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Key Points

- **Coal beds can be very irregular in their configuration**
- **Coal reservoirs are vertically discontinuous**
 - Ash and clastic layers preclude vertical permeability
- **Coal reservoirs are laterally discontinuous**
 - Faults and erosion preclude extensive lateral drainage
- **Coal reservoirs are structurally incompetent and prone to mechanical failure**
- **Coals shrink as their methane is produced**
 - Mechanical failure and permeability losses result



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