

Dark Data Brought into the Light by MGRRE Team



Bill Harrison (left) tapes cores in new boxes and Hollis Thomas (right) pulls core out from crawlspace.



Mohammed Al Musawi worked in a crawlspace to save loose core pieces



Jennifer Trout moves reboxed cores to the van

November, 2019--Working in the snow, a team of MGRRE workers and a dedicated industry professional brought some very dark data into the light. They removed 67 whole cores from a crawlspace under a field office building, where they had been stored for several decades.

Bill and Linda Harrison, Jennifer Trout and Mohammed Al Musawi worked with Hollis Thomas, owner of Darcy Consulting, Inc., removed the cores, reboxed them, saving as much original information as possible, and brought them back to MGRRE.

These cores are from one the most successfully waterflooded fields in the state. Even though many of the core boxes were badly deteriorated, most of the cores themselves retained footage or analysis numbers. So, we will be working with those numbers to accurately identify all the cores by well name and footage.

We never know how cores like these will be used in the future, but we do know they hold raw data which can address many questions about the geology and the resources of the Michigan Basin.

We are grateful to Hollis Thomas for alerting us to these cores, arranging for their donation to MGRRE, and for all his "heavy lifting" during the move.