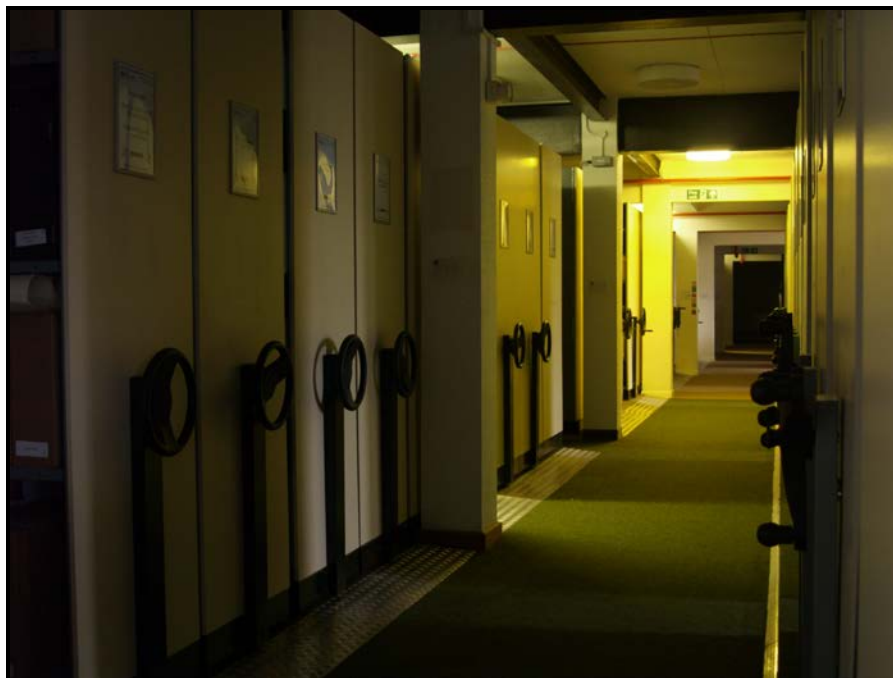


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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS



This catalogue describes most of the major or significant records collections held in the National Geological Records Centre (NGRC) and gives details of both their physical and digital extent. It also provides links to associated online metadata, databases and other resources.

However it is **not a comprehensive catalogue** of all the collections in the Records Centre. The collections listed include those series that are either continuing to grow in extent as they support and record BGS core activities, or those where the physical records are accessed on a regular basis. It does not include the many digital collections managed by NGRC unless there are analogue equivalents.

This document is being continuously updated and work is ongoing on cataloguing additional holdings in Wallingford and Edinburgh.

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Aerial Photographs		
Description	Aerial Photographic Collection mainly at geographic scale 1:10000. Photographs produced by specific flights connected with BGS/NERC projects or surveys or purchased from outside organisations over the years by BGS or its precursors.	
Covering Dates	Photographs date from 1940's to the present time.	
Geographical Area	Great Britain and some overseas.	
Origins	Aerial Photograph collection is made up of Aerial Photographs purchased or obtained by BGS and its precursors as part of its surveying activities.	
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and Precursors and some outside organisations.	
Arrangement	Organised by area and photo number.	
Format	Black and white and colour photographs – various sizes.	
Extent	50 Linear metres	
Access Conditions	Not available online. Only available if visiting BGS and then copyright and IPR constraints apply. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
	Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	Enquiries British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 1316671000
Comments		
Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	NGRC
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
Notes.		



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Applied Geology Records	
Description	Geotechnical Data from Applied Geology projects. A series of geotechnical datasets generated during the applied geology mapping of parts of the UK. For each of these projects, data were abstracted from the available site investigations within a mapping area. Some are more detailed than others.
Covering Dates	1975 -1996.
Geographical Area	Exeter, Deeside, Coventry, Nottingham, Bath, Castleford/Pontefract, and the Black Country as well as mapping of the Thames Valley.
Origins	BGS.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS.

Arrangement	All the datasets are held as paper coding sheets with minor variations between projects. Most were digitised in Smart Ware and or Stat Graphics software but are not accessible online. The associated paper records are held in NGRC both in Keyworth and Edinburgh. Copies of the reports are available in the BGS Library.	
Format	Hard copy.	
Extent	1 linear metre Keyworth.	
Access Conditions	Not available online only by visiting BGS. Copies of the reports can be purchased from BGS Sales For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
	Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	Enquiries British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000
Comments		

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Access to Scans	Contact BGS Sales.



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
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	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	None.	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Applied Geology - 13603135	
Notes		



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Borehole Records			
Description	<p>A borehole record is the data collected when a borehole is drilled and it comes in various formats. It can be a very basic hand drawn geologist's interpretation of the core with a key or a computer generated record. (Core is the column of rock that comes out of the ground when a borehole is drilled). It can also have accompanying documentation and notes.</p> <p>The collection covers onshore and nearshore boreholes, trial pits, shafts and wells from Great Britain, ranging from one to several thousand metres deep. The majority of the records contain written descriptions of the ground encountered. The records range from a single page lithological log through to detailed hydrocarbon bore completion reports. The majority of the new data is from site investigations reports, with concentrations in urban areas and along transport routes.</p>		
Covering Dates	Some records date from 1600 but the majority date from 1900 to the present day. The collection is being continually updated – we receive approximately 50k new borehole records each year.		
Geographical Area	Onshore and near shore records from Great Britain.		
Origins	Drilling of boreholes by BGS or its precursors and external companies. We receive records from a wide variety of organisations such as DECC (formally the DTI), the Highways Agency, and many private commercial engineering and building organisations.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and assorted organisations (DECC, Highways Agency, engineering companies etc).		
Arrangement	The hard copy of borehole records are stored in order relating to the National Grid sheet or with the relevant Site Investigation Report. Digital data is stored on the BGS Storage Area Network.		
Format	Hard copy and digital.		
Extent	In c. 3000 archival boxes usually on A4 or foolscap sized papers.		
Access Conditions	<p>Scans available online, see below. Paper records available by visiting BGS and copies can be obtained online or ordered through Enquiries.</p> <p>For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-</p>		
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Comments		

Scanned	Yes.	
Access to Scans	Available online through the BGS website , go to: - www.bgs.ac.uk/data/boreholescans/home.html then click on the 'Search onshore borehole records' box and then click on the arrow next to 'go to location' enter the location you want, then select from the drop down list the relevant location.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	NGRC.
	Wallingford	National Well Archive.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	SOBI (single onshore borehole index) is an index of over 1.25 million records of boreholes, shafts and wells from all forms of drilling and site investigation work held by BGS.
BGS Discovery Metadata	The SOBI (Single Onshore Borehole Index) is available on the BGS website via the Geoindex. Scanned images of Borehole Records Collection - 13603034 Borehole records - 13480265 SOBI - 13480364

Please Note:-	Some borehole records may be held commercial in confidence, BGS Enquiries staff will advise.
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Coal Authority Prime Geological Data - Deep Mine	
Description	This collection was deposited with BGS by the Coal Authority in July 2001. It is the prime geological data resulting from deep underground coal exploration and exploitation. The collection includes reports, interpretations and records of research in British coalfield areas. Data covered includes past and present collieries and for future prospects.
Covering Dates	Collection of data dating back to the 18 th Century.
Geographical Area	UK.
Origins	The Coal Authority (formerly the National Coal Board and the British Coal Corporation).
Creating Body (ies)	Pre 1947 Individual coal-mining companies. 1947 - 1987 National Coal Board. 1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation. 1994 – Present Coal Authority and individual companies.
Arrangement	This data is stored in sections related to colliery, Coal Board Area, National Grid quarter sheet or type of data.
Format	Hard copy and scanned versions
Extent	2965 banker boxes – the collection includes borehole site plans, borehole logs, analyses and geophysical data.
Access Conditions	Open except for current licence areas. To access the paper records contact:- Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.
Comments	
Scanned	Partially - Most boxes scanned except for geophysical logs
Access to Scans	This collection has been partially scanned but these are not currently available online. For access to the paper records contact Enquires – see comments.



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	Index To Deep Mine Data 13480241
BGS Discovery Metadata	CA Deep Mine Data - 13480323

Notes	Constraints BGS is the custodian of the Coal Authority data, but the Coal Authority has retained ownership. NERC is the joint copyright holder for purposes of data supply.
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Coal Authority Prime Geological Data – Interpretive and Miscellaneous	
Description	Interpretive sections of the Deep Mine data plus geological and environmental data selected by British Coal Surveyors and the BGS from the British Coal Corporation Records (BCC) as being of value for retention. Contains reports, interpretations, and original records. Not all are necessarily directly related to coal production.
Covering Dates	1800's to 1994.
Geographical Area	Great Britain.
Origins	British Coal Corporation and its precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	Pre 1947 Individual coal-mining companies. 1947 - 1987 National Coal Board. 1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation.

Arrangement	Information organised by box number.
Format	All data in banker boxes except for plans.
Extent	3000 banker boxes.

Access Conditions	Copyright and commercial restrictions may apply. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:- Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.
Comments	Mainly unsorted records selected by BGS and BCC surveyors under auspices of the Public Records Office.

Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	N/A.



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	Index started and some basic indices came with the collection in 2001 and these have been databased for BGS use. Coal Authority Deep Mine Interpretive and Misc
BGS Discovery Metadata	British Coal Miscellaneous records - 13603148 Ex British Coal Interpretive Collection - 13480286

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Coal Authority Prime Geological Data – Opencast			
Description	<p>Geological data resulting from some 8000 Open Cast Coal exploration and exploitation sites. The data consists of reports, interpretations and records of research in British coalfield areas created by British Coal Corporation or its precursors. It includes both exploratory and worked sites, therefore not all will necessarily have been exploited. The collection was deposited with the National Geological Records Centre by the Coal Authority in July 2001. New data from The Coal Authority is added as it is received.</p> <p>The collection includes borehole site plans, borehole logs, analyses and geophysical data, and opencast seam analyses etc. All available BGS opencast records have also been added to the index.</p>		
Covering Dates	1940 – Present.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	DoCP (Dept of Coal Production); National Coal Board; British Coal. Records deposited by individual coal companies, NCB or BCC.		
Creating Body (ies)	<p>1940 – 1947 Individual coal mining companies and Dept of Coal Production.</p> <p>1947 - 1987 National Coal Board.</p> <p>1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation.</p> <p>1994 – Present Coal Authority.</p>		
Arrangement	Indexed by site name and number, stored randomly by box number.		
Format	Hardcopy only for records, but site outlines are held digitally see access conditions.		
Extent	Some 4000 bankers boxes. Small amounts of new data being added by TCA. 8000 sites including records of about one million borehole records.		
Access Conditions	<p>Paper records open, except for current licence areas - BGS staff will advise. Site outlines from this collection are available on the BGS website – via GeolIndex. GeolIndex opencast See comments below regarding Scottish holdings.</p> <p>To access paper records contact the relevant office:-</p>		
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Comments	Murchison House, only hold the BGS collections for N England and Scotland not the Coal Authority Collection.	
Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Public GeoIndex. INDEX to Opencast Coal Data - 13480399	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Opencast Coal Data - 13480429 Opencast Coal Prospecting areas - 13605432 Open Cast Coal Records Scotland and Northern England - 13480132	
Notes	BGS holdings of opencast data are integrated with this collection.. See also Mine Plans which may hold additional detailed coal seam plans and abandonment plans. Index to BGS Collection of Large Scale Mine Plans and Land Survey Plans - 13480287 The Coal Authority website is www.coal.gov.uk	



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DECC Well Logs		
Description	Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), formerly (Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), well logs for both onshore and offshore hydrocarbon exploration. Data is released by DECC through release agents. All of the onshore wells are also covered by the Mining Industry Act 1926 (S 23) which requires notification of intention to drill and deposit of records to BGS. The series includes a range of different information including composite and various types of geophysical logs.	
Covering Dates	1975 – to date.	
Geographical Area	UK onshore and offshore up to the UK international boundaries.	
Origins	Information is deposited directly from the DECC Oil and Gas section upon formal release. Information is packaged by DECC onto CD, (previously microfiche). Hardcopy records are also maintained by BGS as part of requirements under PON 9 (Petroleum Operators Notice no. 9).	
Creating Body (ies)	DECC and precursors from information provided by exploration companies.	
Arrangement	Arranged by DECC number and/or by well name for onshore and well number for offshore.	
Format	Hardcopy records held as archive. Microfiche for deposits up to approximately 2000. PDF'S on CD for deposits from 2000 onwards.	
Extent	Over 2700 Linear metres offshore held in Keyworth	
Access Conditions	Limited see comments.	
Comments	Copyright is retained by the DECC but licensed to Release Agents who provide the information on request. The copy of data held by BGS is for internal use or for the use of visitors viewing only; copies are not available from BGS.	
Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC – Entire series.
	Murchison House	NGRC – Entire series.
	Wallingford	None.



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	Other	
BGS Index	No index held within BGS. Access is through DECC website. www.og.decc.gov.uk https://www.og.decc.gov.uk/information	
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.	
Notes	Details of DECC release agents can be found on the DECC website. www.decc.gov.uk	



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Engineering Geology Records							
Description	Records of the BGS Engineering Geology units projects in the UK and overseas. The variety and format of the information held reflects the date of collection and the original aims of the individual projects. The collection has not been appraised or quality checked.						
Covering Dates	1960 to the present time.						
Geographical Area	Worldwide.						
Origins	Engineering Geology Unit – BGS.						
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.						
Arrangement	Data produced by project and sent to NGRC.						
Format	Hard copy in a variety of different forms.						
Extent	These records are have restricted access currently through BGS staff. Mainly in 700 file boxes. 100 Linear metres.						
Access Conditions	Only available via BGS enquiry service – not available online. For access contact the relevant enquiries office:-						
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Murchison House	None.						
Wallingford	None.						



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BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.

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Field Notebooks			
Description	These notebooks were used by the geologists in the field for recording their findings. They used them to record information in conjunction with their field map to produce the final map. Examples include observations linked directly to field slips, borehole logs, sections and drawings. Geologists now mainly use field record sheets or a 'Tablet PC' rather than a note book.		
Covering Dates	1840 - to the present day.		
Geographical Area	England / Wales / Scotland.		
Origins	Mainly from BGS geologists doing field work for the Survey. Some notebooks come from other recognised geologists outside the Survey. Notebooks may be donated to BGS for storage, safe keeping and for use of the data.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors – and other recognised geologists.		
Arrangement	In Keyworth notebooks have a FN number (Field Notebook number) and the collection is stored in FN number order in archive boxes. In Murchison House they are held in the Archive Secure store.		
Format	In various sizes of notebooks - hard copy – some with drawings or watercolours attached or included.		
Extent	UK and Overseas.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access paper records contact:-		
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Comments	Some notebooks are also held in the index of the National Geological Records Centre Collection of Geological Archives and the BGS Archives. These cover a wide variety of different types and ages of information mainly from Great Britain but also projects overseas.		



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Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	NGRC
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	Indexed on the BGS intranet for internal use. Index to National Geological Records Centre Collection of Geological Archives -13480363 BGS Collection of Geologist's Field Notebooks and Section Books - 13480190 Index Data From Field Note Record Sheets - 13480142
BGS Discovery Metadata	Field note books and record cards - 13480374

Notes	All data held by NGRC are indexed but other notebooks may be held in other collections. The collection is also cross referenced within the BGS Archive
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Field Slips			
Description	Field Slips are also referred to as Field Maps. They are the maps that the geologists use to record data and their interpretations, (faults, lines and geology) when they are out in the field. Used in conjunction with their field notebooks and other data to produce the Standard map of the area. There are two series of slips, one is produced on County Series base maps (1:10560) and the other on the National Grid (1:10560 & 1:10000) ordnance survey (OS) base maps.		
Covering Dates	National Grid series – 1960 onwards. County Base series – 1850 to 1970.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	BGS and precursors.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and some qualified external sources.		
Arrangement	NGRC County Series slips in geographical order by County the National Grid collection in geographical order by quarter sheet.		
Format	Paper and photographs.		
Extent	Current holding over 35,000 slips.		
Access Conditions	Paper records – Open and also available digitally. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments			
Scanned	Yes.		
Access to Scans	Scanned images available via Enquiries.		
Location of Records	Keyword NGRC – Covers England and Wales.		



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	Murchison House	NGRC – Northern England and Scotland.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index		
BGS Discovery Metadata	BGS Collection Field Maps - 13480346 Scanned Images BGS Field Maps- 13603033	

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Geochemical Analysis Records			
Description	Records of the BGS analytical chemistry laboratories prior to the year 2000. It is an archive of original records and includes card indexes, files and raw analytical data. Originally produced mainly by the Geochemistry Division. These records measure various chemical and physical properties of samples of rocks, water and minerals. Files may contain background detail on the samples themselves but coverage is variable; and information has been collected over many years in different formats.		
Covering Dates	1967 to 2000.		
Geographical Area	Samples analysed could be from anywhere in the world and were usually analysed for internal BGS customers.		
Origins	BGS.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS.		
Arrangement	Files and folders, stored in file number order.		
Format	Paper.		
Extent	20 linear metres hardcopy and digital files.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments	These are paper records and are available for viewing or copying. Any constraints on data usage would be dependent on individual files.		
Scanned	No.		
Access to Scans	None.		



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index		
BGS Discovery Metadata	BGS Chemistry Records Pre 2000 - 13480441	
Notes	Different analytical techniques have been used over the years; consequently data are of variable quality and systems have improved with time.	



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Marine Sample Records	
Description	This is the collection of records (data sheets and related descriptive documents and photographs) associated with sample stations. BGS holds records for some 86,000 sample stations. A sample station in this context is the site of a sea-bed sample/core or observation. The distribution of these sample points is variable. There are 2 types of sample stations those managed by BGS Projects and those managed by external organisations. The record collection includes sea-bed samples, shallow cores and geotechnical type boreholes, but not hydrocarbon wells. The records are applicable to a wide range of uses including environmental, geotechnical and geological studies.
Covering Dates	1960's to the present day. The bulk of the sample stations were occupied in the late 1960s, 1970s and 1980s and early 1990's
Geographical Area	UK continental shelf (UKCS). Keyworth collection covers UKCS south (United Kingdom Continental Shelf South). The MH collection covers UKCS North.

Origins	BGS and outside organisations.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and outside organisations.
Arrangement	By offshore quadrant and block (quadrant is part of a grid related to latitude and longitude which are then subdivided into rectangular blocks).
Format	Hand written logs and descriptions. Information from the records has been extracted and digitised.
Extent	Some 200 boxes – 30 Linear metres.

Access Conditions	Open. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments			



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Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	None	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	NGRC
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Offshore data retrieval interface	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Coastal Marine Sample Station and Borehole Records - 13603041 Coastal Marine Sample Station and Borehole Analyses - 13603042 Coastal Marine Sample Station and Borehole Index - 13603040 Coastal Marine Samples and Cores - 13603048	
Notes		



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MEIGA (Mineral Exploration & Investigation Grants Act 1972) Records	
Description	Records of Mineral Exploration – A total of 267 reports from mineral exploration projects carried out in the UK under the Mineral Exploration and Investigation Grants Act – includes project files kept on behalf of the former Dept of Trade and Industry, now the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
Covering Dates	1971 – 1984.
Geographical Area	Great Britain.

Origins	Produced by external mineral exploration companies.
Creating Body (ies)	External mineral exploration companies.

Arrangement	In grant order.
Format	Paper and Maps.
Extent	208 Banker Boxes.

Access Conditions	Open. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:-	
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Comments	Some new data is added by companies as prospects are released.	

Scanned	Partly.	
Access to Scans	Via Enquiries .	
Location of	Keyworth	NGRC.



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Records	Murchison House	NGRC.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Currently paper index only – held with the collection.	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Records of Mineral Exploration - 13480289	
Notes		



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Mineral Reconnaissance Programme (MRP) Files			
Description	<p>The Mineral Reconnaissance Programme (MRP), was funded by the former Dept. of Trade and Industry (DTI) now Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS). The MRP carried out baseline mineral exploration. The main aim of the programme was to stimulate private-sector exploration and the development of indigenous mineral resources. The programme has now been subsumed into the new BGS Minerals Programme. The database contains information from the MRP together with some from earlier programmes and the new Minerals Programme.</p> <p>All geochemical results obtained are used to populate the corporate Geochemistry Database.</p>		
Covering Dates	Early 1970's to present time.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	DTI – MRP (now the BGS Minerals Programme).		
Creating Body (ies)	DTI – MRP (now the BGS Minerals Programme).		
Arrangement	Data collected on a project basis covering many mineralised areas of the UK. Detail level varies from regional drainage samples collected at 1 sample per square kilometre to soil samples at 1 sample per 10 m spacing. Data validated by collector and analytical laboratory.		
Format	Printed reports and hand written notes etc relating to the projects.		
Extent	330 banker boxes.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access these paper records contact the relevant office:-		
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Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC .
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Paper based, currently only available internally	
BGS Discovery Metadata	GeoIndex Mineral Reconnaissance Programme Reports - 13605457 Records of Mineral Exploration - 13480289	
Notes		



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UK Nirex Reports			
Description	The collection comprises a set of the factual and interpretative reports that document the investigations carried out by UK Nirex at Sellafield, Dounray, Elstow, Fulbeck and Killingholm. These investigations were into potential repositories for the storage of radioactive waste. In total there are in excess of 2,250 individual volumes. This collection links to the rock and core samples held in the core store.		
Covering Dates	1989-2001.		
Geographical Area	Sellafield, Elstow, Fulbeck, Killingholm and Dounray.		
Origins	UK Nirex.		
Creating Body (ies)	UK Nirex and BGS on their behalf.		
Arrangement	Mainly by site location, borehole number and report type.		
Format	Paper.		
Extent	2250 volumes.		
Access Conditions	<p>Conditional – UK Nirex has granted the British Geological Survey a licence to use and to allow third parties to use the data for bona fide academic or educational purposes only. Commercial organisations wishing to use the data should, in the first place, apply to UK Nirex for access to the archives. A fee may be payable to the British Geological Survey for access to the data.</p> <p>To access these paper records for academic and educational purposes contact the relevant office below (commercial organisations contact UK Nirex in the first instance) :-</p>		
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Comments			



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Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC (80%).
	Murchison House	NGRC (20%).
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	www.bgs.ac.uk/downloads/start www.bgs.ac.uk/reference/nirexarchive/home	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Nirex Analogue (paper) records - 13480334 Nirex Petrological Samples and Records - 13480337 Nirex Digital Geoscience Database (NDGD) - 13603075	
Notes		



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Offshore Geophysical Records			
Description	A collection of records gathered during geophysical surveys, or as the result of post-survey processing of field data. The records are from surveys on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS) and surrounding areas, although there are some records from other parts of the world. The collection includes substantial volumes of UK Hydrographic Office sonar and echo sounder records, plus British Institutions Reflection Profiling Syndicate (BIRPS) seismic sections in addition to the records collected by BGS. Collection includes geophysical logs including seismic, sonar, magnetic, gravity and echo sounder, plus navigation and observer's logs.		
Covering Dates	The bulk of the records date from the late 1960s to the early 1990's with ongoing additions of new records.		
Geographical Area	UKCS.		
Origins	Ongoing surveying work.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and the UK Hydrographic office.		
Arrangement	Organised by project accession.		
Format	Mostly on hard copy (paper and plastic). Some held digitally.		
Extent	Some 300 boxes currently.		
Access Conditions	Open with restrictions. For access to these records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments			
Scanned	A small percentage.		
Access to Scans	None at present.		



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	NGRC.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	GeoIndex Offshore application	
	Coastal Marine Geophysical Index - 13603049	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Coastal Marine Geophysical Records - 13603050	
Notes		



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Onshore Geophysical Logs - Series 1			
Description	The BGS collection of paper and sepiia geophysical logs from boreholes drilled by BGS and external organisations collected by the Regional Geophysics Unit . External sources are mainly related to water coal or oil exploration.		
Covering Dates	1949 to present.		
Geographical Area	Covering the UK mainland and offshore.		
Origins	BGS and some records deposited by other organisations under the Water Resources Act ; Mining Industry Act and PON 9 (Petroleum Operators Notice) regulations.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS; National Coal Board. British Coal Corporation; Water Companies; Oil exploration companies etc.		
Arrangement	Indexed by borehole name and registration number.		
Format	Hard copy, paper and sepiia.		
Extent	4266 files in 544 bankers boxes.		
Access Conditions	BGS Enquiries will advise. Access status shown on the BGS Borehole Index. BGS SOBI. For access to these records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments			
Scanned	No – but some digitised versions are held.		
Access to Scans	N/A.		
Location of Records	Keyworth NGRC Entire Collection.		



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	Murchison House	NGRC Scottish NCB collection - 12 boxes.
	Wallingford	Only records related to Water Bores.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	Geoindex Boreholes with Geophysical Logs - 13605438
BGS Discovery Metadata	UK Onshore Geophysical Library - 13603115 Aquifer Properties, Database of Physical Properties of Aquifers in England and Wales - 13480111 Wellmaster Hydrogeological Database - 13480073 Water Well Archive - 13480408

Notes	Additional information relating to coal exploration carried out by NCB and BCC is held in the Coal Authority Prime Geological Data - Deep Mine Collection.
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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Onshore Geophysical Logs - Series 2			
Description	The BGS collection of paper and sepia geophysical logs from boreholes drilled by BGS and external organisations collected by the Deep Geology Unit. External sources mainly related to oil exploration. Some have interpretations with them.		
Covering Dates	1960 to 2000.		
Geographical Area	UK mainland.		
Origins	BGS (originally Deep Geology Unit); some records will have been deposited under the Mining Industry Act and PON 9 (Petroleum Operators Notice) regulations.		
Creating Body (ies)	Oil exploration companies BGS; National Coal Board and British Coal Corporation.		
Arrangement	Indexed by borehole name and registration number, stored alphabetically by borehole name.		
Format	Hard copy, paper and sepia.		
Extent	810 bankers boxes.		
Access Conditions	BGS Enquiries will advise. Access status shown on the BGS Borehole Index. BGS SOBI. To access these records please contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments	This series is now closed.		
Scanned	No.		
Access to Scans	N/A.		
Location of Records	Keyword NGRC Entire Collection.		



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	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Geophysical Borehole Log Index - 13480158	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Geoindex Boreholes with Geophysical Logs - 13605438	
Notes	Many records will also be held digitally. Additional information relating to coal exploration carried out by NCB and BCC is held in the Coal Authority Prime Geological Data - Deep Mine Collection.	



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Onshore Geophysical Seismic Data	
Description	The collection contains original prints, on paper, sepia or film, of seismic reflection survey sections. Most data are from within the UK onshore area; although there are some UK onshore and offshore (North Sea, Irish Sea) and foreign data. An additional set has been used for interpretation purposes.
Covering Dates	Dating from the 1960's.
Geographical Area	UK onshore and offshore.

Origins	Most data were originally acquired for commercial hydrocarbon exploration and subsequently provided to BGS for use on specific projects. Some data were acquired by BGS and other public-sector bodies for academic research.
Creating Body (ies)	

Arrangement	Stored in tubes or boxes by ID number.
Format	The documents are dyeline prints or plain-paper photocopies.
Extent	Documents stored rolled in tubes, approximately 10 sections per tube, approx 850 tubes. They are stored folded in boxes, approx 40 sections per box, approx 530 boxes.

Access Conditions	Open with restrictions. BGS staff will advise. To view these records contact the relevant office:-	
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Comments		

Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	None.



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Location of Records	Keyworth	Core Store. NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Copy Seismic Sections set - 13480397 Seismic Locations and Sections Database - 13480182

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BGS Opencast Coal Data			
Description	Geological Data resulting from all types of Open Cast Coal exploration. Collection of data includes reports, interpretations and records of research in British coalfield areas. Records received by BGS mainly under the requirements of the Mining Industry Act 1926.		
Covering Dates	1940 to date.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	DoCP (Dept of Coal Production); National Coal Board; British Coal. Records deposited by individual coal companies, NCB or BCC as a requirement of the Mining Industries Act 1926 or collected by geologists whilst surveying.		
Creating Body (ies)	1940 – 1948 Directorate of Opencast Production and Individual coal mining companies. 1948 - 1987 National Coal Board. 1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation. 1994 – present Coal Authority and individual coal mining companies.		
Arrangement	Arranged by the NCB opencast site number. Cored boreholes may also be held in the BGS Borehole records.		
Format	All hardcopy.		
Extent	217 banker boxes in Keyworth. Some 400 in Murchison House.		
Access Conditions	Open, except for current licence areas BGS staff will advise. To access these records contact the relevant office:-		
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Comments	None.		
Scanned	No.		



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Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	Incorporated into Coal Authority Opencast Data in NGRC.
	Murchison House	Scotland and Northern England in NGRC.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	Index to Opencast Coal Data - 13480399	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Opencast Coal Records - Scotland and Northern England - 13480132 GeoIndex Opencast Coal Prospecting Areas - 13605432 Opencast Coal Data - 13480429	
Notes	See also Coal Authority Opencast Data which was deposited directly from the Coal Authority and contains complementary information. There is considerable duplication between these two collections. See also Mine Plans. Contains detailed coal seam plans and abandonment plans.	



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Petrology rock sample collecton record sheets	
Description	Archive of rock collector's record sheets, giving details of sampling recording what was collected, where, when and by whom. The original collecting sheets remain in Keyworth however after 1985 Edinburgh started their own collection of collecting sheets.
Covering Dates	From 1891 onwards.
Geographical Area	Although most of the sheets refer to samples collected onshore in the UK, there are also sheets for overseas collecting.
Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.
Arrangement	The sheets are archived in accession order sequenced by collector's name. A high proportion have grid references whilst some sheets only have written locality descriptions.
Format	Hard copy and digital.
Extent	1 full bay NGRC Keyworth and approx 1.5 metres in Edinburgh. In addition there are some 500 digital files.

Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-	
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Comments	Paper sample collection record sheets remain in active use in the BGS, a few new sheets are added each year.	

Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC
	Murchison House	NGRC and room 3/6.
	Wallingford	None.



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	Other	None.
BGS Index	No index.	
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.	
Notes		

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Petrology rock collection registers			
Description	This collection has several parts to it and includes the following :- a) The English and Welsh Sliced Rock Collection registers. b) The Museum Reserve Collection. Worldwide collection of rock specimens. c) Foreign thin section collection registers. d) Enquiries. Register of specimens submitted by external sources for identification e) The “Lindsey” rock collection registers. Historic collection by C R Lindsey. f) Continental shelf registers. g) Irish (pre partition) Rock Collection Registers. h) Grays Inn Road Registers – (uranium / atomic energy). i) RC minerals collection. – Worldwide register of minerals. j) Field geologists collecting books.		
Covering Dates	1870 to present day.		
Geographical Area	UK and Worldwide.		
Origins	Thin sections and MR - Set up by the Museum of Practical Geology in the late 19 th century (1800’s). With the exception of the Lindsey collection - collected by survey staff and external sources.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors, founded by the Museum of Practical Geology.		
Arrangement	These collections are arranged by area, region and then numerically depending on the collection – see notes.		
Format	Hard copy and partially indexed digitally on Britrocks.		
Extent	1.25 bays in NGRC volumes.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-		
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Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC and P block (P108) are being relocated to NGRC in the future.
	Murchison House	In Mineralogy and Petrology dept. (only Scottish Sliced Rock collection).
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	Belfast – Northern Irish sheets and rocks.
BGS Index		
BGS Discovery Metadata	The Museum Reserve Collection - 13480097 Foreign Sliced Rock Collection - 13480431 Enquiries - 13480379 Microfossils from the Continental Shelf - 13480440 Microfossils from the Continental Shelf - 13480439	
Notes	Some information about these collections is on the BGS website – http://www.bgs.ac.uk/collections/pet.html	



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Paleontology (PAL) Collectors Sheets	
Description	Also referred to as blue sheets – these have been filled in by the mapping geologists and contain the information associated with the samples they have collected in the field. Holds information like the collector code – which is unique to the collector, sample number which corresponds to the sample in the fossil collection, the locality information (grid ref or and one inch sheet number) and also the geological formation that the sample is from.
Covering Dates	Dating from 1879.
Geographical Area	UK.

Origins	BGS and precursors - originally from Leeds and or London offices.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	Under collector surname then in date order or specimen number order.	
Format	Paper and digitally in later years (spreadsheet filled in which can be submitted instead of the old paper record).	
Extent	2 filing cabinets.	
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-	
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Comments		

Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyword	England and Wales and Northern Ireland (P013)
	Murchison House	Scotland



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	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	GeoIndex Fossil Localities - 13605486 All BGS Raw Biostratigraphy Collections and Data - 13480433
Notes	



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Paleontology (PAL) Registers	
Description	Two sets of registers – ex London and Leeds – kept separately. Leeds specimens mainly contain carboniferous specimens (usually from the Leeds area). London specimens cover all other areas.
Covering Dates	London - The data set began with the first Palaeontologist in the Geological Survey of Great Britain c 1840. Leeds – Earliest record dates from 1866.
Geographical Area	London = Whole of UK. Leeds = Leeds (mainly carboniferous).

Origins	BGS and precursors
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	London Registers, are arranged sequentially usually by collectors number. Leeds Registers arranged by 1" or 1:50K English Geological sheets.	
Format	All hard copy – in volumes.	
Extent	129 London registers and 359 Leeds registers.	
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-	
	Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	Enquiries British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000
Comments		

Scanned	No. Most have been photographed – or microfilmed.	
Access to Scans	N/A. Microfilm in J block strong room.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC aisle 16.
	Murchison House	None
	Wallingford	None



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Other	None
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BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	London Register of Microfossils - 13480204

Notes	Occasional revisions are made if the specimen has been published. Macropalaeontological data is entered into the "Leeds System".
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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Palaeontology (PAL) Sheet 1" Files		
Description	Palaeontological information related to a 1:50 K map sheet areas or offshore quadrants, which include reports, diagrams, cross sections and species descriptions.	
Covering Dates	1950's onwards.	
Geographical Area	United Kingdom.	
Origins	BGS and its precursors.	
Creating Body (ies)	Created by the BGS Palaeontological department.	
Arrangement	By 1:50k sheet for onshore related data set and by quadrant for offshore data set.	
Format	Paper.	
Extent	50 Linear metres.	
Access Conditions	Mainly open but may be some commercial restrictions, see comments. To access these records contact the relevant team:-	
	Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	Enquiries British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000
Comments	Records relating to oil and gas may still be held commercial in confidence – BGS staff will advise.	
Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	None	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Other	None.
BGS Index	None.	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Biostratigraphical Interpretive Data Files - 13480320	
Notes	A number of reports were published in the BGS Technical Report series.	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Sheet Files - 1:10,000			
Description	A collection of a wide variety of geological information including cross sections, site investigation information, photographs, press cuttings, responses to external enquiries and individual research records.		
Covering Dates	Late 19 th Century onwards.		
Geographical Area	United Kingdom		
Origins	The majority of the data has been produced or collected from a wide variety of sources by BGS staff. Mainly acquired as part of the mapping programme.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and its precursors and external individuals or organisations.		
Arrangement	Organised on the basis of its location within 1:10k geological map sheet areas in Great Britain.		
Format	Paper, photographs and digital records.		
Extent	100 linear metres.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-		
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Comments	This information is only available through records staff as it has not been appraised for release to the public.		
Scanned	No		
Access to Scans	N/A.		
Location of Records	<table border="0"><tr><td>Keyworth</td><td>NGRC</td></tr></table>	Keyworth	NGRC
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	Murchison House	A I (additional information) files are equivalent.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	10k Sheet Files - 13480208

Notes	This collection was originally a working collection and has not yet been appraised in any way.
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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Sheet Files - 1:50,000			
Description	A collection of a wide variety of geological information including cross sections, site investigation information, photographs, press cuttings, responses to external enquiries and individual research records.		
Covering Dates	Late 19 th Century onwards.		
Geographical Area	United Kingdom.		
Origins	The majority of the data has been produced or collected from a wide variety of sources by BGS staff. Mainly acquired as part of the mapping programme.		
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors and external individuals or organisations.		
Arrangement	Organised on the basis of its location within 1:50k geological map sheet areas in Great Britain.		
Format	Paper, photographs and digital records.		
Extent	100 linear metres.		
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-		
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Comments	This collection was originally a working collection and has not yet been appraised in any way.		
Scanned	No.		
Access to Scans	N/A		
Location of Records	<table border="0"><tr><td>Keyworth</td><td>NGRC</td></tr></table>	Keyworth	NGRC
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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Murchison House	A I (additional information) files are equivalent.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	50k Sheet Files - 13480203
Notes	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Site Investigation Reports			
Description	Site Investigation reports are produced as a result of investigations carried to obtain information about the physical conditions of soil and rock around a site; such as a construction site, road works, or other earth works. The collection contains reports of site investigations produced by external organisations and may contain information on boreholes, trial pits, laboratory tests and chemical analyses.		
Covering Dates	1950s-onwards.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	Deposited by creating bodies, consultancies, clients or collected by BGS data collection activities.		
Creating Body (ies)	Various site investigation companies, engineering consultants and construction companies.		
Arrangement	By BGS Site Investigation number.		
Format	Hard copy, scanned images and digital files.		
Extent	900 linear metres and held digitally - 221 GB.		
Access Conditions	Open, subject to any commercial restrictions. To access these records contact the relevant team:-		
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Comments	Most are open but some are still marked restricted commercial in confidence. BGS staff will advise.		
Scanned	Partly. All Scottish site investigation reports scanned. For England and Wales all new reports deposited since 2001 have been scanned.		
Access to Scans	Not yet available online. However borehole records contained in the Site Investigations are individually sited and registered in BGS.SOBI and therefore borehole data may be available online via the GeoIndex.		



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	NGRC.
	Wallingford	None
	Other	None
BGS Index	Indexed on the BGS Geoindex - GEOINDEX	
BGS Discovery Metadata	GeoIndex Site Investigation Reports - 13605434	
Notes	Borehole records contained in the Site Investigations are individually sited and registered in BGS.SOBI and therefore borehole data may be available online via the website:- www.bgs.ac.uk/data/boreholescans/home	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Technical Report Masters	
Description	This is a collection of reports that have been produced over a long time at BGS on all aspects of its work in the UK and overseas.
Covering Dates	1940 onwards.
Geographical Area	Worldwide.

Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	They are stored in series order and by date.	
Format	Hard copy.	
Extent	125 Linear metres.	
Access Conditions	Restrictions for commercial and restricted reports, BGS staff will advise. Hard copies no longer available for viewing but the scans are available internally. To access these records contact the relevant team:-	
	Enquiries British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	Enquiries British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000
Comments		

Scanned	Yes.	
Access to Scans	Not available online but can be purchased from BGS sales.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC – main archive collection. BGS Library – reference copies (all reports).
	Murchison House	NGRC – mainly marine reports. BGS Library – reference copies (all reports).
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

BGS Index	Index to the BGS Technical Reports Collection - 13480222
BGS Discovery Metadata	Technical reports - 13480222
Notes	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Waste Site Survey 1973					
Description	Records of approximately 3500 waste sites in England and Wales identified by BGS as part of a survey carried out on behalf of the Department of the Environment (DoE) in 1973. This is a collection has been compiled by the BGS from data from third parties and is a unique collection in that it is the only complete set of this data in England.				
Covering Dates	1973.				
Geographical Area	England and Wales.				
Origins	Carried out for DoE contract.				
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and participating organisations (local authorities and river authorities).				
Arrangement	The data is arranged in boxes in Site Number order.				
Format	Hard copy.				
Extent	1 Linear Metre, - 6 banker boxes.				
Access Conditions	Open. To access these records contact the relevant team:-				
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Comments	We do not hold records for all of the sites investigated.				
Scanned	Yes.				
Access to Scans	Not yet available.				
Location of Records	<table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>Keyworth</td><td>NGRC strong room.</td></tr><tr><td>Murchison House</td><td>None.</td></tr></tbody></table>	Keyworth	NGRC strong room.	Murchison House	None.
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Murchison House	None.				



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index		
BGS Discovery Metadata	Index to Waste Disposal Site Records - 13603054 GeoIndex Waste Sites - 13605470 Waste Disposal Site Records - 13480485	
Notes	Data supplied to the Environment Agency in 2005.	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Part 2 Geoscience Maps and Plans



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Borehole Site Maps	
Description	Maps in scales 1:10,000 and 1:10560 where the sites of boreholes are shown. These maps contain the position of many boreholes registered with BGS up to 2000.
Covering Dates	1960 to 2000.
Geographical Area	UK.

Origins	Created by BGS as part of borehole registration process up to 2000.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	National grid quarter sheet numbers.
Format	Hard copy maps.
Extent	8 Linear metres (in Keyworth in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).

Access Conditions	Only available by visiting BGS and copyright and IPR restrictions apply. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 1316671000
Comments	Not used for siting boreholes since 2000.	

Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	NGRC.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Wallingford	Yes.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Single Onshore Borehole Index - 13480364
Notes	This collection is retained for quality assurance purposes and may contain the only evidence of the position of many boreholes.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Coal Authority - Open Cast Maps	
Description	Index of c 8500 sites dating from the 1940's that accompany the opencast coal data. Showing outlines of the sites on 1:25k OS quarter sheets with site number and name.
Covering Dates	Maps were created from the 1960's till 2000.
Geographical Area	United Kingdom.

Origins	British Coal and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	1940 – 1947 Individual coal mining companies and Dept of Coal Production. 1947 - 1987 National Coal Board. 1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation. 1994 – Present Coal Authority.

Arrangement	By O S quarter sheet number (1:25K).	
Format	Paper maps.	
Extent	3.5 Linear metres (in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).	
Access Conditions	Maps not available online, only by visiting BGS however the site outlines have been digitised and are available on the Geoindex. GEOINDEX For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 1316671000

Comments	
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Scanned	Yes.	
Access to Scans	See access conditions above.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.



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	Murchison House	None – Scotland covered in collection in Keyworth.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	Coal Resources Map of Britain - 3602971 Opencast Coal Records Scotland and Northern England - 13480132 Index to Opencast Coal Data - 13480399 GeoIndex Opencast Coal Prospecting Areas - 13605432	
BGS Index		
Notes		



NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

National Coal Board Seam Maps	
Description	Published Seam maps created by NCB Scientific Department. These show the extent of seams and physical and chemical properties of each individual seam within a coalfield area.
Covering Dates	1950's onwards.
Geographical Area	Great Britain

Origins	British Coal and its precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	1947 - 1987 National Coal Board. 1987 – 1994 British Coal Corporation.

Arrangement	By coalfield, (alphabetically).
Format	Large volumes with black covers – containing maps, plans, spread sheets and tables of data.
Extent	Large format 4 metres oversize shelves.

Access Conditions	Open – but only by viewing at BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000
Comments	Published version available in the BGS library for public viewing. Please note that the NGRC collection may contain manuscript or updated versions.	

Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC - Strong Room.
	Murchison House	NGRC - Strong Room.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Wallingford	None.
	Other	Keyworth And Edinburgh Library.
BGS Index	None in NGRC but in the BGS library. Envirolib (BGS Library Catalogue) .	
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.	
Notes		



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Commercial Mineral Workings Maps			
Description	These are OS 1:25000 paper maps upon which the Ministry of Housing and Local Government (currently Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG)) recorded hand drawn boundaries for permitted, withdrawn and refused mineral planning permissions and worked ground for every local authority area in England.		
Covering Dates	1940's onwards.		
Geographical Area	UK.		
Origins	Ministry of Housing and Local Government - Minerals Division.		
Creating Body (ies)	Government/BGS.		
Arrangement	Geographical sheet order.		
Format	Hard Copy Maps.		
Extent	7.4 linear metres (in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).		
Access Conditions	Not available at present.		
Comments	Is currently being incorporated into future products. Future Products		
Access Conditions	BGS internal use only. For queries regarding this data please contact the relevant office :-		
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Scanned	Yes.		
Access to Scans	Internally BGS staff only.		
Location of Records	Keyworth NGRC.		



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	Historic Planning Permissions - 13605086

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NATIONAL GEOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

County Map Collection			
Description	Geological map 'Standards', manuscript and published maps of Great Britain produced by the Survey on County Series (1:10560) Ordnance Survey base maps. Maps produced from 1860-1970. "Standard maps" in this collection are the final 'best interpretation' of the geology at that time signed and approved by the District Geologist (or equivalent).		
Covering Dates	1860- 1970.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	Created or obtained as part of the ongoing geological surveying of Great Britain.		
Creating Body (ies)	British Geological Survey and its precursors. Some approved external geological surveyors.		
Arrangement	By county and sheet number.		
Format	Hand drawn and printed maps.		
Extent	31,000 in Keyworth (in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).		
Access Conditions	Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-		
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Comments	Standard BGS/NERC copyright and IPR conditions The copyright considerations apply to the document and the decision making behind it.		
Scanned	Majority (85%) have been scanned but only available internally as image files at present.		
Access to Scans	Not available externally at the present time.		



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC Strong room and Records Room. UK(S) collection.
	Murchison House	Library UK(N) collection and NGRC.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	GeoIndex County Maps 6inch - 13605475

Notes	Not all maps have total coverage and some maps have been produced for a specific purpose and only show certain elements e.g. the WW2 Ironstone Survey.
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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Geological Maps - 1" Series	
Description	Original early geological mapping completed on OS First Series one inch map sheet areas. (Scale 1 inch to 1 mile).
Covering Dates	c 1840 to 1910.
Geographical Area	UK.

Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	In first series 1"OS sheet order.	
Format	Paper.	
Extent	3.6 linear metres in specialist map hanging area in NGRC Keyworth and in 4 boxes in NGRC strong room Keyworth.	
Access Conditions	Open. Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000

Comments	Not a complete collection.
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Scanned	In progress.
Access to Scans	N/A.

Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC, NGRC strong room and archive strong room and BGS library.
	Murchison House	Library.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	None specific to this collection but link to 1" series maps - 13605472 which shows availability of these maps.
Notes	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Geological Maps - 1" Corrections	
Description	Collection of 1" to 1 mile scale geological maps, with annotations and corrections made to the first survey maps of UK (original 1" series see above).
Covering Dates	1860 to 1960.
Geographical Area	UK.

Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	Numerically sheet number order.	
Format	Paper.	
Extent	350 maps approx.	
Access Conditions	Open. Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000

Comments	
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Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	N/A.

Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.
Notes	With notes, annotations and corrections.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Geophysical Maps	
Description	Masters (Dyeline) of various published geophysical maps including Bouger Anomaly, Aeromagnetic and Gravity. Thematic Geology maps.
Covering Dates	1970 to 1990.
Geographical Area	UK.

Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	As deposited.	
Format	Hard copy, paper, plastic dyeline.	
Extent	1.2 linear metres. (in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).	
Access Conditions	Open. Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000

Comments	
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Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	N/A.

Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.
Notes	



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CATALOGUE OF MAJOR COLLECTIONS

Industrial Minerals Assessment Unit (IMAU) Collection.		
Description	These maps were produced and/used as part of the IMAU (Industrial Minerals Assessment Unit) work.	
Covering Dates	1967 to 1990.	
Geographical Area	Great Britain	
Origins	BGS and precursor.	
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursor.	
Arrangement	Not finalised.	
Format	Paper.	
Extent	6 linear metres (in Keyworth in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).	
Access Conditions	Open. Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
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Comments		
Scanned	No.	
Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	NGRC.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index	None.	



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BGS Discovery Metadata	IMAU report maps digital data - 13603184 UK SAND AND GRAVEL DB- 13480344 Sand and Gravel Resources Assessment Records :- Scotland - 13480137
Notes	This collection is a work in progress.



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Mine Plans			
Description	Plans relating to mining activity, including abandonment plans, gathered since the 1800's. Most were collected as part of the BGS mapping programme and coverage will vary. The collection for Northern England and Scotland is more comprehensive than for the rest of the country. The general nature of some of the plans means that they may not be applicable to a specific site.		
Covering Dates	1800 to present.		
Geographical Area	UK onshore, plus some extensions of mines offshore.		
Origins	Originally collected from various sources as part of the BGS mapping programme. Includes British Coal Corporation donation.		
Creating Body (ies)	Mining Companies; British Coal Corporation ; Directorate of Opencast Production; National Coal Board; Coal Authority etc.		
Arrangement	BGS offices hold collections separately – consult enquiries team for details.		
Format	Paper, microfiche, photographs, film/sepia; scans.		
Extent	Current holdings over 60,000.		
Access Conditions	Open. Available online and by visiting BGS. www.bgs.ac.uk - mine plan portal The majority of the collection has not been scanned. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-		
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Access Conditions	Open.		
Comments	Some mineral plans may have access conditions.		
Scanned	The majority of the collection has not been scanned.		
Access to Scans	Specific scans may be available through Enquiries.		
Location of Records	Keyword NGRC all plans relating to England and Wales		



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		(except Northern England) and held in KP Series.
	Murchison House	NGRC plans for Scotland and Northern England.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
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BGS Index	About using mine plans - mine plans portal www.bgs.ac.uk - mine plan portal	
BGS Discovery Metadata	The BGS collection of Mine Plans - 13480288	
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Notes	Mine plan information may also be found in the Deep Mine, Opencast collections and Sheet files. The Coal Authority and county records offices also hold significant collections of mine plans.	



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Mineral Reconnaissance Programme (MRP) Maps

Description	Maps relating to the data for the MRP programme, a baseline mineral exploration programme originally funded by the DTI between 1972 and 1997. It has been subsumed into the new BGS Minerals Programme, funded by the BIS (Department of Business Innovation and Skills). Maps relate to data held on the geochemistry of drainage stream sediments, panned concentrates, soil, deep overburden, and rock and drill core samples.
Covering Dates	1972 onwards.
Geographical Area	Great Britain.

Origins	MRP.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursor.

Arrangement	By Project – map sheet.
Format	Hard copy.
Extent	1 metre (in Keyworth in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).

Access Conditions	Open. Available online via the BGS website at BGS MINERALS UK Paper records available by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000

Scanned	No
Access to Scans	N/A.



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
	Murchison House	None
	Wallingford	None
	Other	

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	Minerals Program - 13480189 Industrial Minerals Resources Map of Britain - 13453046 Mineral Occurrences Database - 13480308 Mineral Resource Map of Wales - 13605430 Mineral Resource Records (Mr) Scotland and Northern England - 13480133 Mineral Resources Archive (Mra) Scotland and Northern England - 13480134 Mineral Resources for the Central Belt of Scotland - 13603179 Minerals Programme Geochemistry Database - 13480189 Mines and Quarries Database - Brit Pits - 13480276

Notes	Published information available through BGS sales.
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National Grid Map Collection			
Description	Manuscript and published geological maps of Great Britain produced by the Survey on National Grid Series (1:10560 & 1:10000 & 1:25000) Ordnance Survey base maps. Maps produced from 1955 to date. Standards are final 'best interpretation' of the geology at that time.		
Covering Dates	c. 1955 to date.		
Geographical Area	Great Britain.		
Origins	Created or obtained as part of the ongoing geological surveying of Great Britain.		
Creating Body (ies)	British Geological Survey and its precursors. Some approved external geological surveyors.		
Arrangement	By Ordnance Survey Quarter sheet number.		
Format	Hand drawn manuscript, dyeline printing masters and printed maps and signed versions of digital maps.		
Extent	35,000 in total , (in Keyworth in NGRC in specialist map hanging area).		
Access Conditions	Open. Available online at www.bgs.ac.uk/GeoIndex/ And paper records available by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-		
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Comments	Standard BGS/NERC copyright and IPR conditions The copyright considerations apply to the document and the decision making behind it.		
Scanned	Majority (95%) .		
Access to Scans	www.bgs.ac.uk/GeoIndex/		



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Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC Strong room and Records Room. UK(S) collection.
	Murchison House	Library UK(N) collection
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.
BGS Index		
BGS Discovery Metadata	GeoIndex 1:10000 Series Geological Maps - 13605446 GeoIndex Digital Geological Map Availability - 13605445 BGS Large Scale Geological Map Collection - 13480370 Scanned Images of the BGS Collection of Large Scale Geological Field Maps - 13603033 BGS Collection of Large Scale Geological Field Maps - 13480346 BGS Large Scale Geological Map Collection - 13480370	
Notes	Not all maps have total coverage and some maps have been produced for a specific purpose and only show certain elements e.g. the Sand and Gravel Survey in the 1970s.	



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Project Specific Maps	
Description	Maps and charts produced specifically as part of a BGS project.
Covering Dates	Various dates from 1960 to 1990.
Geographical Area	UK – specific areas mentioned in project titles as follows:- Leeds and London. Locus Project – London. River Thames Valley. Wales including Anglesey, Aberystwyth, Montgomeryshire, Llanridod, Llandovery, Anglesey, Carmarthenshire, Brecon Beacons, Cardiganshire, Montgomeryshire, Denbighshire, Morton, Merion, Caernarvon, Denbighshire and Anglesey.

Origins	BGS and precursors.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and precursors.

Arrangement	In sections for each project.	
Format	Paper/dyline plastic.	
Extent	1.2 linear metres in Keyworth NGRC(in specialist map hanging area). 2 map cabinets in Edinburgh NGRC.	
Access Conditions	Open. Not available online only by visiting BGS. For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
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Comments		

Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	N/A.

Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC.
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	Murchison House	NGRC
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	None.

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Offshore Maps & Charts	
Description	A collection of marine maps and charts held by BGS, various scales and subject types usually produced as part of BGS project work, although there are maps from other sources (for example UK Hydrographic Office survey charts). The topics are very wide-ranging from survey navigation to geological interpretation and is variable in areas covered, although most of the collection is for the UKCS (United Kingdom Continental Shelf) and surrounding areas.
Covering Dates	The bulk of the maps were created in between 1960 and the early 1990's with subsequent additions each year.
Geographical Area	United Kingdom UK continental shelf.

Origins	BGS (and precursors) offshore mapping projects and UK Hydrographic Office. Ministry of Defence.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and UK Hydrographic Office. Ministry of Defence.

Arrangement	By offshore quadrants and blocks in specialist map hanging.	
Format	Paper.	
Extent	66.6 linear metres.	
Access Conditions	Open. For general online information and links go to www.bgs.ac.uk/marineAndCoastal . For access to the paper records contact the relevant office :-	
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Murchison House West Mains Road Edinburgh EH9 3LA enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0) 131667 1000

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Access to Scans	N/A.	
Location of Records	Keyworth	NGRC



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	Murchison House	NGRC - North West Quadrant Store.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	Loanhead.

BGS Index	
BGS Discovery Metadata	Coastal Marine Geophysical Index - 13603049 Coastal Marine Map Index - 13603052 Coastal Marine Maps - 13603053

Notes	For general online information and links go to www.bgs.ac.uk/marineAndCoastal
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Radon Maps

Description	Maps used as a basis for the joint HPA-BGS Digital Radon Potential Dataset which provides the current definitive map of Radon Affected Areas in England and Wales. Data used includes the relevant portions of airborne and ground gamma spectrometer surveys, mineral exploration, baseline geochemistry and environmental radiometric surveys along with lithochemical and borehole log data. It is predominantly a specialist subset of other existing BGS databases.
Covering Dates	2005 to present.
Geographical Area	Incomplete UK coverage.

Origins	BGS.
Creating Body (ies)	BGS and Health Protection Agency.

Arrangement	Geographically by map sheet.
Format	Paper.
Extent	0.6 linear metres.
Access Conditions	Restricted. Information is available on line at BGS /radon Information about Radon protection reports go to BGS/radon/home For further information about accessing these records contact the Keyworth office.
Comments	The Enquiries Team British Geological Survey Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5GG enquiries@bgs.ac.uk +44 (0)115936 3143.
Comments	

Scanned	No.
Access to Scans	N/A.
Location of Records	Keyworth NGRC.



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	Murchison House	None.
	Wallingford	None.
	Other	None.

BGS Index	None.
BGS Discovery Metadata	Environmental radioactivity Database - 13480220

Notes	These maps provided information used in the production of the Radon Potential Dataset which provides information on the level of protection required for new buildings as described in the latest Building Research Establishment guidance on Radon protective measures for new buildings (BR 211 2007). Radon reports are available through the GeoReports service in Enquiries.
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