

# Valisettes Formation - VAL

**Authors:** Mourlon & Bayet, 1902: Fr2; Boulvain, Coen & Coen-Aubert, 1993, 1999b.

**Description:** Fine dark-grey, greenish and violet shales with a few thin limestone beds at the base. The shales become nodular in the vicinity of locally developing reddish-pinkish limestone mounds belonging to the Petit-Mont Mbr (see Neuville Fm).

**Stratotype:** Southern Neuvillerailway cut.

**Area:** Typically developed in the Philippeville Massif; it also occurs locally, with reduced thickness, on the southern border (Nismes) and the south-eastern border (Barvaux area) of the Dinant Synclinorium.

**Thickness:** At least 90 m in the type area.

**Age:** Late Frasnian, the Upper *rhenana* conodont Zone starts close to the base of the formation (Coen & Coen-Aubert, 1976; Bultynck et al., 1998).