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## Liquid-Rich Shale Potential of Utah's Uinta and Paradox Basins: Reservoir Characterization and Development Optimization

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

As the project progresses through Budget Period 3, several different research activities are on track to help better characterize Utah's tight oil plays. Core analysis and regional mapping activities are helping to create a clearer understanding of the Uteland Butte tight oil play. In addition, new research on the origin and diagenesis of the Uteland Butte dolomites will aid in reservoir characterization and regional facies analysis. Several research projects are also underway looking at the Cane Creek shale. Epifluorescence analysis on Cane Creek cuttings has been completed and results will be presented at the May 2015 AAPG conference in Denver, CO. Also, completed fluid inclusion analyses of Cane Creek core have provided insights into fracture formation and timing of fluid migration within the play. Geomechanical data measured on cores from both the Uteland Butte and Cane Creek are currently being analyzed by collaborators at the Energy & Geoscience Institute, University of Utah. This data will be vital in helping inform better well completion strategies and potentially improve production.

Technology transfer remains a vital tool for communicating the project results with interested stake holders. Two presentations will be given at the upcoming AAPG meeting in Denver, CO: a core poster highlighting both the Uteland Butte and Cane Creek plays and a poster presentation on the aforementioned epifluorescence analyses. In addition, a collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey on the geology of the Uteland Butte member of the Green River Formation has resulted in a paper which was submitted for inclusion in the upcoming 2015 Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists Source Rock Compendium volume.

#### PROGRESS, RESULTS, AND DISCUSSION

#### **Task 1.0: Project Management Plan**

During the month of January 2015, the PI wrote and submitted the project's ninth quarterly report for October to December 2015. This report was subsequently sent via email to all interested parties and posted on the UGS project website.

#### Task 2.0: Technology Transfer

- The UGS project website was updated with new information <u>http://geology.utah.gov/emp/shale\_oil</u>
- The PI completed the ninth quarterly report and emailed it to all interested parties. It is also available on the UGS project website.
- Two posters will be presented at AAPG in Denver, June 2015: a core poster that will include discussions of both the Uteland Butte and Cane Creek, and a poster detailing the completed epifluorescence analyses on the Cane Creek.
- In collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), a paper detailing the Uteland Butte tight oil play was submitted to the editors of the upcoming 2015 Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists Source Rock Compendium volume. The volume is slated to be published in late 2015.

#### Tasks 3.0 and 4.0: Data Compilation and Core-Based Geologic Analysis

**Uteland Butte Member:** The PI updated the Uteland Butte play map, which shows the location of all Uteland Butte horizontal wells (over 80 wells), individual company play areas, locations of Uteland Butte core, as well as proposed (APDs) horizontal Green River Formation wells (Figure 1). Recently, Newfield has switched to drilling ~11,000 foot laterals as opposed to the more typical ~5000 foot laterals. These new "super long laterals" (SXL) are located in Newfield's Central Basin play area within the overpressured zone. Figure 2 displays production bubbles for all horizontal Uteland Butte wells. In order to compare production rates and well success regardless of well age, only the first three full months of

production was included. Initial production rates for shorter laterals (~5000 ft) range from ~10 to ~300 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) per day in the southern part of the play, averaging 112 BOE per day, and ~70 to ~800 BOE per day in the northern overpressured area, averaging 383 BOE per day. The SXL horizontal wells in the overpressured zone range from ~770 to ~1200 BOE per day and average 945 BOE. As shown on the map, the most productive area to date lies within the overpressured zone of the central basin.

The formation of lacustrine dolomite is very poorly understood. With the main reservoir of the Uteland Butte being a porous dolomite, it is vital to understand how these deposits formed and to understand how the facies change across the basin. To help investigate this problem, we have set up a collaboration with Dr. Hans Machel, renowned dolomite expert from the University of Alberta. Dr. Machel and a graduate student traveled to Salt Lake City in November, 2014, and Denver in February, 2015, to analyze several Uteland Butte cores (8 cores total). Several sections of each core, focusing on the dolomite intervals, but also including examples of adjacent facies, were selected for thin section analysis. In addition, the same intervals will be analyzed using a scanning electron microscope, as well as analyzed for specific isotopes and mineralogy. These tests will help determine the origin of the dolomites, whether they are the result of primary precipitation or related to diagenetic processes. A model of deposition will be created that will help delineate facies changes and reservoir characteristics across the basin.

**Cane Creek Shale:** Understanding the relationship between fractures in the Cane Creek shale and timing of oil migration will be vital to understanding the petroleum system as a whole and determining areas that might be supportive of economic production. These relationships can be investigated by analyzing the fluid inclusions trapped within the fracture-fill precipitates.

Fluid inclusions are fluid- and/or gas-filled vacuoles sealed within different minerals, including fracture-fill material. Analysis of an inclusion can provide the composition and salinity of the fluid as well as the temperature and pressure at which it became trapped (i.e., crystal mineralization). Fluid inclusion analysis can also provide insight into the migration history of fluids through a suite of rocks. Analysis of thin section samples from the Cane Creek will aid our understanding of oil maturation history and timing of fluid migration. Twenty core samples from three different Cane Creek wells (the Cane Creek 26-3 core from the productive Big Flat field, the Remington 21-1H core from the currently non-productive southwestern play area, and the Cisco State 36-13 core from the currently non-productive southeastern play area near Lisbon) have been analyzed. Preliminary results for the Cisco State 36-13 core indicate that trapped fluids within the fractures are saline and the minimum trapping temperature was roughly 85° to 95°C (Figure 3). Live oil has also been observed in samples from this well, with fluorescence of the oil indicating a 35° to 40° API gravity (Figure 3). These preliminary analyses indicate that at some point oil migrated through the Cane Creek in this area.

A much more detailed report on the fluid inclusion analyses will be available as part of the Final Report on the Cane Creek tight oil play.



Figure 1. Updated Uteland Butte play map.







**Figure 3.** Examples of fluid inclusions within halite-filled fractures from the Cisco State 36-13 core, depth 7614.6 ft, scale ~50x. a) Halite-filled fracture as seen in the core. b) Thin section photo of fluid inclusion under plane light. c) The same inclusion under fluorescence; analysis indicates 85-95°C minimum trapping temperature, while the blue fluorescence indicates oil at roughly 40° API. d) Examples of air bubbles (red arrows) within fluid inclusions.

#### Task 5.0: Outcrop Examination and Characterization – Uinta Basin

An important collaboration has been set up with Dr. Rick Sarg, prominent carbonate geologist at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM). UGS is partially funding a CSM graduate student to research the Uteland Butte on the eastern side of the Uinta Basin. The student has measured several Wasatch-Green River-transition outcrop sections on the western flank of the Douglas Creek arch and will compare them to the Anadarko Uteland Butte cores from the Natural Buttes gas field. Meanwhile, the UGS will continue to focus its research efforts on the main producing area of the Uteland Butte (the distal portion) on the western side of the Uinta Basin, and CSM will help determine how the unit changes to the east. The Uteland Butte is much shallower to the east and the organic-rich intervals are thermally immature. Preliminary core interpretations by the PI suggest that the overall facies changes eastward and represents a more proximal, fresher water lacustrine depositional setting. Even though the Uteland Butte in this area is not "self-sourcing," hydrocarbons are most likely migrating to these shallower reservoirs from deeper, mature rocks to the west, but the overall play in this eastern area is much more speculative.

#### **Task 6.0: Well Completion Optimization**

The following report was provided by Dr. John McLennan, Energy and Geoscience Institute, University of Utah, and Task 6 team leader.

#### **Summary of Ongoing Work**

This quarterly report summarizes initial fracture toughness testing results on surrogate samples. The purpose is to develop alternative measurement techniques that will show the influence of fluid rock interaction. Also provided are preliminary results for Energy Release criteria that can be used in place of physically unfounded brittleness indicators. Ongoing work will extend both of these research efforts. In addition, adaptation of civil engineering indices (Rock Quality Designation (RQD) and Geologic Strength Index (GSI)) will be investigated, as will more simple techniques such as correlating vertical and lateral growth with indirect tensile strength and acoustic measurements.

#### **Fracture Toughness Measurements**

Preliminary fracture toughness tests are being made on surrogate cement paste samples. Actual rock samples will be evaluated in the near future.

*Sample Preparation:* Using a three-point bending apparatus, a satisfactory preliminary cutting method was developed to emplace starter fractures, and a suitable load frame was located to measure fracture toughness on air-dried cement samples. The cement samples were used to identify any usability flaws with the sample machining and testing apparatus. Three- and four-inch diameter cement cylinders were cast and cured in tap water. These samples were cut into half disks of appropriate size with a circular saw. This bottom face is then surface ground to be acceptably parallel with the tangent of the peak of the arc of the half-cylinder. Once the samples were surface ground, the dimensions were retaken to check tolerances and new sample dimensions and a notch was cut into them. The notch was cut with a customized band saw blade with a thickness of 0.020 inches. Most of the sample slots were perpendicular to the bottom, while a few were not, resulting in some of the samples being mixed mode fracture toughness.

*Testing*: Each sample was installed into the three-point bending apparatus and loaded parallel to the notch. Certain minor design modifications were identified. Twelve samples were tested and the results are summarized below.

**Results:** Load versus vertical displacement plots are shown in Figures 4 and 5 for the three and four inch samples, respectively. Most of the samples experienced brittle failure, as expected. This is indicated by the sharp peak at the maximum load. The samples that failed in this way had fractures that propagated from the notch tip toward the peak of the arc of the sample. The samples with more post-peak displacement failed with somewhat different mechanisms. Some of these samples had void defects from

water elution out of the sample during curing. In these samples, the fracture moved directly toward the defect and then failed upward from there. These are the multiple peaks seen.



Figure 4. Load versus displacement for 3-inch cement samples.



Figure 5. Load versus displacement for 4-inch cement samples.

The fracture toughness was then calculated from the peak load and the geometric parameters using the "ISRM-Suggested Method for Determining the Mode I Static Fracture Toughness Using Semi-Circular Bend Specimen" by Kuruppu, M.D., Obara, Y., Ayatollahi M.R., Chong, K.P. and Funatsu, T. The fracture toughness results are shown below in Table 1.

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Specimen	Diameter (inches)	Maximum Load	Extension at Maximum	$1^{\mathbf{B}}$ (in)	K <sub>IC</sub> (kPa-m <sup>0.5</sup> )	K <sub>IC</sub> (psi-in <sup>0.5</sup> )
		(lbf)	Axial Load			
			(inches)			
1	3	47.34	0.00788	1.18	107.05	97.40
2	3	56.02	0.00775	1.21	123.38	112.26
3	3	85	0.00384	1.17	193.50	176.05
4	3	69.19	0.00437	1.06	173.84	158.17
5	4	55.49	0.00437	1.57	94.10	85.62
6	4	96.37	0.00362	1.56	165.51	150.58
7	4	54.25	0.00382	1.57	92.46	84.13
8	4	86.86	0.00446	1.59	145.49	132.37
9	4	57.02	0.00234	1.57	96.70	87.98
10	4	68.54	0.00442	1.57	116.24	105.76
11	4	88.08	0.0035	1.61	145.73	132.59
12	4	104.45	0.00485	1.65	169.51	154.23

Table 1. Static mode I fracture toughness results for cement samples.

<sup>1</sup>B is the average distance to the mouth of the notch along the lower flat surface.

The resulting cement fracture toughness was found to be lower than the range found for concrete, which ranges from 0.2-1.2 MPa-m<sup>0.5</sup>. While acknowledging that concrete and cement are different, it is important to note that notch geometry, especially tip geometry, and sample defects can result in lower values.

*Apparatus Modifications:* A new top roller support and adapter are being machined. The base will also have a centered measuring scale etched onto it in both metric and English units. A method for fixing the bottom roller supports in place has not yet been devised but is anticipated. Once these changes are in place, issues with repeatability and usability should be resolved.

*Future Testing:* Additional cement samples have been poured and are curing. These samples will be used to further set up and calibrate the testing system. A high speed video camera will be incorporated in order to attempt to capture/quantify the fracture propagation. We will also experiment with a high-speed infrared camera. This method is interesting because ahead of the crack tip, microfractures form and energy is released in the form of newly formed surfaces and heat. The heat would be picked up by the infrared camera and is a possible method to measure fracture propagation.

Once the camera and testing setup is determined to be ready, appropriate samples from selected Uteland Butte and Cane Creek cores will be taken, machined to the appropriate size, and tested.

#### **Available Indices for Brittleness**

Researchers have argued that Rickman's index accounts for geomechanical characteristics of brittleness. While this index can have merit from the perspective of convenience, it is patently not a representation of brittleness or ductility because it only incorporates elastic properties. By comparing various mechanical properties of rocks, the Task 6 team hopes to develop energy release indices to better assess if there is a preferred calculation. The indices the team will investigate are as follows.

For comparative purposes, the team will assess mineralogically-based indices (Figure 6).



Figure 6. Various mineralogic indices for so-called brittleness prediction.

The two indices include:

$$BI = \frac{Quartz}{Quartz + Calcite + Clay} \qquad BI = \frac{Quartz + Dolomite + 0.5Limestone}{Quartz + Dolomite + Limestone + Clay + TOC} f(Ro)$$

For comparative purposes, the team reports the Rickman-type brittleness index:

$$BRIT = 0.5 \left\{ \left( \frac{E-1}{8-1} \right) \times 100 + \left( \frac{\nu - 0.4}{0.15 - 0.40} \right) \times 100 \right\}$$

The team has also developed four descriptive indices for understanding potential energy release on failure.

• The first Energy Release Index (ER1) qualitatively suggests energy loss up to the peak load:



The larger this ratio, the more energy is released before ultimate failure and there will be less extreme release of energy on failure.

• The second Energy Release Index (ER2) is based on the relative amount of axial deformation after the peak strain:



- a) If this ratio is small and the onset of residual strain is small, behavior is brittle.
- b) If this ratio is small and residual is large, behavior is ductile.
- c) If this ratio is about 1, the ductility is indeterminate.

• The third Energy Release Index (ER3a) is based on the relative amount of energy released after the peak strain, using only axial stress and strain:

$$ER3 = \frac{V_f}{2mE_t} \left[ \left( \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \right) \right]_2 - \left( \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \right) \right]_3^2$$
$$V_f = \pi \frac{D^2}{4} \left( \varepsilon_b - \varepsilon_r \right) \left( 1 - 2\nu \right)$$

- ε<sub>b</sub> is the strain when rapid, unstable load capacity degradation is first experienced.
- ε<sub>r</sub> is the onset of residual loadbearing capacity (notice the backwards trending tangent) for axial strain.



### Ratio of Stable Plastic Strain to Strain at Residual (axial)

- $\sigma_1$  is the peak axial stress (Pa)
- $\sigma_3$  is the total hydrostatic confining pressure (Pa)
- $\sigma_1 \sigma_3$  is the peak axial differential stress (Pa)
- m is the mass of the sample (kg)
- E<sub>t</sub> is the tangent Young's modulus (Pa)
- V<sub>f</sub> is a proxy for the volume impacted (-)
- D is the sample diameter (m)
- V<sub>f</sub> is the axial strain drop from b to residual plus an approximation for two radial strains in the same load space. The approximation uses a proxy for radial strain (Poisson's ratio) but uses the elastic value.
- v is Poisson's ratio

The larger this ratio, the more energy is released during post-peak deformation and load bearing capacity degradation. This was modified from Tang and Kaiser's work.

• A corollary Energy Release Index (ER3b) is based on the relative amount of energy released after the peak strain, using volumetric strain. It is analogous to ER3 with the exception that volumetric deformation is considered:

$$ER3 = \frac{V_f}{2mK} \left[ \left( \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \right)_{a-b} - \left( \sigma_1 - \sigma_3 \right)_{a-r} \right]^2$$
$$V_f = \pi \frac{D^2}{4} \left\{ \left( \varepsilon_{a-b} - \varepsilon_{a-r} \right) + \sum_{i=1,2} \left( \varepsilon_{r-bi} - \varepsilon_{r-ri} \right) \right\}$$

- ε<sub>a-b</sub> is the strain when rapid, unstable load capacity degradation is first experienced.
- ε<sub>a-r</sub> is the axial strain at the onset of residual load-bearing capacity (notice backwards trending tangent).



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- $\sigma_1 \sigma_3$  is the peak axial differential stress (Pa)
- m is the mass of the sample (kg)
- K is the elastic, isotropic bulk modulus (Pa)
- V<sub>f</sub> is a proxy for the volume impacted (-)
- D is the sample diameter (m)
- V<sub>f</sub> is the volumetric strain drop from b to r (residual).

The larger this ratio, the more energy is released during post-peak deformation and load bearing capacity degradation. This was modified from Tang and Kaiser's work.

• The fourth Energy Release Index (ER4) is based on the ratio of the peak and the residual axial differential stresses at in-situ conditions:



If this ratio is large, substantial energy release can be anticipated. It is not an absolute identifier because absolute magnitudes of the numerator and denominator are important as well.

These calculations are documented in Appendix A. Appendix B shows the indices plotted against logging parameters for the Bill Barrett 1-14-46 Uteland Butte core. The data for the other wells are being similarly evaluated.

#### CONCLUSION

Progress continues to be made on both parts of this project, the Uteland Butte and Cane Creek tight oil plays. Research into the origin and diagensesis of the Uteland Butte dolomites has commenced as several cores are being analyzed via thin section and a range of other analyses. Fluid inclusion and epifluorescence analyses on Cane Creek cores and cuttings are now completed, and a presentation on the epifluorecensce will be given at the upcoming AAPG meeting. All geomechanical testing is now complete and the Task 6 team has begun analyzing the data.

#### **COST STATUS**

	Jan 2015		Feb 2015		Mar 2015	
	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan	Actual
UGS-personnel	\$11,027	\$8,726	\$11,027	\$6,333	\$11,027	\$10,106
Travel Expenses <sup>1</sup>		\$154		\$591		\$1,420
Analyses <sup>2</sup>						\$450
Miscellaneous <sup>3</sup>				\$362	\$500	\$450
SUBTOTALS	\$11,027	\$8,880	\$11,027	\$7,286	\$11,527	\$12,426
UGS OVERHEAD (34.44%)	\$3,798	\$3,058	\$3,798	\$2,509	\$3,970	\$4,279
SUBCONTRACTS						
EGI	\$6,771	\$6,974	\$6,771		\$6,771	
Eby <sup>4</sup>	\$2,724		\$2,724	\$5,420	\$2,724	
CSM				\$35		
GRAND TOTALS	\$24,320	\$18,913	\$24,320	\$15,250	\$24,992	\$16,705

Table 2. Project costing profile for Budget Period 3.

<sup>1</sup>Jan – Trip to Vernal in December to pick up Uteland Butte oil samples; Feb and Mar – trip to Denver in February to examine Cane Creek cuttings using epifluorescence and sample Uteland Butte cores <sup>2</sup>Mar – RockEval analyses on Cane Creek core

<sup>3</sup>Feb – Triple O Slabbing charges for core layout and sampling; Mar – AAPG registration for PI <sup>4</sup>Feb – Includes \$975 in cost share



Figure 7. Project costing profile.



Figure 8. Project cumulative costs.

#### **MILESTONE STATUS**

Title		Related task	Completion	Update/comments	
		or subtask	Date	_	
Milestone 32	Quarterly updates of	Subtask 2.1	Quarterly	Ongoing	
	website				
Milestone 33	Quarterly reports	Subtask 2.2	Quarterly	Ongoing	
Milestone 34	Profiles of mechanical	Subtask 6.5	31-Mar-15	Ongoing	
	stratigraphy				
Milestone 35	Regional Correlation	Subtask 7.1	31-Mar-15	Ongoing	
	and Mapping				
Milestone 36	Regional cross sections	Subtask 7.2	31-Mar-15	Ongoing	
Milestone 37	Sweet spot maps	Subtask 7.3	31-Mar-15	Ongoing	
Milestone 38	Technical presentations	Subtask 2.4 & 5	Apr-15	2 presentations at 2015 AAPG	
	at National AAPG				
Milestone 39	Core workshop and/or	Subtask 2.7	Jul-15	Delayed	
	field trip				
Milestone 40	Locating completions	Subtask 6.4	30-Sep-15	Ongoing	
Milestone 41	Stimulation diagnostics	Subtask 6.6	30-Sep-15	Ongoing	
	modeling				
Milestone 42	Reservoir	Subtask 6.7	30-Sep-15	Ongoing	
	simulations/stimulation				
	locating				
Milestone 43	Final publications	Subtask 2.6	30-Sep-15	Delayed	
Milestone 44	Final interpretation	Task 8	30-Sep-15	Delayed	

Table 3. Milestone log for Budget Period 3.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Commenced research partnership with University of Alberta and began Uteland Butte dolomite investigation. Sampled several Uteland Butte cores (8 cores total) in Salt Lake City and in Denver for thin section analysis and other analytical tests.
- Dr. Joe Moore, Energy and Geoscience Institute, University of Utah, completed his analysis of fluid inclusions in Cane Creek cores.
- In collaboration with the USGS, the PI co-wrote a paper on the Uteland Butte and submitted it for publication in the upcoming Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists source rocks volume (scheduled for publication in fall 2015).

#### **PROBLEMS OR DELAYS**

Several subcontracts (EGI, TerraTek, Eby Petrography & Consulting, University of Alberta) were significantly delayed due to new, unanticipated, and exceedingly cumbersome State of Utah contract procedures; therefore the PI anticipates needing a one year, no-cost extension, pushing the project end date to September 30, 2016. Sufficient project funds are available for the extension as the project is currently only 74.8% of budget.

#### PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

• Project website

- The project website has been updated with new reports and abstracts.
- o <u>http://geology.utah.gov/emp/shale\_oil</u>
- Quarterly Report October to December 2015
  - Completed late January and is available on the project website.
- Abstracts (2) 2015 AAPG Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, May 31-June 3, 2015
  - Two abstracts were accepted for presentation at the 2015 AAPG meeting in Denver.
  - A poster titled Analyzing Core from Two Emerging Tight Oil Plays in Utah: The Uteland Butte Member of the Green River Formation in the Uinta Basin and the Cane Creek Shale within the Paradox Formation in the Paradox Basin will be presented in the "Core – The Ultimate Source of Underground Truth" session on Monday, June 1, 2015 (all day poster session).
  - A poster titled *Potential Oil-Prone Areas in the Cane Creek Shale Play, Paradox Basin, Utah, U.S.A., Identified by Epifluorescence Techniques* will be presented in the "Tight Oil Plays" session on Monday, June 1, 2015 (all day poster session).
  - Both abstracts are currently available on the UGS project website and the posters will be available on the website after the conference.
- 2015 RMAG Source Rock Compendium volume
  - In collaboration with the USGS, a paper detailing the Uteland Butte tight oil play was submitted for the upcoming 2015 Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists Source Rock Compendium volume. The volume is expected to be published in late 2015.
- Project team member, Craig Morgan, wrote an article on the Cane Creek tight oil play for the upcoming issue of *Survey Notes*, the UGS newsletter, scheduled for publication in May 2015.

Appendix A

**Processed Triaxial Stress Data** 















<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CCU7-1 – Not enough material available to obtain additional samples, thus, no horizontally oriented sample was tested









 $^{3}$  (Y) denotes axial yield





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> FDY1-2 – No additional shale material remains for a matching horizontal sample, from this backup shale depth interval.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FDY1-1 – No additional silty dolomite material for a matching horizontal sample. Sample FDY1-4 tested as accident, originally marked with an incorrect depth.









Zone 1 Deformation Index: Ratio of Secant E at Peak to E: 1.34	
Zone 2 Ductility Index: Amount of Plastic or Strain Hardening Strain: 0	
Zone 3a: Tang and Kaiser Index (Axial): 1.42 J/tonne	
Zone 3b: Tang and Kaiser Index (Volumetric): 9.77 J/tonne	
Zone 4: Peak to Residual Strength Ratio: 1.90	
Zone 1 Deformation Index: Ratio of Secant E at Peak to E: 1.44	Zone 1 Deformation Index: Ratio of Secant E at Peak to E: 1.44
Zone 2 Ductility Index: Amount of Plastic or Strain Hardening Strain: 0.856	Zone 2 Ductility Index: Amount of Plastic or Strain Hardening Strain: 0.095
Zone 3a: Tang and Kaiser Index (Axial): 0.005 J/tonne	Zone 3a: Tang and Kaiser Index (Axial): 0.541 J/tonne
Zone 3b: Tang and Kaiser Index (Volumetric): 0.103 J/tonne	Zone 3b: Tang and Kaiser Index (Volumetric): 0.0098 J/tonne
Zone 4: Peak to Residual Strength Ratio: 1.14	Zone 4: Peak to Residual Strength Ratio: 1.36











<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Note density difference between UTE 1-1 and UTE 1-2. No additional material available.









Zone 4: Peak to Residual Strength Ratio: 2.58





## Appendix B

**Processed Energy Release Indices** 













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