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Cover photo: In the young alluvial Tung Kula Ronghai Plain near the Mun River (Nakhon Ratchasima Province), thin bands of iron and manganese nodules (pisoliths) indicate recent laterite formation, as can be seen in new drainage canals such as this. The upper layer of about 0.30 m depth defines the lower limit of the plow pan and as such the limit of the perched water table. The lower pisolithic layer, in contrast, is irregularly developed and defines the upper limit of the main aquifer which moves under pressure into the clay horizon during the rainy season. (See article by Löffler and Kubiniok on page 199.)

