

Daily Drilling and Scientific Report for IODP Expedition 313 New Jersey Shallow Shelf

26th June 2009 (0000-2400, local time)

1. Location

Hole MAT-3A (Hole M0029A).

Time zone: US Eastern Time, UTC -4

Position at midnight: Latitude: 39° 31.1717' N Longitude: 73° 24.7957' W

2. Activity summary

Coring operations at Hole M0029A (MAT-3A). We are concentrating our spot coring intervals on critical unconformities predicted on seismic data.

3. Science report

The day started by continued coring of the interval thought to include the m1 (Serravalian-Tortonian) unconformity, where we recovered four cores (27-30R). At c.157 m, the cores show coarse-grained, pebbly, light grey sands (core 27R) overlying laminated fine sands and clay/silts (cores 28-30R) that could be interpreted as the location of the m1 unconformity. We sampled then the m3 (intra-Serravalian) unconformity by recovering six cores (31-35R) across an interval centred on the predicted depth of m3. The first two cores (31-32R) returned empty. At c.193 m, the cores show unsorted, very coarse-grained and pebbly, light grey sands with a large piece of wood (core 33R) overlying laminated organic-rich clay/silts passing downward to fine sands with granules (cores 28-30R) that may likely correspond to the m3 unconformity. The day finished drilling down to an interval which is predicted to contain the m4 unconformity.

4. Core recovery details

Hole M0029A

Cores recovered 27R-35R (9 runs)

Drilled length25.28 mRecovered length5.49 mRecovery21.72 %Depth at midnight199.36 mbsf

5. Weather

Sea swell 2-3 ft; SW winds 5-10 kt; dry & sunny, thunderstorms in the evening; 28°C. Next 24 hrs: sea swell 2-3 ft; NW winds 5 kt; chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon; 25°C.