **OF-01-17 Coalbed Methane Potential.pdf**
Includes report, map plates, and figures
- **GIS_Data folder**
Contains Geodatabase, Shape, and Layer files

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Alternatively, these files may be viewed using QGIS, a free and open-source GIS software package, available for download at <https://qgis.com>.

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