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USGS Map of Surficial Deposits and Materials in the Eastern and Central U.S. Debuts at INQUA

Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will be unveiling a unique map, "Surficial Deposits and Materials in the Eastern and Central U.S." at the *International Union of Quaternary Research* (INQUA) meeting in Reno, Nev., July 23 through 30.

This colorful wall map outlines the distribution of more than 185 types of surficial deposits and materials that have formed in the Eastern and Central U.S. over the last two million years, known to geologists as the quaternary period. A 46-page pamphlet accompanies the map.

"These geologic features are the foundations of ecosystems, the materials that support plant growth and animal habitat, and materials through which travels much of the water required for agriculture and industry," said Dave Fullerton, USGS geologist and the map's primary author. "This will be useful tool for a variety of customers, including planners and decision makers who need to know where hazards, resources and other areas of environmental concern are located."

The paper map may be purchased by requesting item number 115020 directly from the USGS at 1-888-ASK-USGS. The price is \$7 per copy; \$5 shipping and handling.

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