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PALEOENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PALEOCENE-EOCENE THERMAL MAXIMUM, MILLVILLE (ODP LEG 174AX), NEW JERSEY COASTAL PLAIN

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ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS

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The Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM) was an abrupt warming of about 5°C that lasted \sim 170-220 kyr. The PETM is recognized by the Carbon Isotope Excursion (CIE), represented by a \sim 2.5-4‰ decrease in planktonic foraminiferal δ^{13} C values in open ocean cores (Kennett and Stott, 1991; Zachos et al., 2003). The New Jersey coastal plain contains thick (~ 15 m) sections recording the PETM. Kopp et al. (2009) proposed an enhanced hydrologic cycle to explain the widespread clay deposition on the mid-Atlantic continental shelf during the PETM, suggesting an Appalachian Amazon analog. An increased flux of fresh water to the shelf would have lowered salinities substantially. I tested this hypothesis by measuring changes in salinity in the PETM section in the Millville, New Jersey core (ODP Leg 174AX). I used two paleothermometers to constrain temperature changes associated with planktonic foraminiferal δ^{18} O variations, with the residual attributed to salinityinduced $\delta^{18}O_{water}$ changes. Using the TEX^H₈₆ calibration of Kim et al. (2010), I compute a 5.5°C warming across the CIE at Millville from 30 to 35.5°C; using the TEX^L₈₆ calibration, I compute a 7°C warming, but cooler temperatures (23-30°C).

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Paleocene-Eocene thermal maximum (PETM) was an abrupt warming event initiated at the beginning of the Eocene (dated as ~55.5±0.3 Ma (Storey et al., 2007) to 56.0 Ma (Gradstein et al., 2012) on different time scales) and was associated with a global temperature increase of about 5°C in the tropical ocean (Bralower et al., 1995; Thomas et al., 1999; Zachos et al., 2003; Tripati and Elderfield, 2004), 5 to 8°C in the middle and high latitude ocean surfaces (Kennett and Stott, 1991; Zachos et al., 2003, 2006; Sluijs et al., 2006), and 4 to 6°C in deep waters (Kennett and Stott, 1991; Bralower et al., 1995; Thomas and Shackleton, 1996; Tripati and Elderfield, 2005).

The PETM is also associated with the carbon isotope excursion (CIE) represented by a decrease in δ^{13} C values in both open ocean cores (~2-3‰ and ~2.5-4‰ in benthic and planktonic foraminifera, respectively; Kennett and Stott, 1991; Zachos et al., 2003; McInerney and Wing, 2011) and terrestrial sections (~2.5-6‰; Koch et al., 1992; Wing et al., 2005). Kennett and Stott (1991) constrained the onset of the CIE to less than 6 kyr based on magneto- and biostratigraphic studies. However, alternative age models provide different durations for the CIE onset, varying significantly from ~30 kyr based on extraterrestrial ³He (Farley and Eltgroth, 2003; Murphy et al., 2010) to less than 750 yr using the orbital cyclostratigraphic chronology (Röhl et al., 2007) and even to less than a year based on rhythmic sedimentary couplets ascribed to seasonal insolation (Wright and Schaller, 2013). Nevertheless, though there is disagreement of the rapidity of its initiation, most studies agree that the CIE/PETM persisted in total for about 170-220 kyr (Röhl et al., 2000, 2007; Murphy et al., 2010).

The magnitude of the CIE requires massive injection of isotopically depleted carbon in the form of greenhouse gases (methane $[CH_4]$ and/or carbon dioxide [CO₂]) into the ocean-atmosphere system (Kennett and Stott, 1991; Dickens et al., 1995, 1997; Thomas and Shackleton, 1996; Zachos et al., 2005; Zeebe et al., 2009). However, the cause(s) of the PETM and exact carbon sources still remain unknown. Proposed hypotheses include various mechanisms for triggering the PETM: 1) CH_4 release via the destabilization of marine gas hydrates initiated by warming (Dickens et al., 1995, 1997; Thomas et al., 2002) or continental slope failure (Katz et al., 2001); 2) thermogenic CH_4 and CO_2 explosive emissions through the hydrothermal vent complexes caused by sill intrusion into carbon-rich strata in the northeast Atlantic (Svensen et al., 2004) or due to massive flood basalt volcanism during the final rifting stage between Greenland and Europe (Storey et al., 2007); 3) rapid burning of Paleocene terrestrial organic carbon reservoir (peatlands and coal) as a result of enhanced aridity (Kurtz et al., 2003); 4) input of extraterrestrial ¹²Cenriched carbon from cometary impact (Kent et al., 2003; Cramer and Kent, 2005); 5) tectonically triggered isolation of a widespread epicontinental seaway followed by CO₂ injection from the desiccation and bacterial oxidation of organic-rich wetlands (Higgins and Schrag, 2006); 6) release of CO_2 from the orbitally triggered decomposition of soil organic carbon in thawing permafrost (DeConto et al., 2012); and 7) exsolved magmatic CO_2 release due to kimberlite pipes emplacement (Patterson and Francis, 2013).

Given the magnitude of the CIE and variety of carbon sources, carbon cycle models predict 1,200 to over 5,000 Gt of carbon injected into the ocean-atmosphere system. A 2.5‰ deep ocean CIE requires total carbon input of 1,200 to 2,000 Gt in the form of biogenic CH₄ ($\delta^{13}C_{CH4}$ = -60‰; Dickens et al., 1995, 1997; Svensen et al., 2004), 3,000 to 4,000 Gt as thermogenic CH₄ ($\delta^{13}C_{CH4}$ = -35 to -50‰; Svensen et al., 2004), or 4,500 to 5,000 Gt as ¹²C-enriched CO₂ or sedimentary organic carbon ($\delta^{13}C_{org}$ = -20 to -30‰; Zachos et al., 2005; Higgins and Schrag, 2006). Using published records of the CIE magnitude and calcite compensation depth (CCD) shoaling (e.g., 2 km CCD shoaling in South Atlantic; Zachos et al., 2005), a recent model of Zeebe et al. (2009) constrains the initial carbon pulse to 3,000 Gt or less ($\delta^{13}C_{source}$ = -50‰).

The relationship of the CIE to global warming is also debatable. Most studies assume that a massive input of greenhouse gases initiated the temperature rise. In contrast, Sluijs et al. (2007) suggest a precursor warming based on the organic paleothermometer TEX₈₆ record (Fig. 1) from New Jersey cores at Bass River and Wilson Lake (Fig. 2, 3). Using sediment accumulation rates, the authors estimate that surface water warming preceded the CIE by ~3,000 years. Their results are consistent with the warming-triggered gas hydrate dissociation hypothesis. Moreover, based on high-resolution stable isotope records of planktonic and benthic foraminifera, Thomas et al. (2002) likewise conclude that the warming may have commenced before the CIE. I propose to test the precursor warming hypothesis and results of Sluijs et al. (2007) using a temperature record across the PETM from the Millville, New Jersey core, derived from the organic paleothermometer TEX₈₆, trace element (Mg/Ca) analysis of planktonic foraminifera, and stable isotopic (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) analyses of planktonic foraminifera.

Other environmental perturbations across the PETM, such as changes in hydrology, also remain untested. The New Jersey coastal plain contains thick (\sim 50 ft; 15 m) sections recording the PETM. The P/E boundary here is accompanied by a change in the sedimentary record from sandy silts of the Vincentown Formation to kaolinitic fine clayey silts of the Marlboro Formation (Gibson et al., 1993; Cramer et al., 1999: Sugarman, Miller, Browning, et al., 2005: Lombardi, 2013). Kopp et al. (2009) proposed an enhanced hydrologic cycle to explain the widespread clay/silt deposition on the mid-Atlantic continental shelf during the PETM. Based on the investigation of magnetofossils in the Marlboro Formation, they suggested the development of a river-dominated shelf providing an Appalachian Amazon analog to explain the expanded suboxic conditions favorable for the magnetic facies distribution. The authors also support their hypothesis with the evidence of abundant *Apectodinium* cysts, derived from an opportunistic (interpreted as low salinity) dinoflagellate (Fig. 1), reported in Bass River and Wilson Lake New Jersey cores by Sluijs et al. (2007). Moreover, implications of an active hydrologic cycle have been noted in other locations. Pagani et al. (2006) used stable hydrogen isotopes in *n*-alkanes extracted from the central Arctic Ocean sediments to suggest increased moisture transport from subtropics to the high latitudes that freshened surface water in the Arctic Ocean. John et al. (2008) explained increased sediment accumulation rates on the continental margins during the PETM mostly by an expanded flux of the fine sediment to shelves. The authors link this widespread

increase in sediment supply to increased weathering and erosion of Cretaceous outcrops induced by a stronger hydrologic cycle. Overall, the suggested enhanced hydrologic cycle would have caused an increased flux of fresh water to the shelf substantially lowering salinities. I propose to test this hypothesis by estimating changes in salinity in the PETM section at Millville, New Jersey. I use two paleothermometers (TEX₈₆ and Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera) to constrain temperature changes associated with planktonic foraminiferal δ^{18} O variations, with the residual attributed to salinity changes.

II. METHODS

2.1. Material.

I studied the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section of the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) Leg 174AX core drilled at Millville, NJ (39°24'16.67"N, 75°05'19.99"W; elevation = 89.7 ft; 27.16 m) (Fig. 2). Millville was the fifth site drilled as part of ODP Leg 174AX and the ninth site drilled as part of the Coastal Plain Drilling Project (CPDP) (Sugarman, Miller, Browning et al., 2005). The total length studied is 52.5 ft (16.0 m) (Fig. 4). The top (857.0-858.0 ft; 261.2-261.5 m) and bottom (899.4-909.5 ft; 274.1-277.2 m) parts of the interval comprise micaceous, glauconitic, quartzose, sandy clayey silts of the Vincentown Formation (Fig. 5). The intervening unit (858.0-899.4 ft; 261.5-274.1 m) contains laminated to massive greenish gray fine clayey silts of the Marlboro Formation. Clay mineralogy of this formation has not been studied at Millville; however, at Clayton, Wilson Lake, and Bass River (Fig. 2), the Marlboro Formation contains 40% kaolinite (Gibson et al., 1993; Cramer et al., 1999; Lombardi, 2013). The lower contact between the Vincentown and Marlboro Formations appears to be conformable with a few burrows while the upper contact between these formations is disconformable (Fig. 6). The section is correlated to planktonic foraminiferal Zone P5 and calcareous nannoplankton Zone NP9b (Gibson et al., 1993; Cramer et al., 1999; Sugarman, Miller, Browning et al., 2005; Harris et al., 2010).

Table 1 lists the samples taken for both planktonic foraminiferal analyses (initial sampling) and organic geochemical proxies (additional sampling). The top (857.0-896.5 ft; 261.2-273.2 m) and bottom (901.2-909.5 ft; 274.7-277.2 m) parts of the core were sampled at interval of 2 ft (61 cm). The samples from the "critical" interval of the core (896.5-901.2 ft; 273.2-274.7 m) containing the initiation of the CIE were taken at sampling interval of 4-6 inches (10-15 cm).

For isotopic and trace metal analyses of planktonic foraminifera, the samples were dried in a 50°C oven and weighed dry (Table 2). To deflocculate clays, the samples were disaggregated in a sodium metaphosphate solution (5.5 g of sodium metaphosphate per liter) and then washed through a 63 μ m sieve to remove the fine fraction (<63 μ m). The sand fraction (>63 μ m) was dried in a 50°C oven and weighed dry to compute the percentage of sand (Fig. 5; Table 2). Planktonic foraminifera >250 μ m in size were picked and identified. For organic proxies (TEX₈₆ and U^k₃₇), the samples were frozen at -20°C, freeze-dried, and homogenized using a mortar and pestle.

2.2. Stable isotopes (δ^{18} O and δ^{13} C) of planktonic foraminifera.

Planktonic foraminifera incorporate carbon and oxygen from the surrounding water to construct their calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) tests. The oxygen isotope ratio ¹⁸O/¹⁶O of planktonic foraminifera expressed as δ^{18} O is affected by the temperature and δ^{18} O of the surrounding water. The latter is affected by ice volume negligible at the late Paleocene - early Eocene and mixing between freshwater river runoff and marine waters (Urey, 1947; Epstein et al., 1951). The carbon isotope ratio ¹³C/¹²C of planktonic foraminifera expressed as δ^{13} C depends on δ^{13} C of the surrounding water affected by the photosynthesis. Organisms preferentially remove the lighter ¹²C, leaving the ambient water enriched in ¹³C. In addition, δ^{13} C variations reflect global carbon budget changes including input from different sources (e.g., biogenic methane has very low δ^{13} C values of -60‰, thermogenic methane has δ^{13} C values of -35 to -50‰, organic matter has δ^{13} C values of -20 to -30‰).

Analytical method. Specimens of Morozovella aequa, Morozovella acuta, Morozovella velascoensis, Acarinina soldadoensis, Acarinina esnehensis, Subbotina roesnaesensis, and Subbotina triangularis from the 250-300 μm, 300-350 μm, 350-400 μm, and >400 μm size fractions (Tables 4, 5, 6) were gently crushed, rinsed with milli-Q water, and loaded into reaction vials for the stable isotope analyses. All analyses were conducted on a Micromass Optima Mass Spectrometer with an attached multi-prep device. Carbonate samples were reacted in 100% phosphoric acid (H₃PO₄) at 90°C for 15 minutes and the evolved CO₂ gas was collected in a liquid nitrogen cold finger. Ratios are reported in standard delta notation in parts per thousand (per mil, ‰) $\delta = [(R_{sample}/R_{standard}) - 1] \times 1000$ where R = ¹³C/¹²C or ¹⁸O/¹⁶O, relative to Vienna-Pee Dee Belemnite ($\delta^{13}C_{VPDB}$ and $\delta^{18}O_{VPDB}$). Analytical errors are ±0.05‰ and ±0.08‰ for $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{18}O$, respectively. Analyses of stable isotopes were performed at the Stable Isotope Laboratory supervised by Dr. James D. Wright at the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Rutgers University.

2.3. Trace metal analysis (Mg/Ca ratio) of planktonic foraminifera.

Foraminiferal Mg/Ca thermometry is a useful paleoceanography proxy to determine past ocean temperatures (Lear et al., 2000; Billups and Schrag, 2002). The theoretical basis for the Mg/Ca proxy is the substitution of magnesium for calcium in the calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) foraminiferal tests (Katz, 1973; Hartley and Mucci, 1996). Mg/Ca in seawater is considered to be constant across the PETM given the oceanic residence times of these elements, 13 Myr for Mg and 1 Myr for Ca (Broecker and Peng, 1982). Coretops (Rosenthal et al., 1997; Elderfield and Ganssen, 2000; Lea et al., 2000; Lear et al., 2002), sediment traps (Anand et al., 2003), and cultures (Nürnberg et al., 1996; Lea et al., 1999) show a positive correlation between the magnesium incorporation into foraminiferal CaCO₃ and the temperature of the surrounding seawater at the estimated calcification depth. Therefore, as temperature increases, the Mg/Ca ratio also increases. However, the interpretation of foraminiferal Mg/Ca ratio primarily as a temperature proxy may be complicated by additional factors that affect the magnesium concentration in foraminiferal tests, such as: 1) variable habitat depth of individual planktonic foraminifera during their life cycle (Fairbanks et al., 1982); 2) post-depositional

dissolution of calcite (Rosenthal and Boyle, 1993); 3) influence of test size (Elderfield et al., 2002); and 4) secular variations in Mg/Ca in seawater (Stanley and Hardie, 1998; Wilkinson and Algeo, 1989; Coggon et al., 2010).

Anand et al. (2003) developed Mg/Ca calibrations for twelve modern species of planktonic foraminifera. Based of the narrow range of temperature sensitivities among species, Anand et al. (2003) compiled a multi-species calibration equation: Mg/Ca = 0.38 (±0.02) exp 0.09 (±0.003) T (r^2 = 0.93; the standard error in temperature estimate is ±1°C). The calibration is equivalent to a 9±0.3 % change in Mg/Ca per 1°C.

Analytical method. For each sample, 10-30 foraminifera tests of *Morozovella* aequa, *Morozovella acuta, Acarinina esnaensis, Acarinina soldadoensis, Acarinina* angulosa, Subbotina roesnaesensis, and Subbotina velascoensis were picked from size fractions 250-300 µm, 300-350 µm, and 350-400 µm to yield ~100-400 µg sample weight. To yield sufficient foraminiferal calcite (CaCO₃) for the analysis, a few species of the same genus were combined in single samples (Tables 7, 8, 9). Tests were gently crushed between two glass plates to open the chambers to facilitate cleaning following the protocol reported by Boyle and Keigwin (1985) later modified by Rosenthal et al. (1997). To remove fine clays, gently crushed samples were rinsed three times with Milli-Q water and glass-distilled methanol (MeOH). To remove metal oxides, samples were reductively cleaned using reducing cleaning solution: anhydrous hydrazine (NH₂NH₂), ammonium hydroxide (NH₄OH), and citric acid (C₆H₈O₇)/ammonia (NH₃) solution. To remove organic matter, samples were cleaned in oxidizing reagents: hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) and 0.1N sodium hydroxide (NaOH). Samples were transferred into clean vials to avoid contaminations caused by adsorption during the cleaning stages. A final acid leach was done with 0.001N nitric acid (HNO₃) before completely dissolving the samples in 0.065N OPTIMA HNO₃.

Trace element analyses (B/Ca, Mg/Ca, Mn/Ca, Al/Ca, Sr/Ca, and Fe/Ca) were measured on a Thermo Finnigan Element XR Sector Field Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometer (SF-ICP-MS) operated in low resolution ($m/\Delta m$ =300) and medium resolution ($m/\Delta m$ =4300) settings outlined in the protocol of Rosenthal et al. (1999). Samples were monitored for potential contamination from clay and metal oxides by measuring Mn/Ca, Al/Ca and Fe/Ca to monitor for diagenetic coatings. Elemental ratios were monitored and corrected for matrix effects for each analytical run by analyzing a suite of standards using an internal spiked gravimetric standard (SGS) with the same elemental ratios but varying [Ca] (1.5mmol/l to 8mmol/l) (Rosenthal et al., 1999). [Ca] concentrations in sample solutions were typically maintained in the range of 1.5 to 4mmol/l to minimize matrix effects on Mg/Ca. Trace metal analyses were performed at the Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory supervised by Dr. Yair Rosenthal at the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences (IMCS), Rutgers University.

2.4. TEX₈₆ analysis.

TEX₈₆ (<u>T</u>etra<u>E</u>ther Inde<u>x</u> of lipids with <u>86</u> carbon atoms) is a paleothermometer based on the distribution of thaumarchaeotal membrane lipids (Schouten et al., 2002). Marine Thaumarchaeota is one of the most abundant

prokaryotic groups in the modern ocean that are ubiquitous throughout the water column with a maximum occurrence at depths less than 200 m (Karner et al., 2001; Schouten et al., 2013 and references therein). Membranes of such organisms contain glycerol dibiphytanyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGTs; Fig. 7) including in their structures zero to three cyclopentane rings (GDGT 0-3) and crenarchaeol with its regio-isomer including four cyclopentane rings and one cyclohexane ring (Schouten et al., 2000; Sinninghe Damsté et al., 2002). The composition of thaumarchaeotal membranes changes with the temperature they are grown in (i.e., higher temperatures cause increased amounts of GDGTs with two or more cyclopentane rings), but it does not depend on surface water salinity or nutrients (Schouten et al., 2002; Wuchter et al., 2004, Schouten et al., 2007). Regional core-top studies have shown that the distribution of GDGTs represented by TEX₈₆ (TEX₈₆ = ([III] +[IV] + [V'])/([II] + [III] + [IV] + [V']); see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures) corresponds with present-day mean annual sea surface temperature (SST) in the range of 5 to 30°C (Schouten et al., 2002; Kim et al., 2008). Although surface sediment studies show good correlation between TEX₈₆ and mean annual SST, TEX₈₆ values do not always indicate mean annual SST because the depth and season of maximum thaumarchaeotal abundance as well as its export to sediments may vary at different locations. Nevertheless, studies of surface sediment, sediment trap, and water column altogether revealed that TEX_{86} values reflect average water temperatures at the depth of 0 to 200 m and often correspond to the temperature of the subsurface layer (30-200 m) even better than to SST (Schouten et al., 2013 and references therein).

TEX₈₆ values are convertible to SST using various calibrations. In this study, SSTs were reconstructed applying calibrations from Kim et al. (2010). They introduced new GDGT indices (TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆) and proposed two equations for high and low temperatures, suggesting use of the first one to calibrate Paleogene temperatures: SST = $68.4 \times \text{TEXH}_{86} + 38.6$ ($r^2 = 0.87$; the standard error in temperature estimate is $\pm 2.5^{\circ}$ C), where TEX^H₈₆ = logTEX₈₆. In contrast, Taylor et al. (2013) recommended using Kim's (2010) equation for low temperatures for Paleogene sediments due to its better correlation with inorganic paleothermometers: SST = $67.5 \times \text{TEXL}_{86} + 46.9$ ($r^2 = 0.86$; the standard error in temperature estimate is $\pm 4^{\circ}$ C), where TEXL₈₆ = log ([III]/([II] + [III] + [IV])), see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures.

Analytical method. Powdered and freeze-dried sediments (~20 g dry mass) were extracted with a Dionex accelerated solvent extractor (ASE 200) using a 9:1 mixture (v:v) of dichloromethane (DCM) and methanol (MeOH) at a temperature of 150°C and a pressure of 1500 psi. GDGT C46 standard (0.0252 μ g/ μ l) was added to each as an internal reference standard. The polar fraction containing the GDGTs was separated from the total lipid extract through the alumina column (Al₂O₃ was activated for 2 h at 150°C). Hexane:DCM (9:1 (v:v), 4 column volumes) mixture was used to elute the apolar fraction, hexane:DCM (1:1 (v:v), 3 column volumes) to improve the sample "cleanness", and DCM:MeOH (1:1 (v:v), 3 column volumes) to elute the polar fraction. After evaporation of the solvents, the polar fraction was redissolved in a 99:1 (v:v) mixture of hexane:isopropanol and filtered through a 0.4 mm PTFE filter. The GDGT analysis was performed by normal phase

chromatography on an Agilent 1100 series high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) using the Prevail Cyano column (3 mm, 150 × 2.1 mm). A 99:1 (v:v) mixture of hexane:isopropanol was used to elute GDGTs at a flow rate 0.2 ml/min and column temperature 30°C according to the Hopmans et al. (2000) and Schouten et al. (2007) methodology. Detection of GDGTs was accomplished via Single Ion Monitoring mode using Agilent OpenLAB Software. TEX₈₆ analysis was performed at the Geochemical Laboratory supervised by Dr. Timothy D. Herbert at the Department of Geological Sciences at Brown University.

2.5. BIT analysis.

The BIT (Branched and Isoprenoid Tetraether) index is a recently proposed tracer for fluvial terrestrial input in sediments (Hopmans et al., 2004). It is based on the relative distribution of soil-derived branched non-isoprenoid tetraether lipids versus isoprenoid crenarchaeol synthesized by marine Thaumarchaeota: BIT = ([I + II + III)/([I + II + III] + [IV]); see Fig. 8 for lipid's structures). According to the BIT index equation, it can range from 0, indicating no terrestrial organic matter (OM) input, to 1, representing absence of crenarchaeol, the biomarker that is abundant in marine environment. Recently, Walsh et al. (2008) suggested that the BIT index is the tracer of soil- or peat-derived OM only rather than the indicator of total terrestrial input. They revealed the absence of branched GDGTs in terrestrial vegetation and showed that the BIT index doesn't agree with other measures of terrestrial OM ($\delta^{13}C_{org}$ and lignin phenols). Moreover, Weijers et al. (2006) detected small concentrations of crenarchaeol in soils that can probably bias the BIT values

and make the application of the BIT index slightly inaccurate. Nevertheless, the BIT values higher than 0.8 generally indicate a significant soil OM input, while values lower than 0.2 correspond to a low soil OM imprint (Fig. 9; Schouten et al., 2013).

Analytical method. GDGTs for the BIT index measurement were extracted and identified by high-performance liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS), described in TEX₈₆ procedure section.

2.6. $U^{K'_{37}}$ analysis.

U^{K'37} index is a paleothermometer based on the distribution of the di-(C_{37:2}) and tri-(C_{37:3}) unsaturated ketones (alkenones). It was initially defined by Brassell et al. (1986) and then modified by Prahl and Wakeham (1987) through excluding tetra-(C_{37:4}) unsaturated ketone from the original equation due to its rare occurrence in sediments. Alkenones are Haptophyceae biomarkers, synthesized in the modern ocean mostly by two species of coccolithophorids, *Emiliania huxleyi* and *Gephyrocapsa oceanica*. Initially, Marlowe et al. (1984 a) and Brassell et al. (1986) proposed that changes in alkenone unsaturation maintain membrane fluidity at various temperatures; however, the actual function of alkenones in Haptophyceae cells is still unclear. These organisms require sunlight and generally inhabit the mixed layer in the ocean regardless of the latitude and seasonality. The U^{K'}₃₇ method implies that the degree of alkenone unsaturation depends on the temperature of water and it is not affected by salinity or ice volume (Brassell et al., 1986; Prahl and Wakeham, 1987; Sikes et al., 1991; Müller et al., 1998). The U^{K'}₃₇ index shows only the relative proportion of C₃₇ alkenones: U^{K'}₃₇ = $[C_{37:2}] / [C_{37:2} + C_{37:3}]$. It is calibrated to mean annual SSTs through the equation: U^{K'}₃₇ = 0.033 T + 0.044 (r² = 0.958; the standard error of estimate is ±0.050 U^{K'}₃₇ units or ±1.5°C) (Müller et al., 1998). According to the U^{K'}₃₇ index equation, it can vary between 0 and 1 corresponding to either cold or warm temperatures. Herbert (2003) suggested interpreting U^{K'}₃₇ index only for temperatures between 5°C and 27°C (0.20-0.96 U^{K'}₃₇ values, respectively).

Analytical method. Powdered and freeze-dried sediments (~ 10 g dry mass) were extracted with Dionex 2000 Accelerated Solvent Extractor (ASE) using a 4:1 (v:v) mixture of DCM and MeOH with the ASE programmed to 150°C and 2000 psi. Nonadecanone was added to each as an internal reference standard. Extracts were evaporated and redissolved in toluene and subsequently analyzed by capillary Gas Chromatography with a flame ionization detector (FID), using a Shimadzu GC-17A fitted with a 30 m JW Scientific DB-5 (0.32mm i.d.). Samples were injected on-column using hydrogen as a carrier gas and the temperature program was 50-150°C at 30°C min⁻¹ and 150-325°C at 3°C min⁻¹, which ensured good separation of all major constituents. Compounds were integrated using Shimadzu-provided software. C_{37} alkenone analysis for U^{K377} SST estimation was performed at the Geochemical Laboratory supervised by Dr. Elisabeth L. Sikes at the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences (IMCS), Rutgers University.

III. RESULTS

3.1. Bulk carbon isotopic and lithologic records.

Biostratigraphy (planktonic foraminiferal Zone P5 and calcareous nannoplankton Zone NP9b; Sugarman, Miller, Browning et al., 2005) and previous isotopic studies (Wright and Schaller, 2013) indicate that the Vincentown and Marlboro Formations at Millville span the Paleocene/Eocene boundary that includes the CIE (Fig. 5). Carbon isotope measurements of bulk carbonate (Wright and Schaller, 2013; this study) allow for the firm placement of the initiation of the CIE and the CIE "core" at Millville (Fig. 5; Table 1). Pre-CIE $\delta^{13}C_{\text{bulk}}$ values start decreasing from 2.3‰ at 905.62 ft (276.03 m) to 1.2‰ at 898.95 ft (274.00 m) and then abruptly decrease to -2‰ at 897.37 ft (273.52 m), marking the initiation of the CIE. The excursion from 1.2 to -2% occurs within a 1.58 ft (0.48 m) section of the core (Fig. 4; Fig. 5 inset). I place the initiation of the CIE at 898.82 ft (273.96 m), which is the average between 898.69 ft (273.92m) and 898.95 ft (274.00 m) (Fig. 5 inset). Wright and Schaller (2013) placed the CIE onset more precisely at 898.75 ft (273.94 m) that falls within my sampling resolution. Above the CIE onset, the bulk carbonate isotopic record reaches a minimum value of -3.4‰ at 889.18 ft (271.03 m), gradually increases to -2.5‰ at 879.20 ft (267.98 m), and remains constant up to 869.13 ft (264.91 m). There is a hint of recovery from -2.5 to -0.65‰ in the upper section from 857.00 to 869.13 ft (261.21-264.91 m). The isotopic record of bulk organic carbon (Harris et al., 2010) shows constant $\delta^{13}C_{org}$ values of - 2.5% within the CIE "core" and does not exhibit such pronounced recovery in the top core interval.

The maximum amplitude change in the bulk carbonate isotopic record is ~5.5‰, whereas the organic carbon isotopic record shows a smaller change of ~3.5‰. The large excursion of ~5.5‰ in $\delta^{13}C_{\text{bulk}}$ values is much greater than the ~2.5-3.0‰ change in $\delta^{13}C$ of deep-sea benthic foraminifera (Kennett and Stott, 1991; Zachos et al., 2003; McInerney and Wing, 2011). Likewise, Wright and Schaller (2013) reported high amplitudes of the CIE in bulk carbonate isotopic records from seven locations on the New Jersey coastal plain and observed an increase of CIE amplitudes in shallower water depth. They suggested that stronger isolation of shallower sites from the deep ocean and restricted mixing with the deep ocean carbon pool resulted in a greater proportion of the atmospheric carbon and consequently higher CIE amplitudes.

The percent sand dramatically decreases spanning the onset of the CIE at Millville. According to the site report (Sugarman, Miller, Browning et al., 2005), glauconitic micaceous sandy (~44 %) silts of the Vincentown Formation are overlain by the clayey silts of the Marlboro Formation at 899.4 ft (273.83 m). A decrease in sand begins at 903.74 ft (275.46 m), 5 ft (1.5 m) below the CIE onset at 898.82 ft (273.96 m) and, with one exception, percent sand monotonically decreases to ~3% at 897.05 ft (273.42 m) and to ~1% above 893.10 ft (272.22 m). This is consistent with the observation that rhythmic bedding begins below the CIE at Millville (Wright and Schaller, 2013) and implies that the paleoenvironmental changes associated with the lithologic and bedding changes preceded the CIE onset at Millville.

3.2. Stable isotopes (δ^{18} O and δ^{13} C) of planktonic foraminifera.

Stable isotopic analyses of planktonic foraminifera delineate intermediate dwellers (*Subbotina*) and mixed layer dwellers (*Acarinina* and *Morozovella*). Deep dwelling *Subbotina* are marked by high δ^{18} O values reflecting calcification in the deep layer that is seasonally stratified, while mixed layer dwellers have low δ^{18} O values, reflecting calcification in the surface mixed layer (Fig. 3). *Acarinina* varies between δ^{18} O values closer to *Subbotina* in the lower part of the record and values closer to *Morozovella* in the upper part, and could be classified as lower mixed layer or upper thermocline dwellers. Seasonal stratification results in a deep chlorophyll maximum (DCM) at the base of the mixed layer, ~30-50 m (Glenn et al., 2008). The DCM and intermediate layer have low δ^{13} C values, recorded by *Subbotina*. However, *Acarinina* has high δ^{13} C values, suggesting that it lived in the deep mixed layer above the top of the DCM.

To avoid species bias, most of the samples analyzed consisted of single species of one size fraction (Tables 2, 3, 4). Stable isotopic values of planktonic foraminifera were plotted based on genus (Fig. 10). Samples from the pre-CIE interval contain very few planktonic foraminifera. From the pre-CIE section, only genus *Subbotina* had sufficient number of specimens for analyses providing the only complete isotopic record (857.05-903.74 ft; 261.23-275.46 m). *Acarinina* spp. isotopic records include a single data point below the CIE onset (857.05-899.18 ft; 261.23-274.07 m). *Morozovella* spp. isotopic records were obtained only above the CIE onset (857.05-895.14 ft; 261.23-272.84 m).

3.2.1. Oxygen isotopes (δ^{18} O) of planktonic foraminifera.

Subbotina spp. δ^{18} O values record a large decrease (~2.3‰) across the CIE onset from -1.2 to -3.5‰, indicating warming (Fig. 10). Above the CIE onset, δ^{18} O values slightly increase from -3.5‰ at 893.10 ft (272.22 m) to -2.8‰ at 863.08 ft (263.07 m). Towards the top of the section, δ^{18} O values increase from -2.8‰ at 863.08 ft (263.07 m) to -1.8‰ at 857.05 ft (261.23 m), returning to pre-CIE values. Interestingly, *Subbotina* spp. δ^{18} O values perfectly coincide with δ^{18} O record of bulk carbonate, suggesting similar temperatures and δ^{18} O_{water} in the absence of vital effects. Since *Subbotina* spp. are intermediate dwellers living in the seasonal thermocline to deep layer, δ^{18} O of bulk carbonate should reflect thermocline temperatures as well. Moreover, if the δ^{18} O signal of bulk carbonate comes from the thermocline, then bulk carbonate should be dominated mostly by calcareous nannoplankton thriving on the top of the thermocline.

The *Morozovella* δ^{18} O record shows lower values corresponding to their shallower habitat (Fig. 10). The *Morozovella* δ^{18} O record shows an increasing trend in δ^{18} O values from -3.9‰ at 895.14 ft (272.84 m) to -3.1‰ at 857.05 ft (261.23 m). The *Acarinina* δ^{18} O record exhibits intermediate δ^{18} O values between *Subbotina* and *Morozovella* records (Fig. 10). Within the 873.08 to 899.18 ft (266.11-274.07 m) interval, δ^{18} O values of *Acarinina* spp. are similar to those of *Subbotina* spp. and bulk carbonate. In the top 857.05-873.08 ft (261.23-266.11 m) interval, the *Acarinina* δ^{18} O record has significant variability, represented by two prominent spikes in δ^{18} O values from -2.8 to -3.6‰ similar to those of *Morozovella* spp. 3.2.2. Carbon isotopes (δ^{13} C) of planktonic foraminifera.

The carbon isotopic record of *Subbotina* spp. shows a ~3.3‰ decrease in δ^{13} C values from 1.0 to -2.3‰ across the CIE onset (Fig. 10). Above the CIE onset, δ^{13} C values gradually increase from -2.3‰ at 893.10 ft (272.22 m) to -0.2‰ at 857.05 ft (261.23 m) and do not return to pre-CIE values. The carbon isotopic record of *Subbotina* spp. is consistent with the δ^{13} C_{bulk} record below the CIE onset; however, within the CIE "core", it records ~1‰ higher values than δ^{13} C_{bulk}.

The carbon isotopic record of *Acarinina* spp. shows a larger decrease in δ^{13} C values of ~4‰ from 3.6 to -0.4‰ across the CIE onset (Fig. 10). Above the CIE onset, values are consistently around 0‰. At the top of the section (857.05-867.08 ft; 261.23-264.28 m), it exhibits a gradual increase in δ^{13} C values from -0.3 to 1.6‰. The carbon isotopic record of *Morozovella* spp. above the CIE shows similar δ^{13} C trends as *Acarinina* spp. (Fig. 10). Within the CIE "core", it shows constant values about 0.5‰. At the top of the section (857.05-865.14 ft; 261.23-263.69 m), δ^{13} C values show a significant increase from 0.7 to 4‰.

3.3. Trace metal analysis (Mg/Ca ratio) of planktonic foraminifera.

Trace element to calcium analyses (Mg/Ca) were performed on planktonic foraminifera using intermediate (*Subbotina*) and mixed-layer dwelling planktonic foraminifera (*Acarinina* and *Morozovella*) (Fig. 11; Tables 7, 8, 9). Specimens of planktonic foraminifera were picked from core samples and analyzed for both stable isotopes (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) and trace metals (Mg/Ca). Thus, almost each planktonic foraminifera sample reflects paired measurements of δ^{13} C, δ^{18} O, and Mg/Ca. To avoid species and size related (D'Hondt et al., 1994; Elderfield et al., 2002) bias, most samples analyzed for trace metals consisted of single species and were from a narrow size fraction range (Tables 7, 8, 9). Values of Mg/Ca in planktonic foraminifera were plotted based on their genus (Fig. 11). Samples with calcium elemental ratios less than the smallest calcium elemental ratio in the matrix standard (1.5 mmol/l) were rejected (Fig. 11; Table 8). Samples with Fe/Ca greater than 4000 µmol/mol were also excluded (Tables 7, 8, 9). Elevated Fe/Ca ratios most probably indicate contaminations of the foraminifera tests. Interestingly, samples with high Fe/Ca ratios belong to the same depth interval (Fig. 11) probably corresponding to lithological changes. Additionally, samples with low B/Ca, Sr/Ca, Li/Ca, and high Mg/Ca were considered as possibly altered due to diagenesis, and thus also rejected from the reconstructions (Fig. 11; Tables 7, 9).

Even with elimination of possibly contaminated samples, I was able to generate a complete Mg/Ca record of *Subbotina* spp. (861.15-900.21 ft; 262.48-274.38 m). *Morozovella* spp. Mg/Ca values comprise a complete record in the upper part of the section (857.05-881.15 ft; 261.23-268.57 m), and Mg/Ca values of *Acarinina* spp. are scattered throughout (859.00-896.49 ft; 261.82-273.25 m). The *Subbotina* record has the lowest Mg/Ca values, whereas, the *Morozovella* record shows highest values. This implies higher temperatures for the mixed-layer dweller *Morozovella* and lower temperatures for the intermediate layer dweller *Subbotina*, consistent with observations from δ^{18} O records of these genera from proximal New Jersey core sites (John et al., 2008; Zachos et al., 2006; this study Figure 10). The total change in Mg/Ca ratio of *Subbotina* spp. across the CIE onset is 1.34 mmol/mol (from 2.46 to 3.8 mmol/mol) (Fig. 11). Above the CIE onset, values remain constant at an average value of 3.6 mmol/mol and show a gradual decrease of 1.4 mmol/mol from 3.6 mmol/mol at 881.15 ft (268.57 m) to 2.2 mmol/mol at 861.15 ft (262.48 m), returning to pre-CIE values (Fig. 11).

The *Morozovella* Mg/Ca record in general shows higher values than the *Subbotina* record, but does not indicate any trend in values. Comparison of the two records indicates that *Morozovella* spp. Mg/Ca values are 0-1.5 mmol/mol higher than those of *Subbotina* spp. (with the exception of one sample where Mg/Ca ratio in *Morozovella* spp. is 0.5 mmol/mol lower than in *Subbotina* spp.). Excluding this point, the average difference between Mg/Ca values of *Morozovella* and *Subbotina* spp. is 0.7 mmol/mol.

It is difficult to discern any significant trend in the *Acarinina* Mg/Ca record due to the lower resolution of the data. However, in the lower part (890.96-896.49 ft; 271.56-273.25 m), the *Acarinina* Mg/Ca record shows values even lower than in the *Subbotina* record, implying lower temperatures indicated by *Acarinina* spp. In contrast, Mg/Ca values of *Acarinina* spp. from the upper part of the core coincide better with *Morozovella* spp. values. This observation is consistent with oxygen isotopic records that show that δ^{18} O values of *Acarinina* and *Subbotina* spp. are similar in the lower part of the core, and δ^{18} O values of *Acarinina* spp. correspond better to *Morozovella* spp. δ^{18} O values in the upper section (Fig. 10). 3.4. TEX₈₆ analysis.

Lipid biomarker analysis of the Millville core revealed the set of isoprenoid glycerol dibiphytanyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGTs), expressed in the TEX₈₆ index values (Fig. 12; Table 10). The original TEX₈₆ introduced by Schouten et al. (2002) comprises GDGT-1 [II], GDGT-2 [III], GDGT-3 [IV], and crenarchaeol regio-isomer [V'] in its ratio: TEX₈₆ = ([III] + [IV] + [V']) / ([II] + [III] + [IV] + [V']), see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures. The authors excluded more abundant GDGT-0 [I] and creanarchaeol [V] from the ratio since their very high concentrations can diminish the overprint of the other GDGTs on TEX₈₆ and thus yield to weaker correlation of the index with SST. Moreover, GDGT-0 is a membrane lipid that is also synthesized by methanogenic and methanotrophic Archea; therefore, the additional input of GDGT-0 from other Archaea may bias the TEX₈₆ values.

Reassessement of the correlation between the GDGT distribution and SST using extended core-top dataset provided new indices. Kim et al. (2010) modified the original TEX₈₆ index including the data from (sub)polar core-tops and excluded Red Sea data from the global dataset due to its distinct water chemistry. Computing all possible combinations of GDGT ratios, the authors presented a new index that shows the best correlation with SST: TEX^L₈₆ = log ([III] / ([II] + [III] + [IV])), see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures. Additionally, to correlate GDGT distribution with much warmer past SSTs, such as in the Cretaceous greenhouse world, they excluded the data from the (sub)polar ocean and evaluated an index that correlates best with temperatures above 20°C: TEX^H₈₆= log (([III] + [IV] + [V']) / ([II] + [III] + [IV] + [V'])), see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures. Interestingly, the GDGT ratio in TEX^H₈₆ represents the original TEX₈₆ itself, and thus TEX^H₈₆ can be simply defined as logTEX₈₆. TEX^H₈₆ differs from TEX^L₈₆ by crenarchaeol regio-isomer [V'], which correlates well with high SST but has poorer correlation with low SST. According to this relation, Kim et al. (2010) highlighted GDGT indices by letters H and L that stand for high and low temperatures, respectively, and suggested use of TEX^H₈₆ for sub(tropical) oceans and TEX^L₈₆ for sub(polar) oceans. Taylor et al. (2013) suggested that the TEX^L₈₆ was most appropriate for the warm Paleogene, a suggestion corroborated here (see Discussion).

Based on the assumption that indices evaluated by Kim et al. (2010) represent the best correlation with SSTs, I calculated TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ (Fig. 12). Both indices reveal similar trends in values; however, they slightly differ across the CIE onset and within the CIE "core". TEX^L₈₆ shows almost constant values of -0.36 in the pre-CIE interval. There is a sharp increase of 0.06 associated with the CIE onset from -0.35 at 899.30 ft (274.11 m) to -0.29 at 898.47 ft (273.27 m). Above this, four samples revealed the same TEX^L₈₆ values of -0.29 within the 896.54-898.47 ft (273.27-273.85 m) interval. A second increase of 0.04 occurs at 896.54 ft (273.27 m), yielding a total change of 0.1 from 899.30 ft (274.11 m) to 896.30 ft (273.19 m). Within the CIE "core", TEX^L₈₆ shows average values of -0.26 with a pronounced decrease of 0.1 from -0.24 to -0.34 in the upper part of the core (857.00-865.17 ft; 261.21-263.70 m).

TEX^H₈₆ reveals trend similar to TEX^L₈₆. TEX^H₈₆ shows constant values of -0.13 in the pre-CIE interval and a 0.1 increase from -0.15 at 900.29 ft (274.41 m) to -0.05 at 896.30 ft (273.19 m). Interestingly, the amplitude change of TEX^H₈₆ values
across the CIE is the same as in $TEXL_{86}$; however, values of the indices begin to increase at different depths. The increase of $TEX^{H_{86}}$ appears 1.5 ft (45 cm) below the CIE onset and 1 ft (30 cm) lower than in TEX^L₈₆. Moreover, the TEX^H₈₆ increase happens in three steps. The first increase of 0.03 from -0.15 to -0.12 occurs from 898.95 ft to 900.29 ft (274.00-274.41 m). The second increase of 0.04 associated with the CIE onset appears exactly at the same depth as the initial increase in the TEX^L₈₆ values, i.e. from 898.47 ft to 898.30 ft (273.27-274.11 m). A third increase of 0.3 occurs from 896.30 ft to 896.54 ft (273.19-273.27 m). Also, it is harder to delineate the initiation of the TEX^H₈₆ increase. Only two data points define it, and if we exclude them, the onset of the TEX^{H}_{86} increase appears at exactly the same depth as TEX^L₈₆ and the CIE onset, but comprise a lower amplitude change of 0.6 than in TEX^L₈₆. Within the CIE "core", TEX^H₈₆ shows constant values of -0.05 from 896.30 ft (273.19 m) up to 881.20 ft (268.59 m) and regular decrease of 0.07 in the upper section from 881.20 ft (268.59 m) up to 857.00 ft (261.21 m). In comparison with the TEXL₈₆ values, the gradual decrease trend of TEXH₈₆ starts lower and has a lower amplitude change. Finally, since $\text{TEX}_{\text{H}_{86}}$ is a logarithmic function of the original TEX₈₆, their trends are almost identical (Fig. 13).

3.5. BIT analysis.

The relative distribution of branched non-isoprenoid tetraether lipids versus isoprenoid crenarchaeol revealed the BIT values ranging from 0.06 to 0.15 at Millville (Fig. 13; Table 11). Such low values of the BIT index reflect the dominance of marine-derived crenarchaeol versus soil-derived non-isoprenoid GDGTs. Schouten et al. (2013) compared BIT values from both marine sediments and soil samples and observed that the BIT index in marine sediments is generally less than 0.2 corresponding to a low soil or peat imprint, whereas the BIT index in soils tends to be higher than 0.8 (Fig. 9). The BIT index at Millville samples corresponds to values obtained from marine sediments (<0.2), thus indicating that lipid biomarkers are mainly marine- rather than soil-derived.

3.6. U^K₃₇ analysis.

For the U_{37}^{K} proxy, I analyzed six samples across the PETM section, i.e. from 857.00 ft (261.21 m), 883.14 ft (269.18 m), 897.10 ft (273.44 m), 899.81 ft (274.26 m), 907.60 ft (276.64 m), and 909.44 ft (277.26 m) depths. In comparison with the alkenone standard, the obtained chromatograms revealed either no alkenone signal or a very small bump in the alkenone appearance area (Fig. 14). Farrimond et al. (1986) discovered alkenones in the Cenomanian and mid-Albian shales from Blake-Bahama Basin, western North Atlantic, thus extending the geological appearance of alkenones to the Cretaceous and verifying their resistance to breakdown in sediments (i.e., Marlowe et al., 1984 b). The unusual lipid distribution in analyzed shales included only di-unsaturated ketones significantly differing from the previously reported studies. The authors asserted that the source of the alkenones is unknown and speculated that it is probably an earlier genus of the family *Gephyrocapsaceae*. In this case, an absence of alkenones in the PETM samples can be an outcome of the early diagenesis processes and biodegradation of organic matter. However, genetic and micropaleontological studies suggest an absence of alkenone

producers at the late Paleocene - early Eocene. The extinct genus *Reticulofenestra* from the family *Gephyrocapsaceae*, considered being the earliest potential source of alkenones, evolved only in the early Eocene (Marlowe et al., 1990). Thus, an alkenone signal in the PETM samples is unlikely.

IV. DISCUSSION

4.1. Temperature reconstructions of the PETM at Millville, NJ.

To reconstruct temperatures during the PETM at Millville, NJ, I calibrated records obtained from the organic paleothermometer TEX₈₆ and trace metal analyses (Mg/Ca ratio) of planktonic foraminifera. I estimated both absolute values for temperature and relative change (delta) temperature. Oxygen isotope records of planktonic foraminifera also place constraints on paleotemperatures.

4.1.2. TEX₈₆ analysis.

I used TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indices from Kim et al. (2010) to calibrate temperatures at the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section at Millvile, NJ (Fig. 15). Currently, these calibrations represent the best relationships between the relative distribution of GDGTs and temperature in (sub)polar (TEX^L₈₆ for temperatures <15°C) and (sub)tropic (TEX^H₈₆ for temperatures >15°C) regions. TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ have a good correlation with present-day SSTs at temperatures higher than 15°C; thus, both can be used to reconstruct greenhouse world SSTs. Since the Paleogene temperatures were higher than 15°C, Kim et al. (2010) suggested use of TEX^H₈₆ to compute temperature for the PETM sections due to its smaller error (±2.5°C versus ±4°C for TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆, respectively). Moreover, the authors compared temperature records obtained from both indices at Wilson Lake, NJ, (Fig. 2) that showed similar temperature amplitudes during the PETM but different absolute values (Fig. 16). Kim et al. (2010) preferred use of TEX^H₈₆ because it indicates higher temperatures (28-36°C) that are more expected to be during the PETM and rejected application of TEX^L₈₆ due to its low background temperature (21°C) at the CIE onset (Fig. 16). The authors considered 21°C being too low for the PETM when CO₂ levels may have reached 3000 ppmv.

In contrast, Taylor et al. (2013) suggested that the TEX^L₈₆ calibration was most appropriate for the warm Paleogene. Both TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indicate similar SSTs above 15°C in the modern ocean; therefore, application of these indices for the Paleogene sediments should also yield similar SSTs. However, temperature records obtained from TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ at different locations reveal a large offset (Δ H-L) of 3.5-9°C in absolute temperatures for the Paleogene. Taylor et al. (2013) examined the relationship between Δ H-L and raw GDGT ratios in TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indices and found that Δ H-L depends only on the GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio ([III]/[IV], see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures) that greatly varies with depth. Thus, in locations where water depths are greater than 1,000 m, Δ H–L values are low and GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio is high; whereas, at shallower depths (<1,000 m) both Δ H–L and GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio have a wide range. Since the coretop dataset for the TEX^H₈₆ calibration is mostly derived from the deep-water settings (>1,000 m), the authors suggested use of the TEX^L₈₆ calibration for "shallow" depths (<1,000 m). Moreover, Taylor et al. (2013) showed that the deep water thaumarchaeotal community produces different

proportions of GDGTs that can bias the surface GDGT distribution exported to sediments. Because most of the Paleogene datasets are from shallow depths, and particularly Millville core samples (Fig. 3), use of the TEX^L₈₆ calibration should be more applicable for the PETM.

Application of the TEX^H₈₆ calibration at Millville reveals a 5.5°C warming across the CIE onset (Fig. 15). Temperature increases from pre-CIE (899.30-909.44 ft; 274.11-277.20 m) values of ~30°C to ~35.5°C above the CIE onset (881.20-896.30 ft; 268.59-273.19 m). The warming occurs in two steps separated by a ~2 ft (59 cm) interval within which temperatures are about 33.5°C. The first step of 3.5°C is from ~30°C at 899.30 ft (274.11 m) to ~33.5°C at 898.47 ft (273.85 m) and the second step of 2°C is from ~33.5°C at 896.54 ft (273.27 m) to ~35.5°C at 896.30 ft (273.19 m). Within the CIE "core", temperatures remain constant at ~35.5°C in average and show a gradual 4.5°C decrease to 30.7°C towards the top of the core (857.00-881.20 ft; 261.21-268.59 m).

The TEXL₈₆ calibration at Millville implies a 7°C warming across the CIE onset (Fig. 15). Temperature increases from pre-CIE (899.30-909.44 ft; 274.11-277.20 m) values of ~23°C to ~30°C above the CIE onset (881.20-896.30 ft; 268.59-273.19 m). Similarly to TEXH₈₆, TEXL₈₆ reveals that the warming occurred in two steps separated by a ~2 ft (59 cm) interval within which temperatures are about 27°C. The first step of 4°C is from ~23°C at 899.30 ft (274.11 m) to ~27°C at 898.47 ft (273.85 m) and the second step of 3°C is from ~27°C at 896.54 ft (273.27 m) to ~30°C at 896.30 ft (273.19 m). Within the CIE "core", temperature remains high and then decreases gradually within the 865.17-883.14 ft (263.70-269.18 m) interval and more abruptly to almost pre-CIE values of 24°C at the upper section of the core (857.00-865.17 ft; 261.21-263.70 m).

Comparing two calibrations, both TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ exhibit warming across the CIE onset but different absolute temperatures values (ΔH-L varies between 1.9°C and 7.4°C, Fig. 15). TEX ^L₈₆ shows cooler temperatures and higher amplitude of warming. The calibrations show little precursor warming prior to the CIE onset, i.e., 1°C based on the TEX^L₈₆ calibration and 1.5°C based on the TEX^H₈₆ calibration). Moreover, they indicate that warming occurred in two steps with a more pronounced initial temperature increase of 3.5-4°C and the second temperature increase of 2-3°C. Within the CIE "core", both calibrations reveal constant temperatures that gradually decrease to almost pre-CIE values in the upper section of the core.

The identification of the warming onset, however, is arguable. To compute the amount of warming across the CIE onset, I used average base temperatures in the pre-CIE interval (dashed lines on Fig. 15). The purported precursors of 1.5°C and 1°C are within the errors on the TEX₈₆ temperature estimates. Errors of 2.5°C and 4°C for TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆, respectively, are much higher than the estimated precursor warming (Fig. 15). Therefore, such slight precursors are negligible and both TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ records suggest no precursor warming at Millville. However, use of the absolute temperature values in the pre-CIE interval yields to different estimates, i.e. the TEX^L₈₆ calibration still shows a very small or no precursor warming, whereas the TEX^H₈₆ calibration indicates a 2.5°C pre-CIE warming similar to what is observed at Bass River and Wilson Lake (Zachos et al., 2006; Sluijs et al., 2007).

Thereby, the criteria used to oppose the precursor warming are 1) large calibration errors in both $TEX^{H_{86}}$ and $TEX^{L_{86}}$ indices and 2) the choice of base temperatures for warming estimates. However, raw ratios of GTGTs that show only relative lipid distribution also indicate some differences in two records (Fig. 16). In this case only instrument error should be counted, which is very small for the liquid chromatography. Interestingly, raw GDGT ratio-1 (TEX $^{L}_{86}$) shows smaller amplitude change than GDGT ratio-2 (TEX^H₈₆) (Fig. 18). However, when calculating TEX₈₆ indices (logarithmic functions of GDGT ratios) and calibrating them to temperatures, TEX L₈₆ indicates temperature change larger than TEX H₈₆ (Fig. 15). Moreover, similarly to calibrated TEX $^{H}_{86}$ and TEX $^{L}_{86}$ temperature records (Fig. 15), GDGT ratio-1 shows almost no change before the CIE onset, whereas GDGT-2 indicates a slight change in values prior to the CIE onset (Fig. 18). The GDGT ratios are different only by one component according to their formulas. Thus, inclusion of the extra component crenarchaeol in the formula and GDGT-3 and GDGT-4 in numerator (see Fig. 7 for lipid's structures) yields changes in relative lipid distribution before the CIE onset and thus in two GDGT ratios.

Previously published TEX₈₆ temperature calibrations shows a possible precursor warming at Wilson Lake (Zachos et al., 2006; Sluijs et al., 2007) and Bass River, NJ (Sluijs et al., 2007). I compare temperature records at Wilson Lake Hole A, Bass River, and Millville applying TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ calibrations (Kim et al., 2010) and conclude that the precursor warming may be spurious depending on the calibration (Fig. 16, 17). Comparison of Wilson Lake and Millville (Fig. 16) shows that there is a little to no precursor warming using TEX^L₈₆, whereas TEX^H₈₆ shows some precursor. Sluijs et al. (2007) used a calibration similar to TEX^H₈₆, therefore they also indicated some precursor warming. Comparison of Bass River and Millville (Fig. 17), shows a possible small precursor warming of less than 2°C using TEX^L₈₆ calibration and the precursor warming of 4°C applying TEX^H₈₆ calibration. Thus, evidence for the precursor warming is equivocal because it only occurs in TEX^H₈₆ and not TEX^L₈₆.

4.1.2. Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera.

Integrating Mg/Ca records with stable isotope data indicates a pattern of warming coincident with the CIE. The sampling resolution for the analyses of trace metals in planktonic foraminifera is too low due to a lack of foraminifera in the pre-CIE interval and across the CIE onset. Therefore, the Mg/Ca record cannot provide information about the warming initiation in relation to the CIE onset, but it can give more reliable amplitude of temperature change across the CIE due to smaller error in temperature calibration (1°C in Mg/Ca analysis versus 2.5°C and 4°C in TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆).

I used the equation of Anand et al. (2003): Mg/Ca (PF) = f * 0.38 * exp(0.09T), where f = Mg/Ca (PETM water) / 5.2. Assuming that the Mg/Ca ratio of the seawater was 2.5 mmol/mol during the PETM (Cramer et al., 2011), temperatures in the intermediate layer (*Subbotina* Mg/Ca) increased from 29.5 to 34.3°C with an amplitude change of ~5°C (Fig. 19). Use of 1.5 mmol/mol for the Mg/Ca ratio of seawater yields unrealistic temperatures changing from 35 to 40°C across the CIE onset (Fig. 19). Use of 3.5 mmol/mol for the Mg/Ca ratio of seawater yields temperature change from 26 to 31°C across the CIE onset similar in absolute temperature values calibrated by TEX^L₈₆ (Fig. 19).

In summary, both trace metal and TEX₈₆ proxies yield various absolute temperature values. Five different calibrations indicate a wide range of temperatures (23 to 40°C) across the CIE onset (Fig. 20). Among them, TEX^L₈₆ and Mg/Ca ratio (Mg/Ca_{sw} = 3.5 mmol/mol) show the lowest absolute temperatures that look more realistic than indicated by other calibrations. Nevertheless, while the applied calibrations indicate different absolute temperatures, all of them show warming of 5 to 7°C across the CIE onset at Millville (Fig. 20).

4.2. Salinity estimates at Millville, NJ, during the PETM.

Salinity and $\delta^{18}O_{water}$ are linked through the mixing of river runoff and marine waters. Today, the mid-Atlantic river runoff has an average $\delta^{18}O_{water}$ value of ~-6‰. Assuming that the paleolatitude of Millville, NJ, during the PETM was similar to the modern latitude and the slope of the $\delta^{18}O_{water}$ /salinity was also similar to the present day relationship, I used the equation to link absolute values of salinity and $\delta^{18}O_{water}$: $\delta^{18}O_{water} = 0.14$ Salinity - 5.

To estimate $\delta^{18}O_{water}$, I applied the paleotemperature equation from O'Neil et al. (1969): T = 16.9 - 4.38($\delta^{18}O_{calcite}$ - $\delta^{18}O_{water}$) + 0.1($\delta^{18}O_{calcite}$ - $\delta^{18}O_{water}$)² (eq. 1), where $\delta^{18}O_{calcite}$ is $\delta^{18}O$ of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp.) and T is the water temperature calibrated from two paleothermometers, the TEX₈₆ index and Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp.).

Use of *Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp. provides salinity estimates for the mixed layer and intermediate layer, respectively. Temperatures were derived from the same species using the Mg/Ca ratio (Anand et al. (2003) multispecies equation). I interpreted TEX₈₆-derived temperatures as the mixed-layer temperatures because both TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indices are calibrated to SSTs (Kim et al. 2010). In order to define TEX₈₆-derived temperatures for the intermediate layer, I used the temperature difference between *Morozovella* spp. (mixed layer dwellers) and *Subbotina* spp. (intermediate dwellers). Mg/Ca ratios indicate ~2.5°C average difference between them; thus, the temperature of the intermediate layer can be calculated as: $T_{int} = T (TEX_{86}) - 2.5^{\circ}C$. I excluded from the salinity estimate the Acarinina spp. data because: 1) I was not able to obtain a complete record due to rare occurrence; 2) apparent scatter in Mg/Ca values obtained from *Acarinina* spp. due to the incomplete record; 3) difficulty in constraining TEX₈₆-derived temperatures for Acarinina spp. due to the sparsely sampled Mg/Ca record; and 4) the *Acarinina* δ^{18} O record shows similarities with both *Morozovella* and *Subbotina* δ^{18} O records, indicating uncertainty in interpretation of the depth habitat of Acarinina spp.

The TEX^H₈₆ calibration requires unrealistic salinities to satisfy the paleotemperature equation (eq. 1) (Fig. 21). For example, the 35°C temperatures predicted by the TEX^H₈₆ calibration would require salinities on the order of 44 psu

for the pre-CIE interval while they should be similar to the present day salinities in the mid-Atlantic shelf, i.e. 31-35 psu (Geiger et al., 2011; Glenn et al., 2004). The TEX^L₈₆ calibration yields realistic salinity estimates (33-34 psu for the pre-CIE interval) and a ~4 psu salinity decrease associated with the CIE onset (Fig. 21). It also indicates similar salinities for mixed and intermediate layers above the CIE onset. However, in the top section above 865.00 ft (263.65 m), salinity of the mixed layer is ~4 psu lower than in the intermediate layer (Fig. 21).

Use of temperature records derived from the Mg/Ca ratio of *Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp. required three scenarios for the salinity change that assume different values for long-term changes in the Mg/Ca ratio of seawater, which is 5.2 mmol/mol today but was lower in the past (Cramer et al., 2011; Fig. 21). Assuming the Mg/Ca ratio of seawater of 1.5 and 2.5 mmol/mol before the CIE onset (Cramer et al., 2011) yields salinities 48 and 56 psu, respectively. These salinity estimates are unrealistic. Use of 3.5 mmol/mol for the Mg/Ca ratio of the seawater yields realistic salinities of 32-35 psu above the CIE onset but indicates higher salinity of 40-43 psu for the pre-CIE interval. Also, the salinity change across the CIE onset is 5-6 psu; this is higher than the change from TEX₈₆-based salinity estimates. Such a difference is explained by different temperature increases across the CIE onset indicated by TEXL₈₆ and trace metal analyses (i.e. 7°C and 5°C warming, respectively).

The TEX^L₈₆ calibration with a 23°C sea surface temperature in the pre-CIE interval and peak temperature of 30°C provides the most realistic salinities. Despite various absolute values, all salinity estimates require freshening of surface and

intermediate waters at the CIE onset in agreement with Kopp et al. (2009)'s hypothesis of an enhanced hydrological cycle. If I consider that Mg/Ca-derived temperature record is more accurate due to its smaller error than the TEX₈₆ calibration, then there was a 5-6 psu freshening across the CIE onset.

Based on compilation (Fig. 22) of oxygen isotope records of planktonic foraminifera and temperatures obtained from TEX₈₆ and trace metal analyses, I divided the Millville PETM section into 3 intervals (Fig. 23). The lower interval (stage 1, Fig. 23) reflects marine conditions on the Mid-Atlantic shelf before the CIE onset, i.e. pre-PETM. *Acarinina* spp. and *Subbotina* spp. δ^{18} O values differ by 1‰ that indicates mixed layer and intermediate layer habitats of these species, respectively. However, above the CIE onset, *Acarinina* spp. and *Subbotina* spp. δ^{18} O values are similar values suggesting similar temperatures in the mixed and intermediate layers. Also within this interval (stage 2, Fig. 23), Mg/Ca ratios of analyzed planktonic foraminifera species are similar and the most complete TEX₈₆derived temperature record indicates high and stable temperatures. I link these observations to suggest a breakdown of the thermocline caused by increased storm activity that would have mixed surface and intermediate waters leading to diminished differences in temperatures and salinities. Salinity estimates also support this assumption displaying similar and constant values for mixed and intermediate layers above the CIE onset (Fig. 21). Finally, the upper section (stage 3, Fig. 23) shows a decrease in temperature as defined by TEX_{86} , Mg/Ca ratio and oxygen isotopes of planktonic foraminifera. *Acarinina* spp. and *Subbotina* spp. oxygen records once again have a 1‰ difference in δ^{18} O values that implies their

different depth habitats and redevelopment of the thermocline. Salinity estimates also show \sim 4 psu difference between mixed and intermediate layers also suggesting water stratification.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Using independent temperature proxies, I estimated the amount of warming and salinity change across the CIE and the Paleocene/Eocene boundary at Millville, NJ:

- The Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera reveals a ~5°C warming from 29.5 to 34.3°C across the Paleocene/Eocene boundary.
- Organic paleothermometer TEX₈₆ shows greater warming. Applying two different calibrations, I computed a 5.5°C warming from 30 to 35.5°C using the TEX^H₈₆ calibration (Kim et al., 2010) and a 7°C warming from 23 to 30°C using the TEX^L₈₆ calibration (Kim et al., 2010).
- Calibrations of TEX^H₈₆ and Mg/Ca (Mg/Ca_{sw} = 1.5 and 2.5 mmol/mol) reveal very high temperatures, thus TEX^L₈₆ and Mg/Ca (Mg/Ca_{sw} = 3.5 mmol/mol) show the best absolute values during the PETM.
- Calibration of temperatures yields a broad range of absolute values, thus it is more reliable to look at the amplitude of temperature change across the CIE onset. Due to smaller error in temperature calibration (1°C in Mg/Ca analysis versus 2.5°C and 4°C in TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆), Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera provides the best estimate for warming across the CIE onset of ~5°C.

- Comparison of TEX₈₆ data from Millville (this study) and two proximal New Jersey core sites Wilson Lake and Bass River (Zachos et al., 2006; Sluijs et al., 2007) indicates that the precursor warming before the CIE onset proposed by Sluijs et al. (2007) may be spurious because it only occurs in TEX^H₈₆ and not TEXL₈₆.
- Salinity estimates using temperatures from TEXH₈₆ calibration (Kim et al., 2010) and Mg/Ca ratio from planktonic foraminifera (Anand et al. (2003) equation and Mg/Ca_{sw} = 1.5 and 2.5 mmol/mol) yield unrealistic values exceeding 44 psu.
- The temperature calibration from TEX^L₈₆ yields realistic salinity estimates. It suggests that temperatures calibrated with TEX^L₈₆ represent the best absolute values.
- Use of all temperature calibrations requires a ~4-6 psu salinity decrease associated with the CIE onset. It implies freshening of surface and intermediate waters during the CIE onset due to an enhanced hydrologic cycle proposed by Kopp et al. (2009).
- The evidence of the water freshening across the CIE onset is consistent with the proposed thermocline breakdown caused by increased storm intensity during the PETM.

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TABLE CAPTIONS

1. List of the samples from the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section of the ODP Leg 174AX core located at Millville, NJ. Yellow color specifies the "critical" part across the CIE with high-resolution sampling interval of 4-6 ft (10-15 cm). Quotation marks indicate parts of the core with uncertain sampling depths due to core expansion or shift in a tray.

2. General information about the analyzed samples: sample weight, moisture loss, and percentage of sand fraction (>63 μ m).

3. Stable isotopes (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) of bulk carbonate and percent carbonate (CaCO₃).

4. Stable isotopes (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) of *Morozovella* spp.

5. Stable isotopes (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) of *Acarinina* spp.

6. Stable isotopes (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) of *Subbotina* spp.

7. Mg/Ca ratio of *Morozovella* spp.; R stands for rejected samples due to possible diagenesis (D?) or high concentrations of iron (high Fe).

8. Mg/Ca ratio of *Acarinina* spp.; R stands for rejected samples due to low calcium concentrations (low Ca) or high concentrations of iron (high Fe).

9. Mg/Ca ratio of *Subbotina* spp.; R stands for rejected samples due to possible diagenesis (D?) or high concentrations of iron (high Fe).

10. TEX₈₆ results: peak areas of GDGTs, values of the TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indices, and calibrated temperatures using equations from Kim et al. (2010).

11. BIT index values.

12. Calibrated temperatures from Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera using a multi-species equation of Anand et al. (2003).

Paleosalinity estimations using calibrated temperatures from TEXH₈₆ and TEXL₈₆
 indices (Kim et al., 2010) and oxygen isotopic records of planktonic foraminifera
 Morozovella spp. (mixed layer dwellers).

14. Paleosalinity estimations using calibrated temperatures from TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ indices (Kim et al., 2010) and oxygen isotopic records of planktonic foraminifera *Subbotina* spp. (intermediate layer dwellers).

15. Paleosalinity estimations using calibrated temperatures from Mg/Ca ratio (multi-species equation of Anand et al. (2003)) and oxygen isotopic records of planktonic foraminifera *Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.

Table 1

Additional sampling

Commlo #	Depth in	terval, ft	Mean depth,	Mean depth,		Sample	Depth in	iterval, ft	Mean depth,	Mean depth,
Sample #	top	bottom	ft	m		#	top	bottom	ft	m
1	857.00	857.10	857.05	261.23		1	856.90	857.00	856.95	261.20
2	858.92	859.07	859.00	261.82		2	858.88	858.95	858.92	261.80
3	861.10	861.20	861.15	262.48		3	861.20	861.30	861.25	262.51
4	"863.00"	"863.15"	"863.08"	"263.07"	shifted in tray	4	"863.15"	"863.20"	"863.18"	"263.10"
5	865.10	865.18	865.14	263.69		5	865.18	865.24	865.21	263.72
6	867.00	867.15	867.08	264.28		6	867.15	867.25	867.20	264.32
7	869.00	869.10	869.05	264.89		7	869.10	869.25	869.18	264.93
8	870.88	871.00	870.94	265.46		8	870.82	870.88	870.85	265.44
9	873.02	873.13	873.08	266.11		9	872.94	873.02	872.98	266.08
10	875.00	875.10	875.05	266.72		10	875.10	875.20	875.15	266.75
11	876.95	877.06	877.01	267.31		11	877.06	877.20	877.13	267.35
12	879.07	879.20	879.14	267.96		12	879.20	879.32	879.26	268.00
13	881.10	881.20	881.15	268.57		13	881.20	881.30	881.25	268.61
14	883.05	883.16	883.11	269.17		14	883.16	883.23	883.20	269.20
15	885.06	885.17	885.12	269.78		15	885.17	885.25	885.21	269.81
16	886.99	887.10	887.05	270.37		16	887.10	887.20	887.15	270.40
17	889.08	889.20	889.14	271.01		17	889.20	889.30	889.25	271.04
18	890.90	891.02	890.96	271.56		18	891.02	891.06	891.04	271.59
19	893.04	893.16	893.10	272.22		19	893.16	893.26	893.21	272.25
20	895.09	895.19	895.14	272.84		20	895.19	895.30	895.25	272.87

Initial sampling

Table 1 cont.

21	896.44	896.54	896.49	273.25		21	896.25	896.35	896.30	273.19
22	896.98	897.11	897.05	273.42		22	896.54	896.64	896.59	273.28
23	897.31	897.43	897.37	273.52		23	897.11	897.22	897.17	273.46
24	897.66	897.72	897.69	273.62		24	897.78	897.90	897.84	273.66
25	"898.16"	"898.23"	"898.20"	"273.77"	shifted in tray	25	"898.45"	"898.60"	"898.53"	"273.87"
26	898.34	898.45	898.40	273.83		26	898.80	898.90	898.85	273.97
27	898.64	898.74	898.69	273.92		27	899.05	899.20	899.13	274.05
28	898.94	899.09	899.02	274.02		28	899.31	899.40	899.36	274.12
29	899.20	899.31	899.26	274.09		29	899.65	899.70	899.68	274.22
30	899.73	899.82	899.78	274.25		30	899.82	899.88	899.85	274.27
31	"900.16"	"900.29"	"900.23"	"274.39"	core expansion	31	"900.07"	"900.16"	"900.12"	"274.36"
32	900.18	900.30	900.24	274.39		32	900.30	900.40	900.35	274.43
33	901.12	901.30	901.21	274.69		33	900.95	901.05	900.00	274.32
34	901.87	902.00	901.94	274.91		34	901.81	901.87	901.84	274.88
35	903.67	903.80	903.74	275.46		35	903.42	903.52	903.47	275.38
36	905.66	905.74	905.70	276.06		36	905.50	905.56	905.53	276.01
37	907.63	907.75	907.69	276.66		37	907.45	907.55	907.50	276.61
38	909.36	909.45	909.41	277.19		38	909.45	909.52	909.49	277.21

Table 2

Depth in	terval, ft	Mean	Mean	Weight,	Dry	Moisture	Moisture	Fraction >	Fraction >
top	bottom	ft	m uepui,	g	g g	loss, g	loss, %	63 µm, g	63 µm, %
857.00	857.10	857.05	261.23	44.26	41.42	2.84	6.4	3.80	9.2
858.92	859.07	859.00	261.82	67.12	62.36	4.76	7.1	3.14	5.0
861.10	861.20	861.15	262.48	37.42	35.52	1.90	5.1	0.56	1.6
863.00	863.15	863.08	263.07	47.76	46.00	1.76	3.7	0.50	1.1
865.10	865.18	865.14	263.69	25.30	23.58	1.72	6.8	0.22	0.9
867.00	867.15	867.08	264.28	70.40	65.92	4.48	6.4	0.42	0.6
869.00	869.10	869.05	264.89	23.62	22.58	1.04	4.4	0.24	1.1
870.88	871.00	870.94	265.46	49.64	46.76	2.88	5.8	0.36	0.8
873.02	873.13	873.08	266.11	34.74	32.54	2.20	6.3	0.30	0.9
875.00	875.10	875.05	266.72	30.82	28.64	2.18	7.1	0.60	2.1
876.95	877.06	877.01	267.31	45.22	41.54	3.68	8.1	0.34	0.8
879.07	879.20	879.14	267.96	44.36	40.78	3.58	8.1	0.48	1.2
881.10	881.20	881.15	268.57	42.92	41.62	1.30	3.0	0.44	1.1
883.05	883.16	883.11	267.17	50.10	47.68	2.42	4.8	0.50	1.0
885.06	885.17	885.12	269.78	52.32	50.82	1.50	2.9	0.26	0.5
886.99	887.10	887.05	270.37	33.88	32.52	1.36	4.0	0.32	1.0
889.08	889.20	889.14	271.01	51.28	48.66	2.62	5.1	0.58	1.2
890.90	891.02	890.96	271.56	51.96	50.28	1.68	3.2	0.42	0.8
893.04	893.16	893.10	272.22	26.92	25.74	1.18	4.4	0.30	1.2
895.09	895.19	895.14	272.84	28.26	27.28	0.98	3.5	0.38	1.4
896.44	896.54	896.49	273.25	25.38	24.38	1.00	3.9	0.44	1.8
896.98	897.11	897.05	273.42	28.00	26.96	1.04	3.7	0.90	3.3
897.31	897.43	897.37	273.52	26.98	26.08	0.90	3.3	1.28	4.9
897.66	897.72	897.69	273.62	17.50	16.96	0.54	3.1	0.80	4.7
898.16	898.23	898.20	273.77	25.10	24.00	1.10	4.4	2.00	8.3
898.34	898.45	898.40	273.83	39.66	38.12	1.54	3.9	4.54	11.9
898.64	898.74	898.69	273.92	30.18	28.96	1.22	4.0	3.86	13.3
898.94	899.09	899.02	274.02	27.20	26.12	1.08	4.0	3.74	14.3
899.20	899.31	899.26	274.09	25.96	24.82	1.14	4.4	4.66	18.8
899.73	899.82	899.78	274.25	35.90	34.42	1.48	4.1	6.70	19.5
900.16	900.29	900.23	274.39	71.46	69.22	2.24	3.1	24.32	35.1
900.18	900.30	900.24	274.39	65.54	62.94	2.60	4.0	16.58	26.3
901.12	901.30	901.21	274.69	64.88	62.28	2.60	4.0	20.06	32.2
901.87	902.00	901.94	274.91	67.20	64.24	2.96	4.4	22.84	35.6
903.67	903.80	903.74	275.46	50.24	48.18	2.06	4.1	21.62	44.9
905.66	905.74	905.70	276.06	44.26	42.12	2.14	4.8	19.00	45.1
907.63	907.75	907.69	276.66	58.04	55.60	2.44	4.2	23.58	42.4
909.36	909.45	909.41	277.19	54.76	52.50	2.26	4.1	18.16	34.6

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Mean depth, ft	Mean depth, m	δ ¹³ C PDB, ‰	δ^{18} O PDB, ‰	% CaCO ₃
857.00	261.21	-0.65	-1.63	2.81
858.98	261.82	-1.03	-2.04	2.62
861.20	262.49	-1.42	-2.60	3.58
863.10	263.07	-1.69	-2.83	3.73
865.17	267.70	-2.02	-2.87	2.73
867.13	264.30	-2.28	-2.82	2.92
869.13	264.91	-2.48	-2.75	3.07
870.91	265.45	-2.56	-2.83	3.47
873.04	266.10	-2.48	-2.99	3.28
875.10	266.73	-2.23	-3.21	3.05
877.08	267.33	-2.55	-2.94	2.87
879.20	267.98	-2.46	-3.01	2.53
881.20	268.59	-2.81	-3.12	2.94
883.14	269.18	-2.71	-3.00	2.96
885.16	269.80	-3.08	-2.97	2.45
887.10	270.39	-2.78	-3.24	2.42
889.19	271.03	-3.37	-3.03	3.50
890.98	271.57	-3.08	-3.08	3.07
893.15	272.23	-2.88	-3.47	3.75
895.20	272.86	-2.54	-3.39	3.75
896.54	273.27	-2.33	-3.23	2.71
897.37	273.52	-1.99	-2.78	0.45
898.20	273.77	-0.68	-1.84	0.69
898.47	273.85	-0.26	-1.91	0.25
898.69	273.92	-0.17	-2.02	0.34
898.95	274.00	1.21	-1.77	3.03
899.30	274.11	1.01	-1.71	2.87
899.68	274.22	0.93	-1.63	2.63
899.81	274.26	0.94	-1.93	2.00
900.18	274.37	1.18	-1.50	2.41
900.29	274.41	1.34	-1.48	2.35
901.13	274.66	1.88	-1.35	2.97
901.91	274.90	1.71	-1.40	2.53
903.61	275.42	2.08	-1.20	1.90
905.62	276.03	2.30	-1.19	1.80
907.60	276.64	2.26	-1.12	2.15
909.44	277.20	2.20	-1.58	1.75

Mean depth, ft	Mean depth, m	<i>Morozovella:</i> Species name	Weight, μg (CaCO3)	Size, µm	Number of individuals	δ ¹³ C PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ 0 PDB, ‰
857.05	261.23	aequa	100	> 400	5	4.01	-3.11
859.00	261.82	aequa	-	> 400	5	2.80	-3.21
861.15	262.48	aequa	-	> 400	5	2.18	-3.63
865.14	263.69	aequa	-	> 400	5	0.73	-3.79
867.08	264.28	aequa	58	400	4	0.75	-3.30
870.94	265.46	aequa	-	≥ 400	5	0.48	-3.32
873.08	266.11	aequa	-	> 400	6	0.83	-3.50
877.06	267.33	aequa	-	400	5	0.35	-3.43
881.15	268.57	acuta	42	350	6	0.38	-3.98
883.11	269.17	acuta/velascoensis	68	300-400	7	-0.42	-3.56
885.12	269.78	acuta	-	350-400	6	0.21	-3.76
887.05	270.37	acuta	-	300-400	7	0.25	-3.67
889.14	271.01	acuta	-	300-400	8	0.67	-3.94
890.96	271.56	acuta	-	350-400	8	0.13	-3.69
895.14	272.84	acuta	-	400	9	0.93	-3.89

Mean depth, ft	Mean depth, m	<i>Acarinina:</i> Species name	Weight, μg (CaCO3)	Size, μm	Number of individuals	δ ¹³ C PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ 0 PDB, ‰
857.05	261.23	esnehensis	-	300-400	6	1.64	-2.83
859.00	261.82	esnehensis	-	300-400	7	1.11	-2.68
861.15	262.48	esnehensis	-	350-400	6	1.36	-3.73
*861.15	262.48	soldadoensis/angulosa	-	300-350	6	0.51	-3.02
865.14	263.69	esnehensis	-	300-350	7	0.41	-3.26
*865.14	263.69	soldadaensis/angulosa/ esnehensis/coaliningensis	-	300-350	5	0.65	-3.98
867.08	264.28	esnehensis	-	300-350	7	-0.33	-2.83
869.08	264.89	esnehensis	-	350	6	0.06	-2.85
870.94	265.46	esnehensis		350-400	3	-0.26	-3.50
*870.94	265.46	coalingensis/esnehensis	-	300-350	6	0.13	-3.76
873.08	266.11	esnehensis	-	350-400	7	-0.43	-2.86
875.08	266.72	esnehensis	-	300-350	5	-0.63	-3.02
877.06	267.33	esnehensis	-	350-400	6	-0.28	-3.21
879.14	267.96	esnehensis	-	350-400	6	-0.35	-3.03
881.15	268.57	soldadoensis	-	350-400	5	0.19	-3.33
883.11	269.17	soldadoensis	-	350-400	5	-0.48	-3.19
885.12	269.78	soldadoensis	-	350-400	5	0.40	-3.30
887.05	270.37	soldadoensis	-	350-400	5	0.10	-3.16
889.14	271.01	soldadoensis	-	400	5	0.24	-3.29
890.96	271.56	soldadoensis	-	400	5	0.02	-3.14
893.10	272.22	soldadoensis	-	400	5	-0.38	-3.53
896.49	273.25	esnehensis	-	300-350	7	0.33	-3.39
897.05	273.42	soldadoensis	42	300-350	3	0.66	-2.87
899.18	274.07	soldadoensis	-	300-350	4	3.61	-2.74

Mean depth, ft	Mean depth, m	<i>Subbotina:</i> Species name	Weight, μg (CaCO₃)	Size, µm	Number of individuals	δ ¹³ C PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ O PDB, ‰
857.05	261.23	roesnaesensis	-	400	10	-0.18	-1.78
859.00	261.82	roesnaesensis	172	400	10	-0.56	-2.34
861.15	262.48	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.01	-2.50
863.08	263.07	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.32	-2.80
865.14	263.69	roesnaesensis	-	400	10	-1.33	-2.78
867.08	264.28	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.61	-2.79
869.08	264.89	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.78	-2.49
870.94	265.46	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.49	-2.77
873.08	266.11	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.43	-2.97
875.08	266.72	roesnaesensis	-	400	8	-1.65	-3.06
877.06	267.33	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.68	-2.94
879.14	267.96	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.86	-2.97
881.15	268.57	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.89	-3.20
883.11	269.17	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.71	-3.39
885.12	269.78	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-2.11	-2.98
887.05	270.37	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.93	-3.33
889.14	271.01	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-1.99	-3.07
890.96	271.56	roesnaesensis	-	350-400	10	-2.04	-3.11
893.10	272.22	triangularis	-	250-300	7	-2.26	-3.45
899.26	274.09	roesnaesensis	-	300-400	5	1.01	-1.95
901.56	274.80	roesnaesensis	-	250-300	4	1.60	-1.19
903.74	275.46	triangularis	-	300	3	1.87	-1.28

Mean	Mean	Morozovella:	Weight, ug		Number of	Mg25/Ca43.	Rejected
depth, ft	depth, m	Species name	(CaCO ₃)	Size, µm	individuals	mmol/mol	samples
857.05	261.23	aequa	214	300-400	21	3.30	
859.00	261.82	aequa	354	300-400	30	3.22	
861.15	262.48	aequa	148	300-400	16	3.64	
863.08	263.07	aequa	118	300-400	10	2.73	
865.14	263.69	aequa	154	300-400	14	3.18	
867.08	264.28	aequa	158	300-400	14	3.39	
869.05	264.89	aequa	204	300-400	21	3.12	
873.08	266.11	aequa	200	300-400	20	3.92	
875.05	266.72	aequa	150	300-400	12	4.36	
877.06	267.33	aequa	278	300-400	25	3.48	
881.15	268.57	aequa	134	300-400	11	3.08	
885.12	269.78	acuta	118	300-400	12	5.03	R (high Fe)
889.14	271.01	acuta	216	300-400	28	1.38	R (D?)
890.96	271.56	acuta	206	300-400	25	1.09	R (D?)
893.10	272.22	acuta	94	300-400	13	1.26	R (D?)
895.14	272.84	acuta	200	300-400	30	1.35	R (D?)

Mean	Mean	Acarinina:	Weight,		Number of	Mg25/Ca43	Rejected
depth, ft	depth, m	Species name	µg (CaCO₃)	Size, µm	individuals	mmol/mol	samples
859.00	261.82	esnaensis	264	300-350	20	3.49	
865.14	263.69	esnaensis	158	300-350	15	2.68	R (low Ca)
867.08	264.28	esnaensis	142	300-400	15	2.95	R (low Ca)
870.94	265.46	esnaensis/angulosa/ soldadoensis	120	300-350	14	3.56	R (low Ca)
873.08	266.11	soldadoensis	172	350-400	14	3.48	
877.06	267.33	soldadoensis	154	300-350	15	4.76	R (high Fe)
879.14	267.96	soldadoensis	248	300-350	20	3.39	R (high Fe)
881.15	268.57	soldadoensis	224	300-350	20	3.63	
883.11	269.17	soldadoensis	240	300-350	20	3.76	R (high Fe)
885.12	269.78	soldadoensis	240	300-350	20	4.52	R (high Fe)
887.05	270.37	soldadoensis	252	300	20	4.58	R (high Fe)
889.14	271.01	soldadoensis	240	300-350	20	4.03	R (high Fe)
890.96	271.56	soldadoensis	238	300-350	20	3.24	
893.10	272.22	soldadoensis	176	300-350	15	2.79	
895.14	272.84	soldadoensis	248	300-350	20	2.76	
896.49	273.25	soldadoensis	142	300-400	12	2.77	

Mean	Mean	Subbotina:	Weight, ug		Number of	Mg25/Ca43.	Rejected
depth, ft	depth, m	Species name	(CaCO ₃)	Size, µm	individuals	mmol/mol	samples
857.05	261.23	roesnaesensis	414	300-350	30	1.49	R (D?)
859.00	261.82	roesnaesensis	392	300-350	30	2.19	R (D?)
861.15	262.48	roesnaesensis	300	300-400	29	2.17	
863.08	263.07	roesnaesensis	326	300-350	29	2.54	
865.14	263.69	roesnaesensis	352	300-350	30	2.84	
867.08	264.28	roesnaesensis	330	300-350	28	2.88	
870.94	265.46	roesnaesensis	368	300-350	30	2.86	
873.08	266.11	roesnaesensis	396	300-350	31	3.04	
875.08	266.72	roesnaesensis	216	300-350	20	3.02	
877.06	267.33	roesnaesensis	352	300-350	30	3.47	
879.14	267.96	roesnaesensis	376	300-350	30	3.11	
881.15	268.57	roesnaesensis	438	300-350	30	3.56	
883.11	269.17	roesnaesensis	320	300-350	25	3.56	
885.12	269.78	roesnaesensis	302	300-350	30	4.54	R (high Fe)
887.05	270.37	roesnaesensis	254	300-350	30	4.66	R (high Fe)
889.14	271.01	roesnaesensis	354	300-350	30	4.20	R (high Fe)
890.96	271.56	roesnaesensis	304	300-350	30	3.87	
893.10	272.22	roesnaesensis	166	300-350	18	3.57	
895.14	272.84	roesnaesensis	310	250-350	35	3.80	
898.99	274.01	roesnaesensis/ velascoensis	138	250-350	15	2.89	
900.21	274.38	roesnaesensis/ velascoensis	142	250-350	12	2.46	

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Mean	Mean	GDGT peak areas				Original TEX ₈₆					
depth, ft	depth, m	m/z 1300	m/z 1298	m/z 1296	m/z 1292'	GDGT ratio-1	GDGT ratio-2	ТЕХ ^н 86	Т ^н , °С	TEX ^L 86	Т ^L , °С
857.00	261.21	466325	653633	309982	560445	0.46	0.77	-0.12	30.7	-0.34	24.0
858.96	261.81	395340	623617	285317	560805	0.48	0.79	-0.10	31.5	-0.32	25.3
861.20	262.49	112068	202713	87573	263003	0.50	0.83	-0.08	33.1	-0.30	26.8
863.10	263.07	43340	85436	29040	94521	0.54	0.83	-0.08	33.0	-0.27	28.9
865.17	263.70	57236	124989	33084	110017	0.58	0.82	-0.08	32.9	-0.24	31.0
867.13	264.30	104850	186989	60022	199741	0.53	0.81	-0.09	32.3	-0.27	28.4
869.13	264.91	49835	101984	39810	130638	0.53	0.85	-0.07	33.6	-0.27	28.4
870.91	265.45	54609	80068	26125	86512	0.50	0.78	-0.11	31.2	-0.30	26.5
873.04	266.10	59570	102424	29775	108586	0.53	0.80	-0.10	32.0	-0.27	28.5
875.10	266.73	56955	111386	45081	181751	0.52	0.86	-0.07	34.0	-0.28	27.8
877.08	267.33	93501	193946	61381	235958	0.56	0.84	-0.08	33.4	-0.25	29.7
879.20	267.98	118693	247236	98446	466256	0.53	0.87	-0.06	34.5	-0.27	28.4
881.20	268.59	73629	171705	78182	330938	0.53	0.89	-0.05	35.1	-0.28	28.3
883.14	269.18	72714	174121	64189	299406	0.56	0.88	-0.06	34.8	-0.25	29.9
885.16	269.80	91501	243123	102260	463824	0.56	0.90	-0.05	35.4	-0.25	29.7
887.10	270.39	34626	82908	34380	160291	0.55	0.89	-0.05	35.1	-0.26	29.1
889.19	271.03	32065	85493	36921	194813	0.55	0.91	-0.04	35.7	-0.26	29.6
890.98	271.57	53167	129311	50242	225913	0.56	0.88	-0.05	34.9	-0.26	29.7
893.15	272.23	64659	160617	69650	362381	0.54	0.90	-0.04	35.5	-0.26	29.1
895.20	272.86	109203	262773	93201	572069	0.56	0.89	-0.05	35.3	-0.25	30.2
896.30	273.19	76661	190026	70399	361499	0.56	0.89	-0.05	35.1	-0.25	30.1
896.54	273.27	9044	15973	6063	22559	0.51	0.83	-0.08	33.1	-0.29	27.4
897.10	273.44	193057	394436	182203	509701	0.51	0.85	-0.07	33.7	-0.29	27.3
897.78	273.64	123030	255642	119682	308081	0.51	0.85	-0.07	33.7	-0.29	27.3
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898.47	273.85	83251	162991	73447	184332	0.51	0.83	-0.08	33.2	-0.29	27.2
898.95	274.00	125719	179270	86212	177464	0.46	0.78	-0.11	31.2	-0.34	24.0
899.30	274.11	174945	225370	108353	197533	0.44	0.75	-0.12	30.1	-0.35	23.0
899.68	274.22	8882	12285	5414	12131	0.46	0.77	-0.11	30.9	-0.34	24.3
899.81	274.26	169610	239257	115996	228621	0.46	0.77	-0.11	31.0	-0.34	23.9
900.18	274.37	116142	138812	59633	103890	0.44	0.72	-0.14	28.9	-0.36	22.9
900.29	274.41	189676	217021	92795	164730	0.43	0.71	-0.15	28.6	-0.36	22.5
901.13	274.66	124147	168085	70257	121503	0.46	0.74	-0.13	29.8	-0.33	24.4
901.91	274.90	119220	148307	71845	116607	0.44	0.74	-0.13	29.6	-0.36	22.6
903.61	275.42	115572	143996	72980	114725	0.43	0.74	-0.13	29.7	-0.36	22.4
905.62	276.03	136075	169529	85202	130541	0.43	0.74	-0.13	29.6	-0.36	22.4
907.60	276.64	14899	17619	8808	11892	0.43	0.72	-0.14	28.8	-0.37	21.9
909.44	277.20	120329	155415	73490	115964	0.45	0.74	-0.13	29.7	-0.35	23.2

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Mean	Mean	an GDGT peak areas							
depth, ft	depth, m	m/z 1292	m/z 1050	m/z 1036	m/z 1022	BIT			
857.00	261.21	5921114	44881	357360	370843	0.12			
858.96	261.81	5269858	30018	297012	333751	0.11			
861.20	262.49	1763461	10380	121037	161364	0.14			
863.10	263.07	654761	4246	38336	53250	0.13			
865.17	263.70	684958	3748	35130	53998	0.12			
867.13	264.30	1277956	5609	65933	101418	0.12			
869.13	264.91	876081	4406	39246	56311	0.10			
870.91	265.45	597682	5626	30757	43902	0.12			
873.04	266.10	677609	5319	31599	45381	0.11			
875.10	266.73	1204090	6160	50573	73546	0.10			
877.08	267.33	1541796	7420	50954	78415	0.08			
879.20	267.98	2664074	16052	83227	115891	0.07			
881.20	268.59	2085924	8376	61709	92297	0.07			
883.14	269.18	1840454	5458	52641	76538	0.07			
885.16	269.80	3010298	11070	81443	123023	0.07			
887.10	270.39	979729	2326	26459	38963	0.06			
889.19	271.03	1102632	3237	27525	42803	0.06			
890.98	271.57	1385388	3733	46399	72795	0.08			
893.15	272.23	2070419	4036	55128	82347	0.06			
895.20	272.86	3257431	5715	87423	135049	0.07			
896.30	273.19	2210298	3581	63314	97016	0.07			
896.54	273.27	155422	352	4546	6501	0.07			
897.10	273.44	4331714	11529	125681	163756	0.06			
897.78	273.64	2623008	7799	83856	114614	0.07			
898.47	273.85	1499069	5164	56866	79209	0.09			
898.95	274.00	1655160	8076	78592	92917	0.10			
899.30	274.11	2064158	9890	80291	85092	0.08			
899.68	274.22	100430	357	2662	3023	0.06			
899.81	274.26	2242602	9266	81470	90948	0.07			
900.18	274.37	1049804	6696	58852	66061	0.11			
900.29	274.41	1704168	11624	97274	108445	0.11			
901.13	274.66	1215816	8985	96772	107376	0.15			
901.91	274.90	1229323	8632	77969	87286	0.12			
903.61	275.42	1284453	9463	75745	81241	0.11			
905.62	276.03	1514842	9502	93334	101840	0.12			
907.60	276.64	132365	852	5811	5924	0.09			
909.44	277.20	1256378	6810	72015	79296	0.11			

Mean depth, ft	Mean depth, m	Mg25/Ca43, mmol/mol	T, °C Mg/Ca sw = 1.5 mmol/mol	T, °C Mg/Ca sw = 2.5 mmol/mol	ΔT, °C
			<i>Morozovella</i> spp.		
857.05	261.23	3.3	38.5	32.8	0.8
859.00	261.82	3.2	38.2	32.5	0.5
861.15	262.48	3.6	39.6	33.9	1.9
863.08	263.07	2.7	36.3	30.6	-1.4
865.14	263.69	3.2	38.0	32.3	0.4
867.08	264.28	3.4	38.8	33.1	1.1
869.05	264.89	3.1	37.8	32.1	0.1
873.08	266.11	3.9	40.4	34.7	2.7
875.05	266.72	4.4	41.6	35.9	3.9
877.06	267.33	3.5	39.0	33.4	1.4
881.15	268.57	3.1	37.7	32.0	0.0
			Acarinina spp.		
859.00	261.82	3.5	39.1	33.4	2.6
873.08	266.11	3.5	39.0	33.3	2.5
881.15	268.57	3.6	39.5	33.8	3.0
890.96	271.56	3.2	38.3	32.6	1.8
893.10	272.22	2.8	36.6	30.9	0.1
895.14	272.84	2.8	36.5	30.8	0.0
896.49	273.25	2.8	36.5	30.8	0.0
			Subbotina spp.		
861.15	262.48	2.2	33.8	28.1	-1.4
863.08	263.07	2.5	35.5	29.8	0.3
865.14	263.69	2.8	36.8	31.1	1.6
867.08	264.28	2.9	36.9	31.3	1.8
870.94	265.46	2.9	36.9	31.2	1.7
873.08	266.11	3.0	37.6	31.9	2.4
875.08	266.72	3.0	37.5	31.8	2.3
877.06	267.33	3.5	39.0	33.3	3.8
879.14	267.96	3.1	37.8	32.1	2.6
881.15	268.57	3.6	39.3	33.6	4.1
883.11	269.17	3.6	39.3	33.6	4.1
890.96	271.56	3.9	40.2	3.1	5.0
893.10	272.22	3.6	39.3	3.0	4.2
895.14	272.84	3.8	40.0	3.1	4.8
898.99	274.01	2.9	37.0	2.8	1.8
900.21	274.38	2.5	35.2	2.7	0.0

Table 12

Moon	Moon	Morozovella spp.		Using temperatures from TEX ^H 86 + 2.5°C				Using temperatures from TEX ^L 86 + 2.5°C			
depth, ft	depth, m	δ ¹⁸ 0 PDB, ‰	T, °C	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} SMOW, ‰	Salinity, psu	T, °C	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} PDB, %0	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} SMOW, ‰	Salinity, psu	
857.05	261.23	-3.11	33.2	0.34	0.62	40.2	26.5	-1.03	-0.75	30.4	
859.00	261.82	-3.21	34.0	0.40	0.68	40.6	27.8	-0.85	-0.57	31.6	
861.15	262.48	-3.63	35.6	0.29	0.57	39.8	29.3	-0.96	-0.68	30.9	
865.14	263.69	-3.79	35.4	0.09	0.37	38.4	33.5	-0.29	-0.01	35.7	
867.08	264.28	-3.30	34.8	0.46	0.74	41.0	30.9	-0.32	-0.04	35.4	
870.94	265.46	-3.32	33.7	0.23	0.51	39.3	29.0	-0.72	-0.44	32.6	
873.08	266.11	-3.50	34.5	0.20	0.48	39.2	31.0	-0.49	-0.21	34.2	
877.01	267.31	-3.43	35.9	0.54	0.82	41.6	32.2	-0.18	0.10	36.4	
881.15	268.57	-3.98	37.6	0.32	0.60	40.0	30.8	-1.00	-0.72	30.5	
883.11	269.17	-3.56	37.3	0.68	0.96	42.6	32.4	-0.27	0.01	35.8	
885.12	269.78	-3.76	37.9	0.60	0.88	42.0	32.2	-0.51	-0.23	34.1	
887.05	270.37	-3.67	37.6	0.63	0.91	42.3	31.6	-0.53	-0.25	34.0	
889.14	271.01	-3.94	38.2	0.48	0.76	41.1	32.1	-0.72	-0.44	32.6	
890.96	271.56	-3.69	37.4	0.58	0.86	41.9	32.2	-0.44	-0.16	34.6	
895.14	272.84	-3.89	37.8	0.45	0.73	40.9	32.7	-0.55	-0.27	33.8	

Table 14

Mean	Mean	Subbotina spp.		Using temperatures from TEXH ₈₆				Using temperatures from TEXL ₈₆			
depth, ft	depth, m	δ ¹⁸ 0 PDB, ‰	T, °C	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} PDB, %0	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} SMOW, ‰	Salinity, psu	T, °C	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} SMOW, ‰	Salinity, psu	
857.05	261.23	-1.78	30.7	1.17	1.45	46.1	24.0	-0.23	0.05	36.1	
859.00	261.82	-2.34	31.5	0.77	1.05	43.2	25.3	-0.51	-0.23	34.1	
861.15	262.48	-2.50	33.1	0.93	1.21	44.4	26.8	-0.34	-0.06	35.3	
863.08	263.07	-2.80	33.0	0.61	0.89	42.0	28.9	-0.22	0.06	36.2	
865.14	263.69	-2.78	32.9	0.62	0.90	42.1	31.0	0.23	0.51	39.3	
867.08	264.28	-2.79	32.3	0.48	0.76	41.2	28.4	-0.31	-0.03	35.5	
869.05	264.89	-2.49	33.6	1.03	1.31	45.1	28.4	-0.01	0.27	37.7	
870.94	265.46	-2.77	31.2	0.29	0.57	39.8	26.5	-0.68	-0.40	32.8	
873.08	266.11	-2.97	32.0	0.24	0.52	39.4	28.5	-0.46	-0.18	34.4	
875.05	266.72	-3.06	34.0	0.54	0.82	41.6	27.8	-0.70	-0.42	32.7	
877.01	267.31	-2.94	33.4	0.54	0.82	41.6	29.7	-0.20	0.08	36.3	
879.14	267.96	-2.97	34.5	0.73	1.01	42.9	28.4	-0.48	-0.20	34.3	
881.15	268.57	-3.20	35.1	0.62	0.90	42.1	28.3	-0.73	-0.45	32.5	
883.11	269.17	-3.39	34.8	0.37	0.65	40.4	29.9	-0.60	-0.32	33.4	
885.12	269.78	-2.98	35.4	0.90	1.18	44.1	29.7	-0.23	0.05	36.1	
887.05	270.37	-3.33	35.1	0.49	0.77	41.2	29.1	-0.70	-0.42	32.7	
889.14	271.01	-3.07	35.7	0.87	1.15	43.9	29.6	-0.35	-0.07	35.2	
890.96	271.56	-3.11	34.9	0.67	0.95	42.5	29.7	-0.36	-0.08	35.1	
893.10	272.22	-3.45	35.5	0.45	0.73	40.9	29.1	-0.83	-0.55	31.8	
895.14	272.84	-2.98	35.3	0.88	1.16	44.0	30.2	-0.14	0.14	36.7	
899.26	274.09	-1.95	30.1	0.88	1.16	44.0	23.0	-0.59	-0.31	33.5	
901.94	274.91	-1.19	29.6	1.54	1.82	48.7	22.6	0.08	0.36	38.3	
903.74	275.46	-1.28	29.7	1.47	1.75	48.2	22.4	-0.07	0.21	37.2	

Table 15

Mean	Mean	δ ¹⁸ 0 _{PF}	Using	Anand et al. (2003) cali for the PETM f	ibration and 2.5 mmol/m rom Cramer et al. (2011)	ol Mg/Ca ratio						
depth, ft	depth, m	PDB, ‰	T, °C	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} PDB, ‰	δ ¹⁸ O _{water} SMOW, ‰	Salinity, psu						
Morozovella spp.												
857.05	261.23	-3.11	32.8	0.26	0.54	39.6						
859.00	261.82	-3.21	32.5	0.10	0.38	38.4						
861.15	262.48	-3.63	33.9	-0.05	0.23	37.4						
865.14	263.69	-3.79	32.3	-0.51	-0.23	34.1						
867.08	264.28	-3.30	33.1	0.12	0.40	38.6						
873.08	266.11	-3.50	34.7	0.23	0.51	39.4						
877.01	267.31	-3.43	33.4	0.05	0.33	38.1						
881.15	268.57	-3.98	32.0	-0.77	-0.49	32.2						
				Acarinina spp.								
859.00	261.82	-2.68	33.4	0.81	1.09	43.5						
873.08	266.11	-2.86	33.3	0.62	0.90	42.2						
881.15	268.57	-3.33	33.8	0.25	0.53	39.5						
890.96	271.56	-3.14	32.6	0.18	0.46	39.0						
893.10	272.22	-3.53	30.9	-0.54	-0.26	33.9						
896.49	273.25	-3.39	30.8	-0.42	-0.14	34.7						
				Subbotina spp.								
861.15	262.48	-2.50	28.1	-0.07	0.21	37.2						
863.08	263.07	-2.80	29.8	-0.03	0.25	37.5						
865.14	263.69	-2.78	31.1	0.26	0.54	39.5						
867.08	264.28	-2.79	31.3	0.27	0.55	39.7						
870.94	265.46	-2.77	31.2	0.28	0.56	39.7						
873.08	266.11	-2.97	31.9	0.21	0.49	39.2						
875.05	266.72	-3.06	31.8	0.10	0.38	38.4						
877.01	267.31	-2.94	33.3	0.53	0.81	41.5						
879.14	267.96	-2.97	32.1	0.26	0.54	39.6						
881.15	268.57	-3.20	33.6	0.32	0.60	40.0						
883.11	269.17	-3.39	33.6	0.14	0.42	38.7						
890.96	271 56	-3.11	34 5	0.60	0.88	42.0						
802.10	271.30	-3 15	37.J 32.6	0.00	0.00	38.3						
805 11	272.22 272.91	-3.43	33.0	0.09	0.37	30.3 A2 7						
800 76	272.04	-2.70	21.2	1 1 2	0.90	42.7						
901 Q <i>1</i> .	274.03	-1.55	205	1.14	1.40	49.7 48.5						

FIGURE CAPTIONS

1. Bulk carbonate δ^{13} C, dinocysts δ^{13} C, *Apectodinium* acme, and TEX₈₆ records across the PETM at Bass River and Wilson Lake Hole A, NJ (figure from Sluijs et al., 2007, using data of Zachos et al., 2006, 2007; Sluijs et al., 2007). CIE = Carbon isotope excursion; SST = sea surface temperature.

2. Location map of New Jersey coreholes: Millville (this study), Clayton, Wilson Lake, and Bass River. Black lines represent projection of coreholes onto the shelf dipprofile (the line perpendicular to Cenozoic outcrop). Gray lines indicate the depth to the K/Pg boundary (base map after New Jersey Geological Survey (NJGS) that is used to project sites to dip profile).

3. Paleoshelf reconstruction across the New Jersey coastal plain and paleodepths of USGS corehole Wilson Lake and two ODP Leg 174AX drilling sites, i.e. Millville (this study) and Bass River, based on a 1:1000 gradient (Steckler et al., 1999). Planktonic foraminifera are shown at depths of their habitats: *Morozovella* (mixed layer dweller), *Acarinina* (deep mixed/intermediate layer dweller), and *Subbotina* (intermediate dweller). Diagrams at the right show changes in temperature, δ^{13} C, oxygen concentration, and amount of nutrients with depth (modified after Esmeray-Senlet et al., in review).

4. Photographs of 2 ft (61 cm) segments of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section of Millville core, NJ. White labels indicate the points and depths of sampling.
5. Percent lithology, biostratigraphy, and δ¹³C_{org} records of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section at Millville, NJ (Harris et al., 2010) with grain size and bulk carbonate δ¹³C data from this study.

6. Photographs of Millville core displaying the lower and upper contacts between Marlboro (M) and Vincentown (VT) Formations (Sugarman, Miller, Browning et al., 2005).

7. The set of membrane lipids of marine Thaumarchaeota, glycerol dibiphytanyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGTs), used for TEX_{86} (Kim et al., 2008).

8. The set of glycerol dibiphytanyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGTs) used for the BIT index: I-III – non-isoprenoid soil-derived GDGTs; IV – crenarchaeol, isoprenoid GDGT of Marine Thaumarchaeota (Hopmans et al., 2004).

9. The BIT values for open marine surface sediments in upper graph and surface soil samples in lower graph (Schouten et al., 2013).

10. Stable isotopic records (δ^{13} C and δ^{18} O) of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., *Subbotina* spp.) and bulk carbonate of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section at Millville, NJ.

11. Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.) and bulk carbonate of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section at Millville, NJ. Rejected data is indicated by empty symbols: empty squares and dimonds indicate possible diagenetic alterations in *Subbotina* spp. and *Morozovella* spp.; empty circles show *Acarinina* spp. with very low calcium concentrations. Yellow area represents intervals of high iron concentration.
12. TEX₈₆ results: values of the original TEX₈₆ (Schouten et al., 2002); TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ (Kim et al., 2010) at Millville, NJ. Carbon isotopic records are shown as stratigraphic control.

13. The BIT values of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene section at Millville, NJ. Carbon isotopic records are shown as stratigraphic control.

14. The chromatogram of the sample from the depth 907.60 ft (276.64 m) at Millville, NJ. Zoomed section shows the distribution of alkenones in the standard and absence of alkenones in the analyzed sample.

15. Calibrated TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ values into temperatures using Kim et al. (2010) equations at Millville, NJ. Carbon isotopic records are shown as stratigraphic control.

16. Temperature records the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene sections in New Jersey cores Millville (this study) and Wilson Lake (data from Zachos et al., 2006 and Sluijs et al., 2007), according to TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ values calibrated with Kim et al. (2010) equations. See figure 1 for core locations. Cores are aligned at the initiation of the carbon isotope excursion (CIE).

17. Temperature records of the uppermost Paleocene-lower Eocene sections in New Jersey cores Millville (this study) and Bass River (data from Sluijs et al., 2007), according to TEX^H₈₆ and TEX^L₈₆ results calibrated with Kim et al. (2010) equations. See figure 1 for core locations. Cores are aligned at the initiation of the carbon isotope excursion (CIE).

18. GDGT ratios proposed by Kim et al. (2010): GDGT ratio-1 and GDGT ratio-2 (original TEX₈₆) at Millville, NJ. Carbon isotopic records are shown as stratigraphic control.

19. Mg/Ca values of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.) calibrated into temperatures using Anand et al. (2003) multispecies

calibration and assuming that Mg/Ca ratio of the seawater was 2.5 mmol/mol during the PETM (Cramer et al., 2011) at Millville, NJ. Right plot shows temperature anomalies for each genus of planktonic foraminifera. Carbon isotopic records are shown as stratigraphic control.

20. Compilation of temperature records at Millville, NJ, obtained from TEXL_{86} and TEXH_{86} calibrations (Kim et al., 2010), Mg/Ca ratio calibrations (Anand et al., 2003) using seawater Mg/Ca ratio of 1.5 mmol/mol and 2.5 mmol/mol.

21. Paleosalinity estimations at Millville, NJ: left - using δ^{18} O of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp.) and temperatures obtained from TEX^L₈₆; center - using δ^{18} O of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp. and *Subbotina* spp.) and temperatures obtained from TEX^H₈₆; and right - using δ^{18} O of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.) and temperatures obtained from Mg/Ca ratio of *Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp. using Anand et al. (2003) equation.

22. Compilation of records at Millville, NJ: % CaCO₃; organic (Harris et al., 2010) and bulk carbonate δ^{13} C; planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.) and bulk carbonate δ^{18} O; temperature calibrated from TEX^L₈₆; and Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.).

23. Thermocline variations during the PETM. Upper plots show data from Millville, NJ: (1) organic (Harris et al., 2010) and bulk carbonate δ^{13} C; (2) planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.) and bulk carbonate δ^{18} O; (3) planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and Subbotina spp.) δ^{13} C; (4) temperature calibrated from TEX^L₈₆; and (5) Mg/Ca ratio of planktonic foraminifera (*Morozovella* spp., *Acarinina* spp., and *Subbotina* spp.). Lower schemes represent three intervals during the PETM: (1) before the CIE onset representing normal thermocline, (2) CIE "core" representing water mixing and a breakdown in the thermocline, and (3) CIE "recovery" representing redevelopment of the thermocline.



Figure 1







Figure 3





Figure 4 Cont.



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Figure 5



Figure 6



Isoprenoid GDGTs





Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15



Figure 16



Figure 17



Figure 18



Figure 19



Figure 20



Figure 21


Figure 22



Figure 23