Online Resources

• Core Holdings List
dnr.mo.gov/geology/geosrv/geores/mccracken.htm
List of core holdings at the McCracken Core Library, which includes core name, number, coordinates, legal description, collar elevation, and top and bottom geological formation names, when known.

• Policy and Procedures
dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2496.pdf
Procedures for core and cuttings sampling.

• Center Sample Request Form
dnr.mo.gov/forms/780-2220-f.pdf
Letter of agreement about sampling cores and cuttings.

• Missouri Geoscience Technical Resource Assessment Tool (GeoSTRAT) dnr.mo.gov/geology/geostrat.htm
A web-based, interactive tool that allows users to explore geospatial data, using a personal computer or mobile device, that includes layers about McCracken Core Library and Research Center holdings.

McCracken Core Library
and Research Center

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Missouri Geological Survey
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Missouri Geological Survey is accepting donations of cores and cuttings.

McCracken Core Library and Research Center is a valuable repository of geologic information. The 21,000-square-foot facility houses more than 8 million feet of subsurface geologic material. The center is one of the largest public collections of drilling core and cuttings in the nation.
McCracken Core Library and Research Center Collections

- Cores from more than 3,300 drill holes.
- Cuttings from more than 15,000 drill holes from Missouri.
- More than 800 cores were drilled into igneous basement rock that formed more than 1.3 billion years ago.
- Large collection of thin sections and hand samples.
- Several hundred cores and cuttings related to energy and mineral exploration.
- Several hundred cores and cuttings related to lead-zinc and iron-oxide deposits.
- Analytical data including logs, geochemistry and thin sections.

Facility and Services

- Well-lit, climate controlled viewing areas.
- Binocular stereoscopic microscopes.
- High resolution core photography capabilities.
- X-ray fluorescence analyses.
- Core slabbing and sampling capabilities.
- Facilities for core workshops.

Visitors and Tours

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