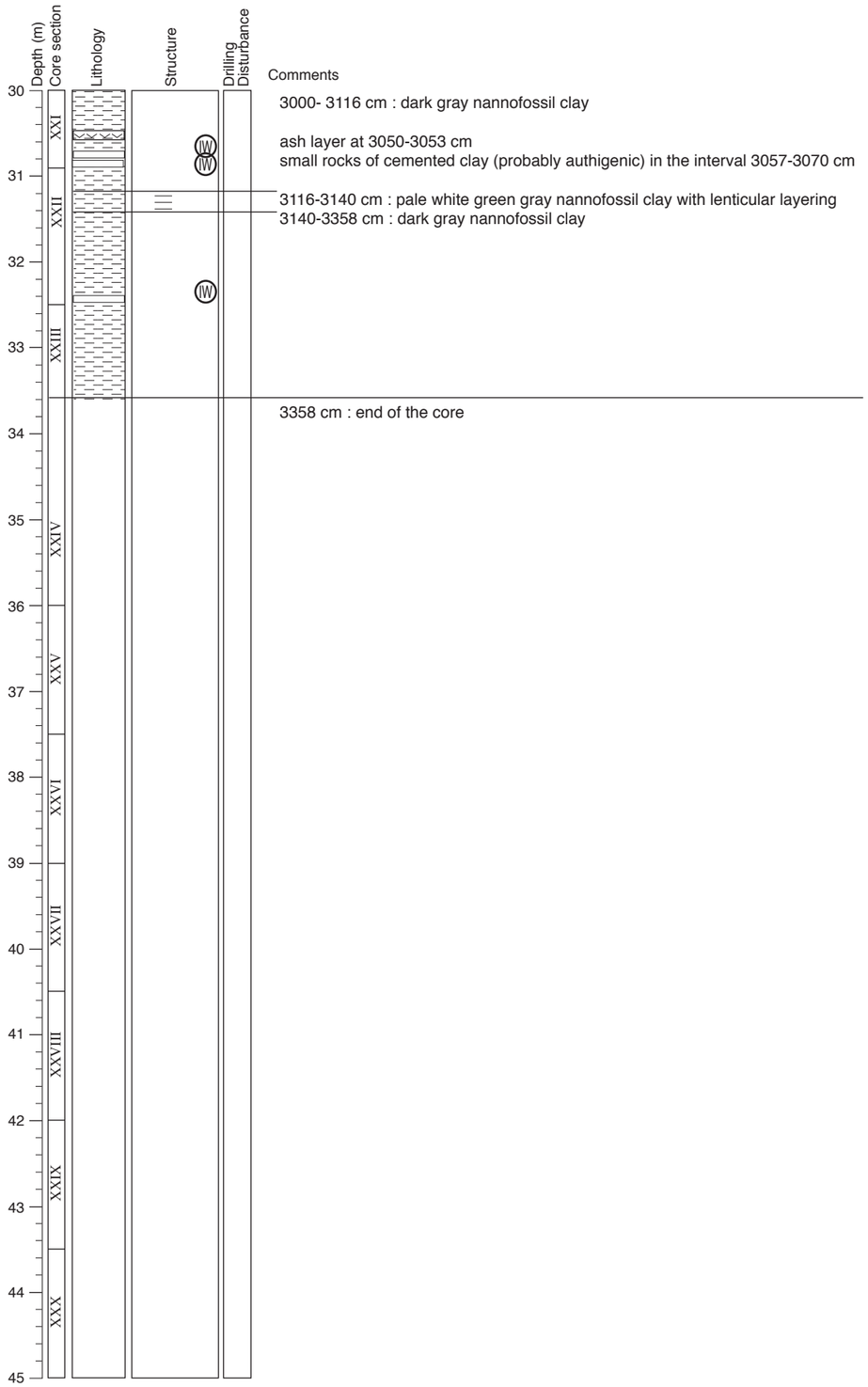Core description (continued)