Revised Nomenclature for the Bakken Formation (Mississippian-Devonian), North Dakota
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The Bakken Formation (Mississippian-Devonian) occurs in two separate units across the basin. The Lower and Upper members of the unit consist of interbedded sandstone and shale. The Lower member typically contains more sandstone, is coarser-grained, and is more than 300 feet thick. The upper member is more shale-dominated and is less than 100 feet thick. The Bakken Formation is overlain by the Three Forks Group and is overlain by the Mississippian-Devonian formations. The Bakken Formation is a valuable source of hydrocarbons, with significant hydrocarbon potential."