

Depositing geoscience information with the National Geoscience Data Centre

The National Geoscience Data Centre maintains a National Archive of surface and subsurface information to support the work of the British Geological Survey and the needs of the academic community and commercial sector.

Although the Survey has statutory rights of access to records, core and samples from boreholes drilled to depths greater than 30m for mineral exploration and 15m for water supply assessment, most of the records held in the NGDC collections are from boreholes of shallower depth, that have been deposited voluntarily by external parties engaged in site investigations.

The main collections comprise the records of boreholes, shafts and wells from all forms of drilling and site investigation work. There are over 1 million records dating back to around 1740, and ranging from one metre to several thousand metres in depth. The NGDC also holds field maps, field notebooks, manuscript geological maps, and site investigation reports that contain borehole records, trial pit data, and laboratory test data, as well as information relating to all aspects of geoscience.

By depositing information with the NGDC you are:

- ▲ Ensuring preservation and reducing storage costs
- ▲ Providing access
- ▲ Contributing to the UK knowledge base

Formats

We accept most formats from paper and microfiche to digital formats such as AGS. We would prefer to receive data digitally where possible. Some common formats received are: PDF, AGS, dbf, xls, doc, txt, tif, jpg, bmp, shp, las, lis, dli and many more....

Depositing data

Please send information to the Data Acquisition Officer using the contact details below via post (CDs, DVDs or hardcopy records), fax, email (files under 10Mb) or FTP (file transfer protocol). Please contact the NGDC for further information.

Collecting data

For large collections of hardcopy data, where possible, NGDC will organise collection of the data causing minimum inconvenience to you.

Confidential information

As a public archive we try to make information available to all wherever possible. However we understand that information may need to be confidential and can securely store data under a variety of terms. Please contact the Data Acquisition Officer for further information.

Types of deposit

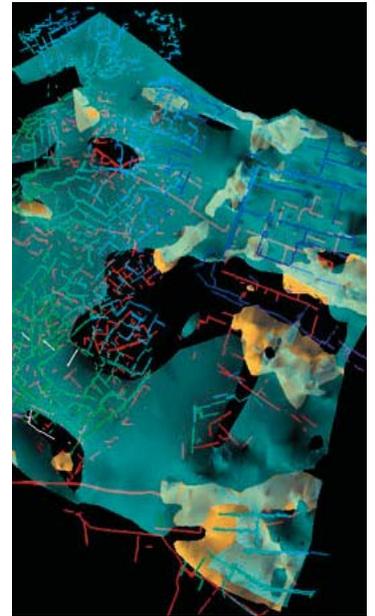
You can pass information to us under a number of arrangements, such as a deposit, transfer, gift or loan.

Quid Pro Quo

The BGS will waive retrieval charges normally applied to external parties, where regular donation of documents/data to the archive by an external party is of benefit to BGS research activities and the National Archive. Such acquisitions and related waivers are considered as a quid pro quo exchange of information.

Please contact the NGDC to discuss your donation with the Data Acquisition Officer who will provide you with further information, and can arrange to meet with you to discuss any queries that you have, and to see your data collection. Alternatively you are welcome to come and visit the Data Centre and view our archives and holdings.

A comprehensive guide to depositing data with the NGDC is available on the BGS website.



The NGDC can reduce your storage costs and ensure the preservation and value of your data for generations to come



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