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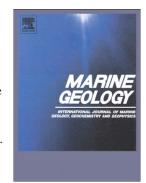
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Abstract

This study examines the sedimentary products of current-wave-enhanced sediment gravity flows (CWESGFs) on the muddy Southwest Louisiana subaqueous delta where the combined effects of currents, gravity, and wave orbital velocity exert a strong control on sedimentary-fabric development, and contribute to development of a muddy inner-shelf clinothem. CWESGF microstratigraphy from our study area displays an overall structure similar that is similar to the tripartite layering of CWESGFs from the Eel Shelf, where such deposits were first described (basal crossbeds, intermediate planar interlaminations of clay and silt; topmost clay-rich drape). However, on the Louisiana shelf, a shorter wave period

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