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To deposit data with the NGDC, you must confirm that you are either the owner of the data or that you have permission from the owner to deposit the data. This allows the NGDC to grant to others the use of the data.

Licence

It is policy of the NGDC for the ownership of the data to remain with the owner and that, by completing this deposition process, the NGDC is granted 'a non-exclusive, in-perpetuity licence' to use and disseminate the data for all uses and re-uses, which may include commercial use.

The data are licensed 'as is' and the Data Provider and/or Licensor will exclude all representations, warranties, obligations and liabilities in relation to the data to the maximum extent permitted by law.

The NGDC prefers to hold the data as 'open' with no access or use constraints — what we often term 'Open Data'. Open Data will be made publically accessible as part of the NGDC's data holdings with an appropriate [Open Government Licence](#) (OGL) statement. If your data have any restrictions you must justify these on the 'Data Access' page/tab when depositing it on the portal. Freedom of Information (FOI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) mean the NGDC is unable to respect all restriction requests.

If you would like to discuss possible deposit under another type of licence please email ngdc@bgs.ac.uk. If a copyright/acknowledgement statement is required, this can be added on the Data Access stage of your deposit on the portal, although we cannot always guarantee this will appear with the data when re-use has been extended to third parties.

Liability for data deposited with/or re-used from the NGDC

The NGDC collects and preserves geoscientific data and information, making them available to a wide range of users and communities. Data will be made available to other users as originally supplied, alongside the relevant metadata provided to aid discoverability and re-use. Data supplied should be of good quality and accurate at the time of creation.

Data deposited with the NGDC and made available by the BGS are provided with the following caveats:

- The use of information provided by the NGDC is at the user's own risk. Where the NGDC is providing third-party information deposited via sources outside the BGS, neither BGS nor our data creators or donors can give any warranty as to the quality or accuracy of that information or its suitability for any use. Therefore all implied conditions relating to the quality or suitability of that information, and all liabilities arising from the supply of the information, are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- The data, information and related records supplied by NGDC should not be taken as a substitute for specialist interpretations, professional advice and/or detailed site investigations. You, as user, should seek professional advice before making technical interpretations on the basis of the materials provided.



When using NGDC information, the NGDC draws customers' attention to the following considerations that may also affect the quality or accuracy of information supplied:

- Scientific observations are made according to the prevailing understanding of the subject at the time. The quality of such observations may be affected by subsequent advances in knowledge, improved methods of interpretation, or better access to sampling locations.
- Raw data may have been transcribed from analogue to digital format, or may have been acquired by means of automated measuring techniques or data processing/analysis. Although such processes and techniques are subjected to quality control to ensure reliability where possible, some raw data may have been processed without human intervention and may in consequence contain undetected errors.
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- Although samples and records are maintained with all reasonable care, there may be some deterioration in the longer term.
- The most appropriate techniques for copying original records are used at the time of digitisation/scanning, but there may be some loss of detail and dimensional distortion when such records are copied.
- Data, information and related records that have been donated to the BGS by third parties have been produced for a specific purpose, which may affect the type and completeness of the data recorded and any interpretation. The nature and purpose of data collection, and the age of the resultant material, may render data unsuitable for certain applications/uses. You must verify the suitability of the material for their intended new usage.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The NGDC has a duty to manage and protect personal data as set out in law. Please see our privacy policy at <http://www.bgs.ac.uk/help/privacy.html>, which explains how we manage and process personal data.