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PENNSYLVANIAN SANDSTONES IN THE KERR BASIN OF CENTRAL TEXAS

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ABSTRACT

Lower Pennsylvanian sandstones are potential, but high risk, objectives for hydrocarbon reservoirs on the north flank of the Kerr Basin, located generally south of the Llano Uplift in Central Texas.

In northwest Bandera County stratigraphic traps could exist updip from multiple, oilstained sandstone units penetrated at depths above 8000 feet by several wells. These sandstones are interpreted as marine turbidite packages, possibly including channel sequences. The sediment source was probably the Ouachita structural element to the south. Permeability in these sandstones is generally low; however, fluid recoveries indicate permeable zones are present locally.

In contrast to the tight sandstone in Bandera County, porous and permeable non-stained sandstones were penetrated at depths above 3000 feet in northern Kerr County. Tucker, Holton No. 1 drilled in 1970, penetrated 200 feet of sandstone having more than 10 percent sonic log porosity. Maximum measured perosity and permeability from core analysis was 24 percent and 193 millidarcys. Thin section study indicates that extreme variations in permeability are due to differences in sorting and amount of carbonate cement. The sandstones are interpreted as proximal turbiditeschannel and fan deposits, after detailed study of 250 feet of slabbed core. The cores include 42 cycles having downward increasing grain size distribution which range

in thickness from 34 feet to less than 1 foot. The sediments probably were derived from sources in north Texas and the nearby Llano uplift. A boulder of Ellenburger dolomite cored in the clastic section probably originated from the Llano area. Traps could be stratigraphic/structural.