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# WILLISTON BASIN ARCHITECTURE AND HYDROCARBON POTENTIAL

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This contour map was produced using water analyses from 488 wells retrieved from public and private data sources. A rigorous quality control procedure was implemented in order to best represent the natural salinity distribution. Control points were gridded using a kriging interpolation algorithm in Golden Software Inc.'s Surfer Version 8.0. The resultant grid was contoured and projected using Generic Mapping Tools (GMT) with manual modifications when necessary. A variable contour interval was chosen to illustrate significant changes in water chemistry across the isoconcentration lines. Areas in which anomalies may be present may not be accurately portrayed and are likely the result of data control, interpolation, and mapping algorithms.

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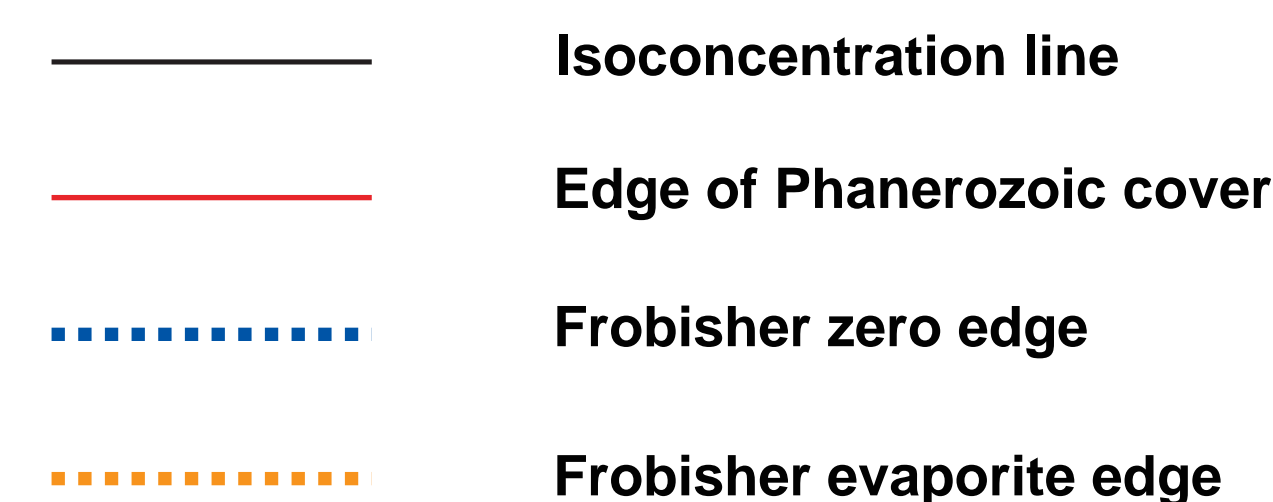
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Transverse Mercator Projection  
Central Meridian 101° W

## Hydrostratigraphy

