

THE ZONING CONCEPT IN ENGINEERING GEOLOGICAL MAPPING. EXAMPLE FROM ÖK 52 ST. PETER IN DER AU

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What should be shown on an engineering geological map depends largely on why the map is being produced, in other words its purpose.

It is in the type of information that needs to be shown, and in how the information is presented, that an engineering geological map differs from a conventional geological map.

Here are described the standard methods for preparing engineering maps, but the way should be left open for developments in mapping techniques both in methods of data acquisition and in final presentation on the map sheet.

Engineering geological mapping involves lines (ARCS) on a map around areas (POLYGONS) homogeneous units. Each map unit comprises in general terms a zone - an acceptable concept for an enclosed area. Homogeneity is related to particular geological conditions or engineering properties (INFO) and the concept may be applied to all map scales.

The zoning concept has been developed into a hierarchy:

region

area

zone

district,

each appropriate to particular map scales. Zoning has been applied to delimit different types of engineering geological areas and zones. Zones are delimited on the basis of the general character and structural arrangement of engineering formations.

Geological, hydrogeological and present geodynamic conditions are listed for each zone together with general estimations of engineering geological conditions for construction purposes.

Engineering geological zones of the north part of ÖK 52 St. Peter in der Au are discriminated on

- a) general uniformity of lithological character
- b) the arrangement of engineering formations in the uppermost 10m below the ground surface.

Engineering geological zones are subdivided into subzones on the basis of sequence and thicknesses of individual soil and rock types. Conditions in the subzones are represented by schematic cross-sections of the soils and rocks. Individual zones are indicated by symbols expressing both the genesis and lithology of rocks and soils involved.

As a supporting tool for engineering geological maps and zoning concept has been used the GIS-ARC/INFO. The major advantage of a GIS-ARC/INFO is that it allows us to identify the special relationship between engineering geological map features like hydrogeological conditions and geodynamic processes (landslides, gully erosion etc.)