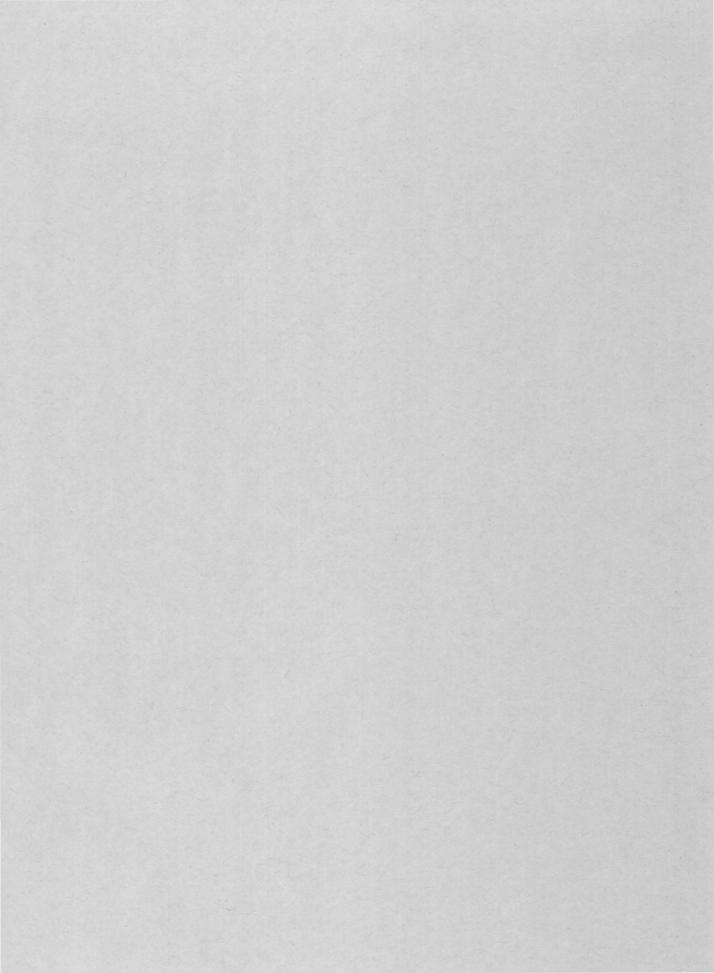
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	4.	Zinc
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	6.	Manganese 1
	7.	Molybdenum 1
	8.	Vanadium 1
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	11.	Uranium 1
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#### INTRODUCTION

The Arizona portion of the Mineral Resource Data System (MRDS; formerly the Computerized Resource Information Bank, CRIB) file is now accessible to the public. This portion of the file currently comprises approximately 3,300 records which contain information on the location, geology, and production of metallic- and a few nonmetallic-mineral commodities in Arizona. These records are stored in a mainframe computer at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Reston, Va. The data are dynamic; new information is added as it becomes available, and existing records are corrected as errors are found. Public inquiries may be addressed to the Regional MRDS Representative at the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22092, or at the U.S. Geological Survey, 345 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Procedures for public access be obtained through can either of these representatives.

Several methods of retrieval are available for MRDS records, including computer printouts of entire records or parts of records, and (or) map plots for selected areas. All retrieval forms allow highly selective searches of the file so that the user can obtain the specific information required.

Arizona MRDS records provide a source of resource information compiled from published literature, private reports and files, and field examinations by the reporters. The information is nonproprietary.

Most of the Arizona MRDS records are for metallic-mineral commodities, although data are also included for uranium and asbestos, which are important fuel and nonmetallic-mineral commodities, respectively. The file omits information on construction materials such as sand and gravel, industrial minerals, geothermal resources, organic fuels, and coal, either because such materials are widespread and generally available, the information about these commodities is included in other data bases, or the commodity is not geologically or economically important in Arizona.

Acknowledgements.—Compilation relies on data from many sources. Some of the many people who have organized and entered data into the Arizona portion of the file include Kris H. Johnson, Robert K. Hall, Jan L. Zigler, Daniel J. Bright, Joy L. Harner, Edward Geary, and Royce Jones, all of the USGS in Menlo Park, Calif.; and Don E. Gest, Susan R. Calder, Frances A. Roth, Peter H. Laraba, Ed H. DeWitt, Kathryn L. Steinzig, and Ignacio J. Rogriguez, all of the Arizona Bureau of Geology and Mineral Technology (ABGMT). While at the ABGMT, Jan Wilt compiled comprehensive information about the molybdenum occurrences in Arizona, and much of the molybdenum information in the Arizona records was extracted from her compilation. Special thanks are due to Donald F. Huber of the USGS in Menlo Park, Calif., who coordinated the contracts with the ABGMT. Several geologists of the USGS made their field notes available for entry into the file; these geologists include Roger P. Ashley, Roger D. Dockter, Warren E. Yeend, William J. Keith, and Norman G. Banks. To these and others who provided data and assistance for the completion of the Arizona records, I am very grateful.

#### PURPOSE OF THE ARIZONA MRDS RECORDS

MRDS records in general and the Arizona MRDS records in particular are designed to be working reference sources for solving various administrative and geologic problems. The data can be used to assess known and potentially locatable mineral resources, to provide a first-time look at the mineral deposits within a new study area, and to serve as a research tool for compiling regional metallogenic data.

#### COMPLEMENTARY FILES

Arizona MRDS records complement other resource files containing data pertaining to organic fuels, water resources, geothermal resources, and coal resources, as described briefly by the Office of the Data Administrator (1983). Information about the economic factors of production of metallic- and nonmetallic-mineral commodities is stored in the Minerals Availability System (MAS) of the U.S. Bureau of Mines (1974). Those MRDS records for Arizona which can be linked to records in MAS are indicated in the file-link field of each MRDS record. MAS information is available from the U.S. Bureau of Mines, Western Field Operations Center, E. 315 Mountgomery Avenue, Spokane, WA 99107.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

The Arizona portion of the MRDS file currently contains 3,301 records similar to those listed in table 1, which shows one record with a large amount and one with a small amount of information to illustrate the range of information contained in each record, whereas most records lie somewhere between the two examples. An individual record may contain information about the deposit's location, the commodities present, its exploration history, the size and shape of the deposit, mining information, geologic data, and at least one reference (Keefer and Calkins, 1978). Generally, these references include one or two main published references to which the user can refer for additional information, although some of the records were generated solely from field notes or unpublished nonproprietary file data.

Locational information is stored in at least one of three ways: latitude and longitude; universal-transverse-mercator (UTM) coordinates; and township, range, and section. Those deposits that could not be located to within a mile of their actual site are omitted from MRDS.

Much of the production data for Arizona is currently stored on magnetic tape and is not yet in a form compatible with MRDS. When transformation of these data to an MRDS-compatible format is complete, they will be entered into MRDS.

The Arizona portion of MRDS contains records on large operational mines, mined-out localities, small mines, prospects, and occurrences. Records for mines that have produced more than 100 tons of ore are fairly complete, whereas information about small mines, prospects, and occurrences is less systematically included and reflects, in part, the amount of information about the commodity and (or) the objectives of the reporter.

The MRDS file is accessed by a storage-and-retrieval system known as the General Information Processing System (GIPSY), which allows for the change of existing information, entering of new information, and deletion of old or incorrect information. It is also the means by which MRDS is accessed during a retrieval.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The data collected for the Arizona records came from various sources within the USGS and the ABGMT. Most of these data came from published literature, both old and recent. At the outset, skeletal records were constructed from U.S. Bureau of Mines card files and State commodity sheets for Arizona housed at the former Conservation Division of the USGS (now part of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, but no longer a distinct organizational These records were subsequently expanded entity). into the current data set by updating the existing information and by adding records for mines not in the original list. Several M.S. and Ph.D. theses provided data on specific districts or mines. The ABGMT drew on their numerous files of notes and clippings and used information from MAS. Finally, several records were assembled from data collected by USGS geologists during the Resource and Land Information (RALI) program carried out in 1973-74; these records are concerned primarily with small unnamed prospects.

#### COVERAGE AND ACCURACY

The Arizona records are a compilation of known information primarily based on a search of existing literature and unpublished files. Each record has been checked for location accuracy to within one mile of the reported location, although most location data are much more accurate. A designation of accuracy as "accurate" or "estimated" was recently instituted for MRDS records and all newer records include these designations. On older records, this information was filled in during a final check of the data. To locations that were reported within a quarter-section or where I thought I knew how the reporter had filled in the data, I assigned the designation of "accurate"; to all other locations, I assigned the designation of "estimated."

Because of the many people working on the compilation simultaneously and because of the changing standards of reporting over the many years during which these data were collected, earlier records varied widely and were inconsistent. Therefore, once most of the records were stored in the computer, an effort was made to update the data to the current standards. Keypunching errors are also inevitable in a data base this large. To minimize such problems, several fields were checked and changed as In addition to adding a designation of necessarv. "accurate" or "estimated" to the locations in older records, the latitude and longitude of each record were checked to ensure that they fell within the quadrangle reported in the record. If they did not, the location (or on some records the quadrangle) was changed. The ABGMT recently redefined the mining districts in Arizona, so records with older district names have been changed to conform with these new names.

Several fields, most commonly those for mineralogy and deposit type, may have the designation "unknown." This designation ordinarily means that the source documents did not provide this information and that the reporter was unable to extrapolate the information from nearby localities or to infer it from the geology of the area. Also, any of the required fields found blank at the final check of the record given the designation "unknown" because were insufficient time was available to check the geologic maps and literature for each deposit. Deposits with no entry for deposit name were designated "unnamed Deposits without a yes or no production deposit." designation were generally presumed not to have produced, on the basis of other information in the record; a few deposits were designated undetermined ("und"); and a few others indicated a small production.

Of course, every record could not be proofread in detail to correct spelling or keypunching errors, but an effort was made to correct spelling errors in the ore-mineralogy field.

Mention needs to be made about the deposit-size designation for some of the Colorado Plateau uranium deposits. The literature commonly does not cite a size for individual deposits, but only for districts, so the reporter used this district designation for each deposit. Where this usage has been followed, one of the comments fields alerts the user to this fact.

#### MAPS OF MINERAL OCCURRENCES

The following maps (figs. 2-23) provide a visual overview of the contents of the Arizona portion of MRDS and give a general indication of the overall sizes of the various deposits (although deposit size does not necessarily indicate the importance of the given commodity within the deposit). The main geologic provinces of Arizona—the Basin and Range, the Colorado Plateau, and the Plateau/Basin and Range transition zone (fig. 1)—are reflected in the distribution of mineral commodities. The maps are arranged in the following order: Base metals (Cu, Pb, Zn), ferroalloy metals (Fe, Mn, Mo, V), precious metals (Au, Ag), uranium, tungsten, mercury, asbestos, barium (as barite), and less abundant metals (Sb, As, Be, Cd, Se, Te, Bi, Cr, Co, Ni, Li, Nb + Ta, the rare-earth elements, Th, Sn). These maps were compiled directly from the computer and have not been edited or reviewed for conformity with USGS standards and nomenclature. At the small scale of these maps, many points are not resolvable, but better resolution can be obtained by compiling at a larger scale.

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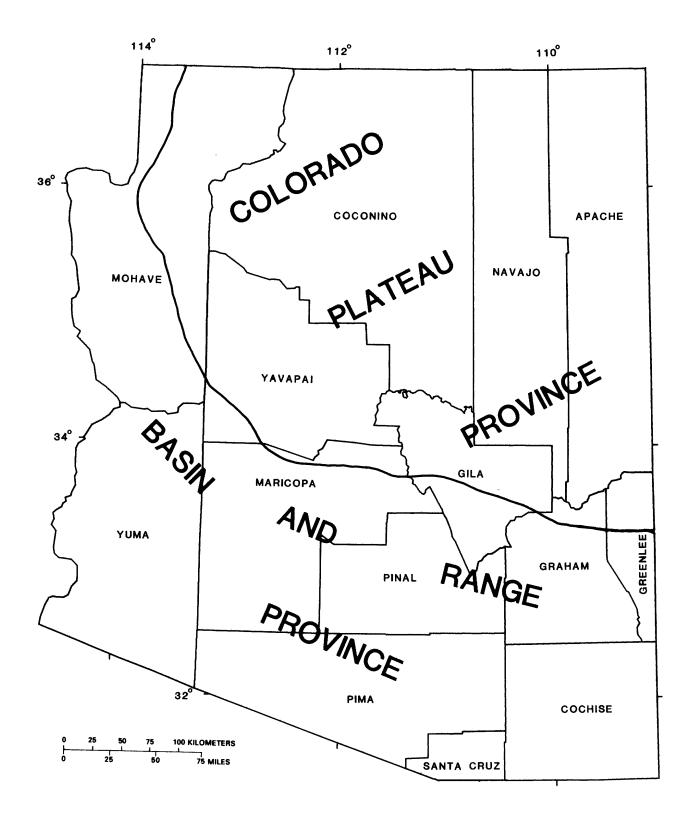


Figure 1.--Sketch map of Arizona showing physiographic provinces and county boundaries.

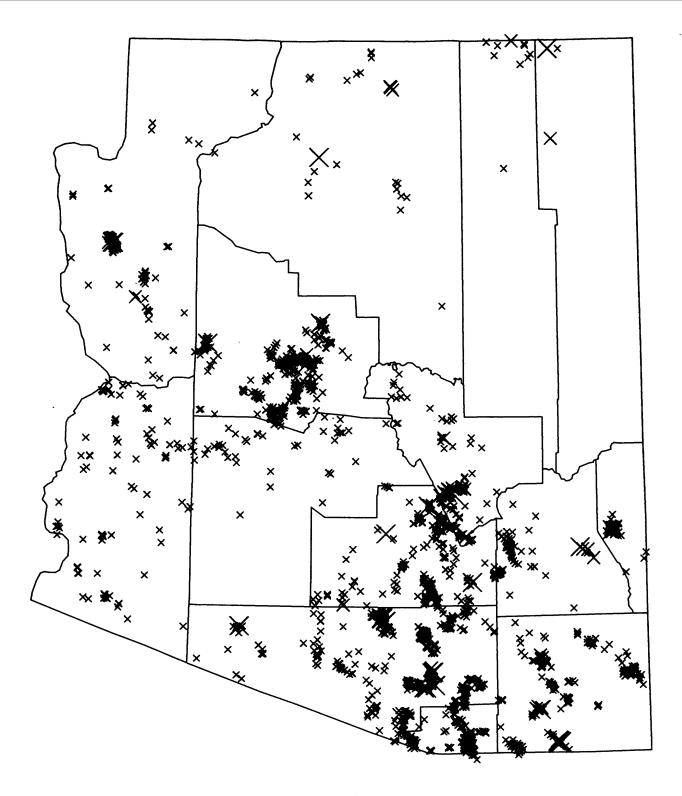


Figure 2.--Deposits and occurrences of copper (X's) listed in the Arizona MRDS records. Note.--In this and the following figures (2-23) sizes of symbols indicate relative sizes of deposits and occurrences, but not necessarily amounts of the specified commodity present.

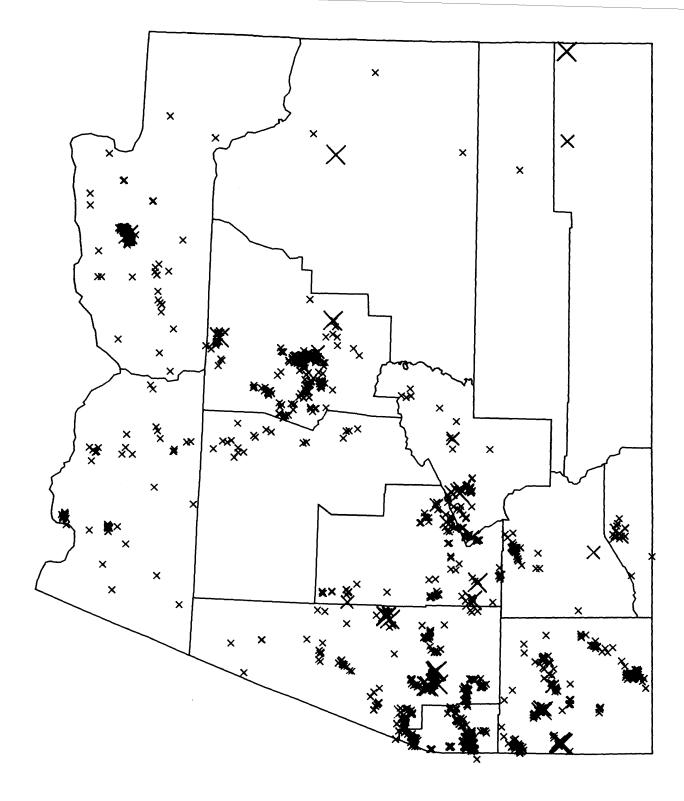


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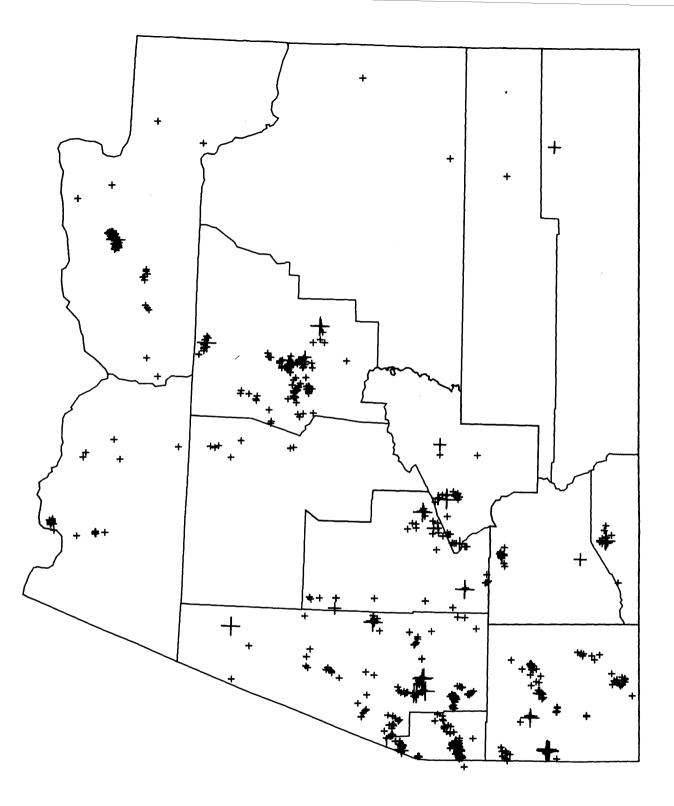
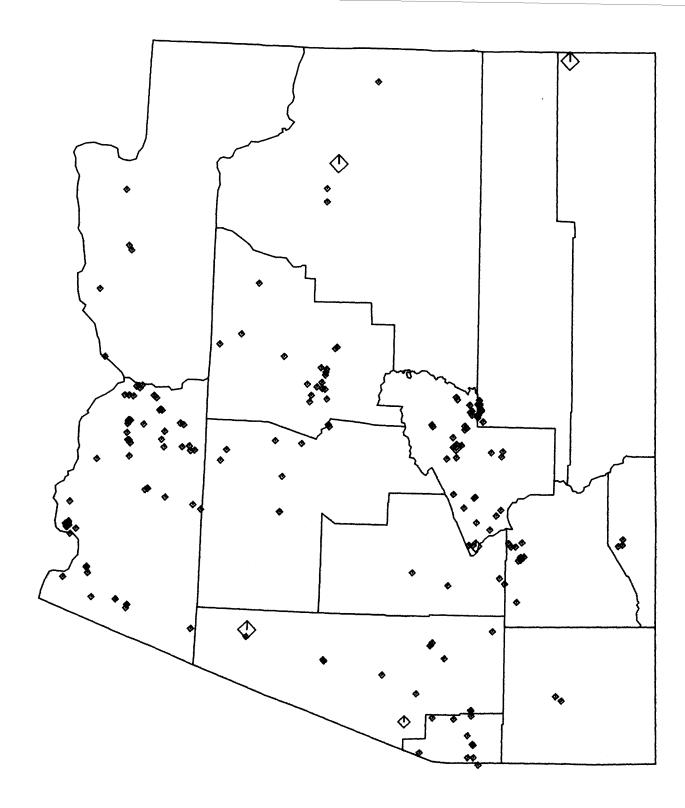
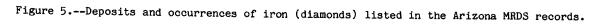


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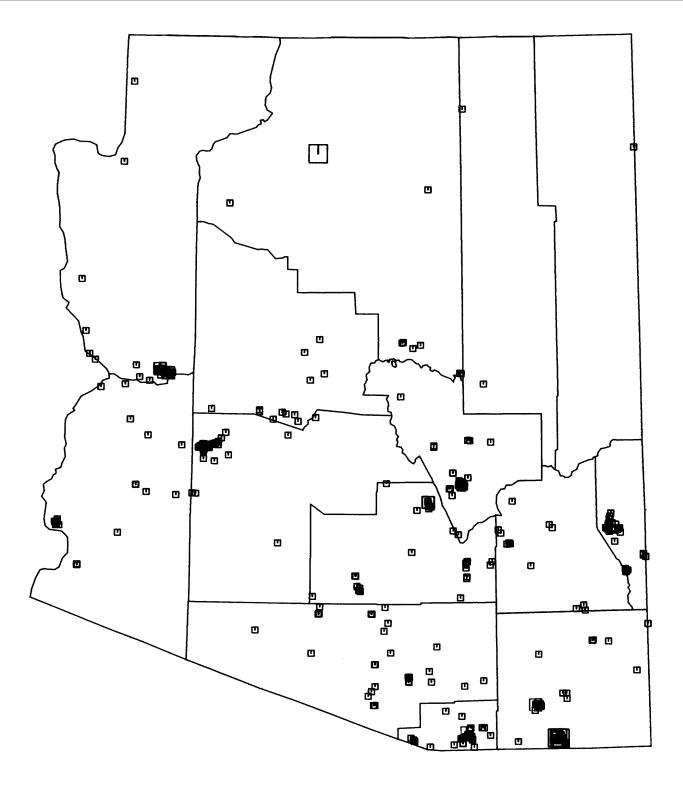


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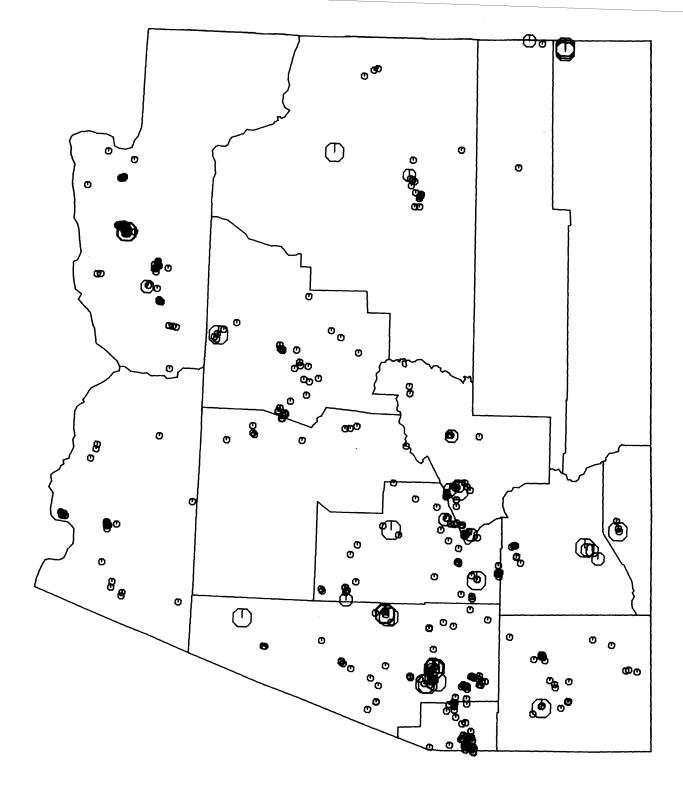
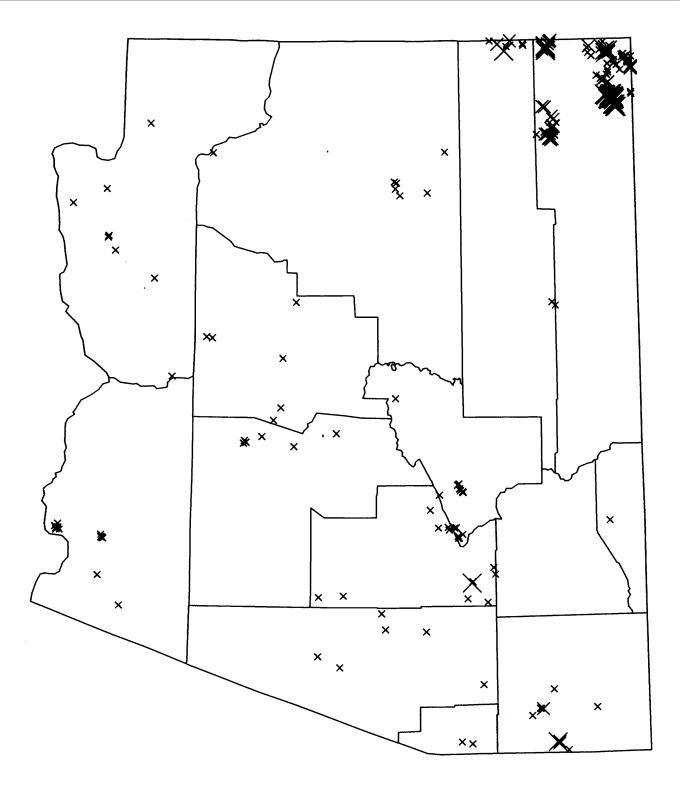
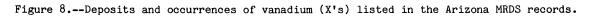


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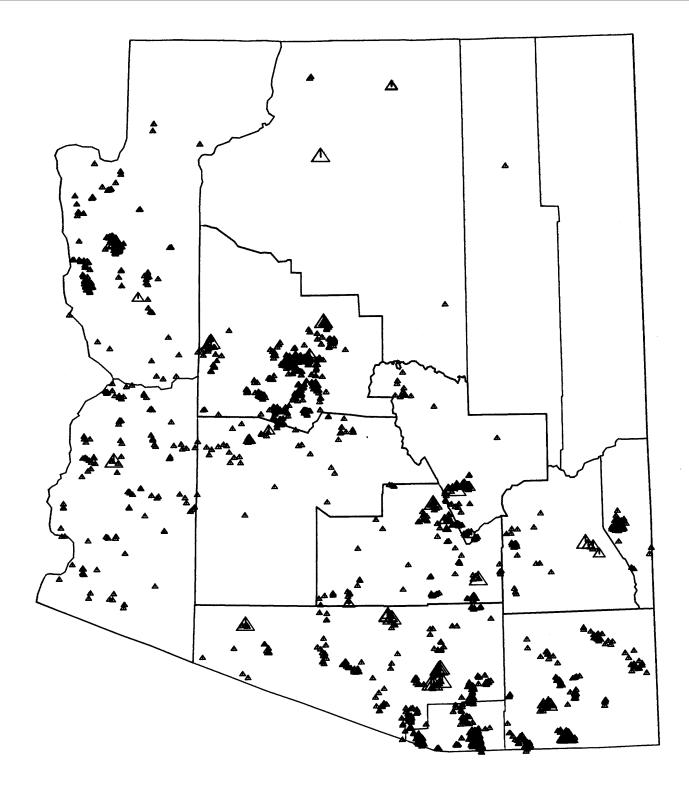


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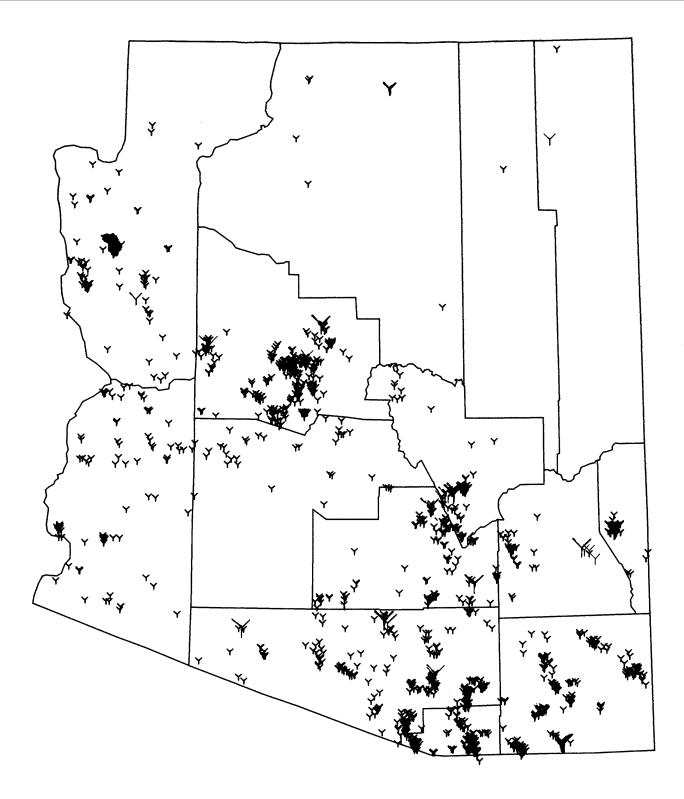
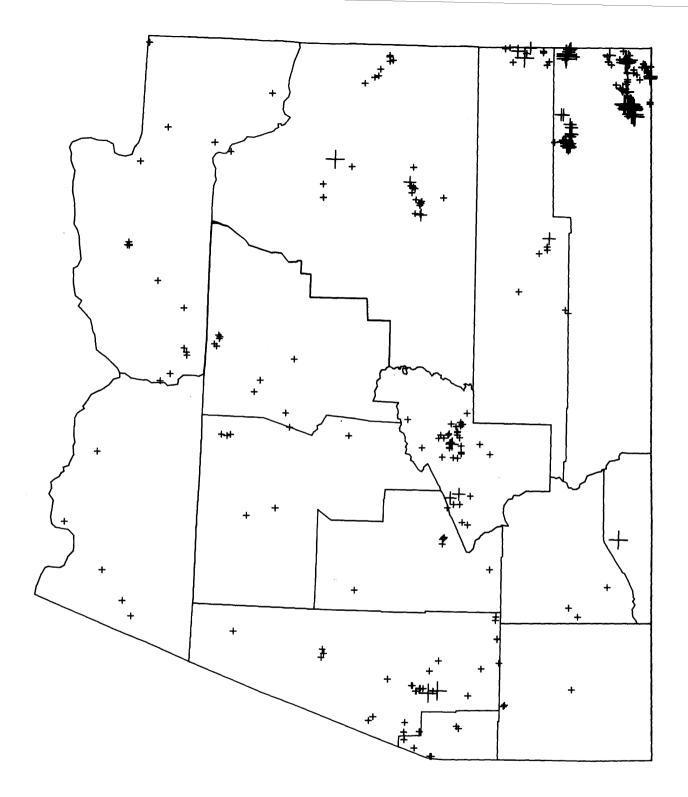
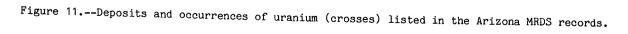
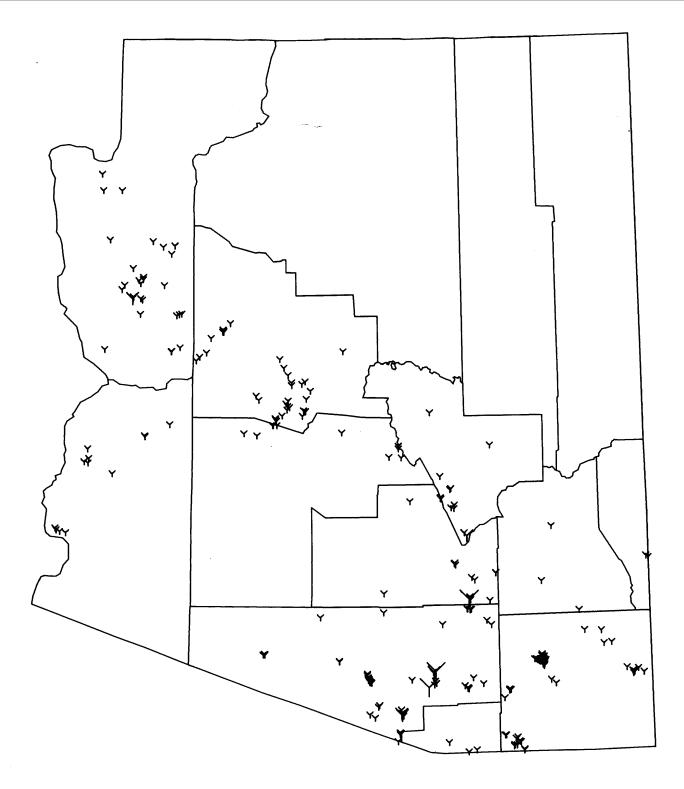
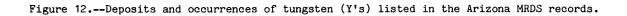


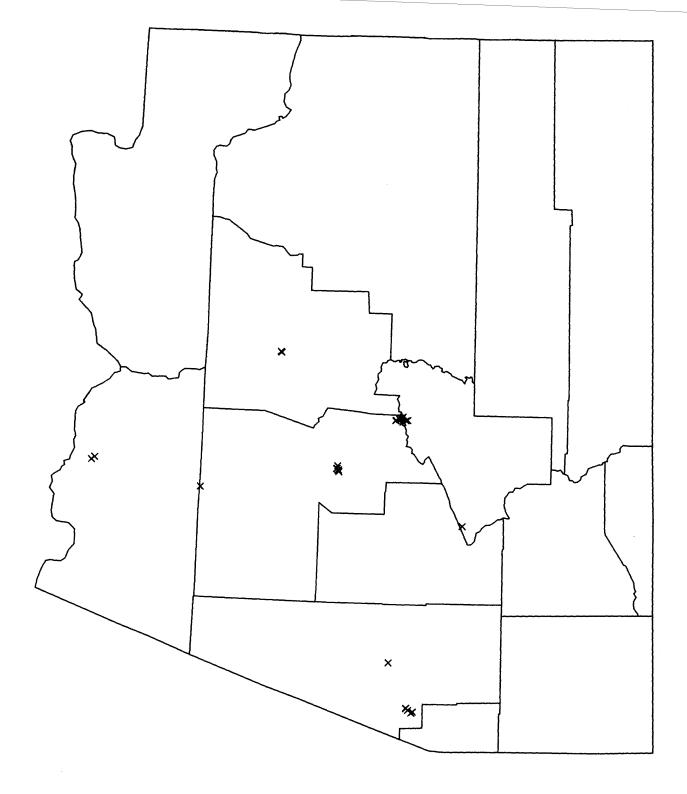
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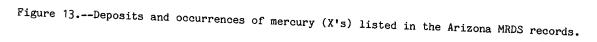


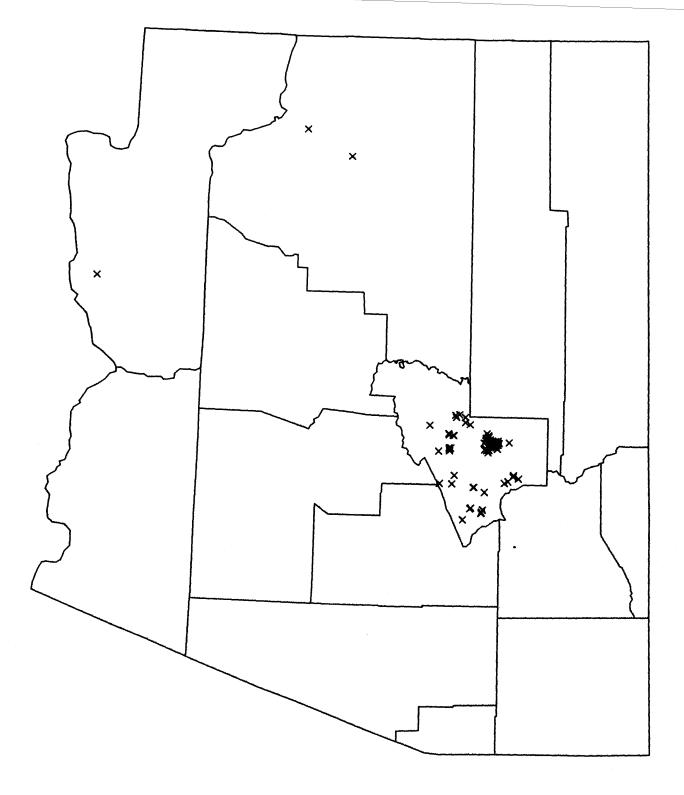


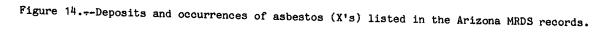


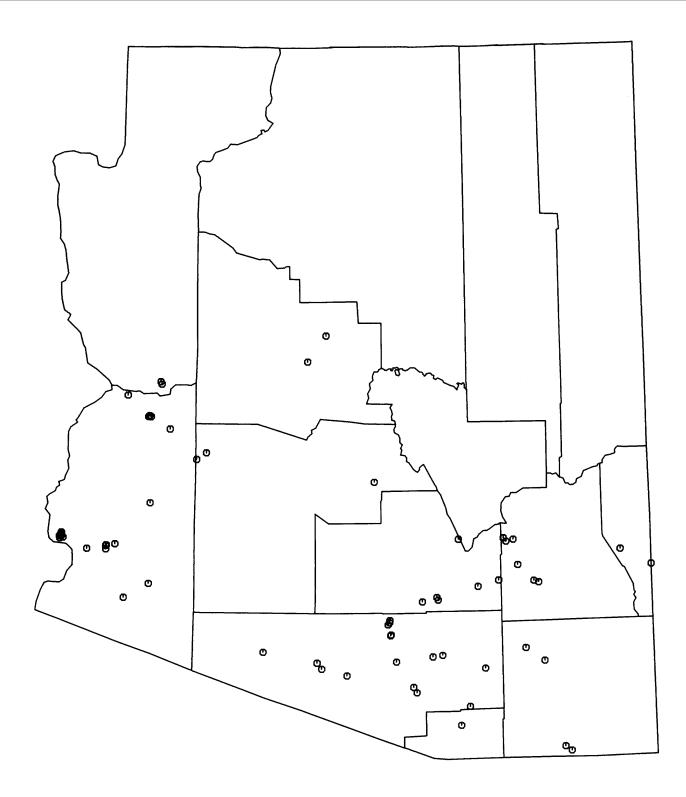


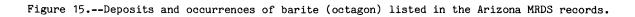












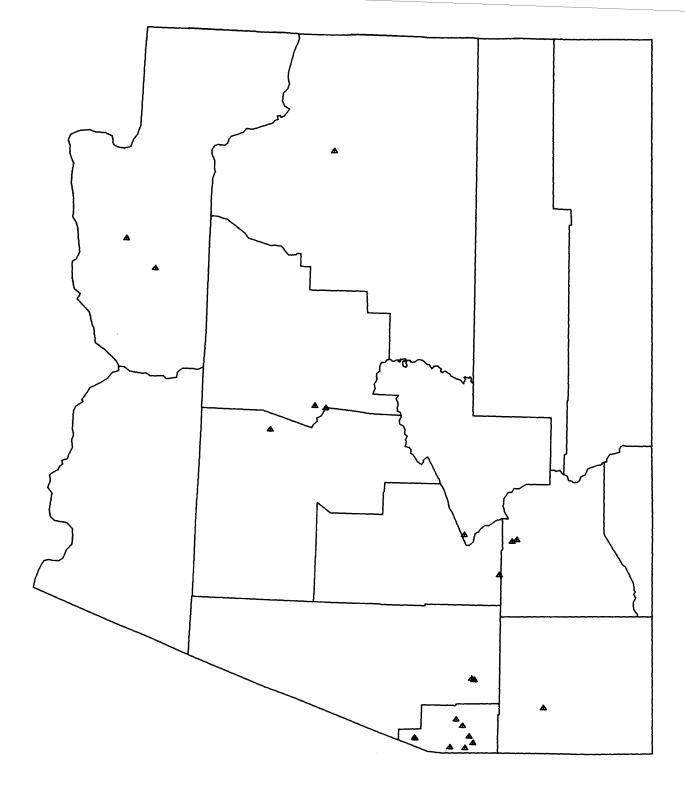
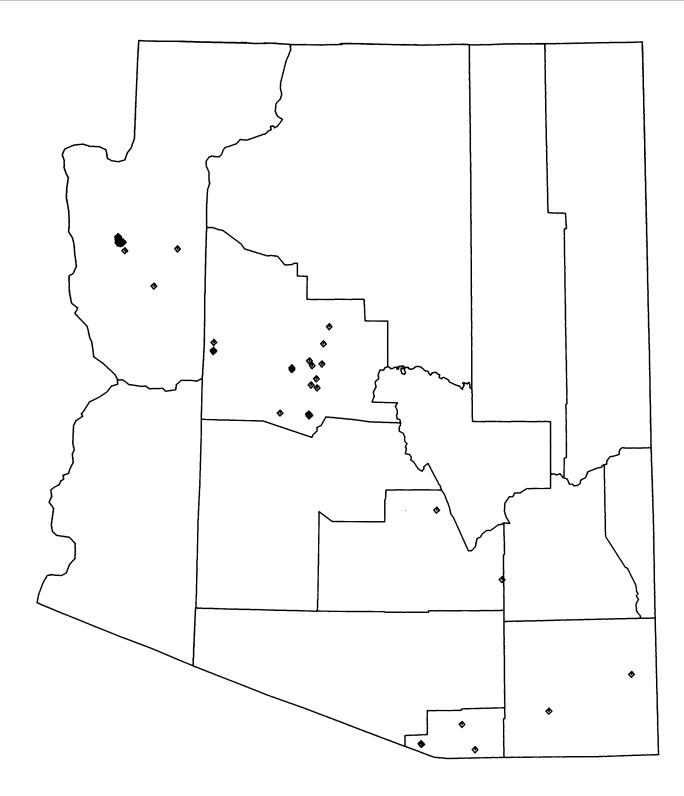
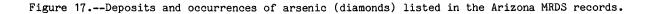
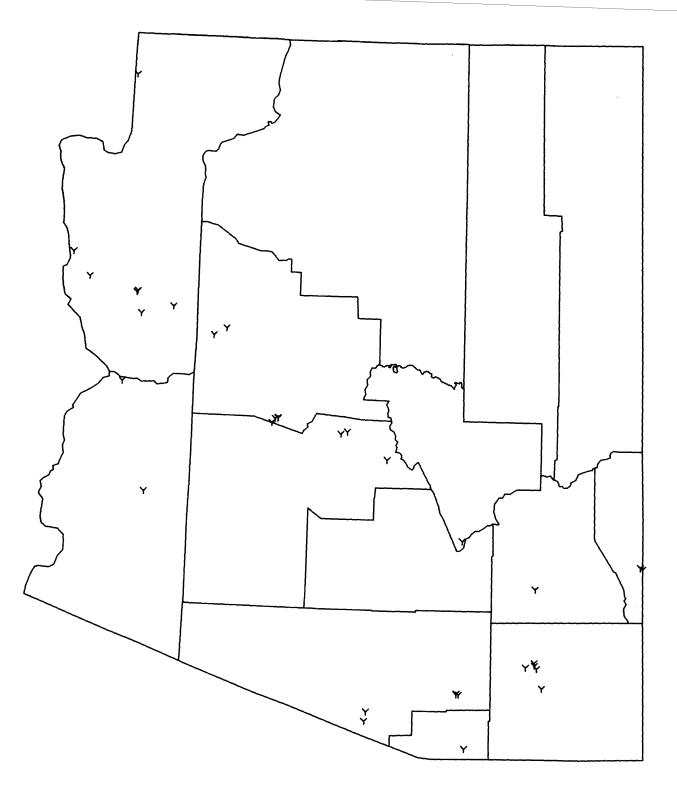


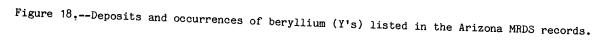
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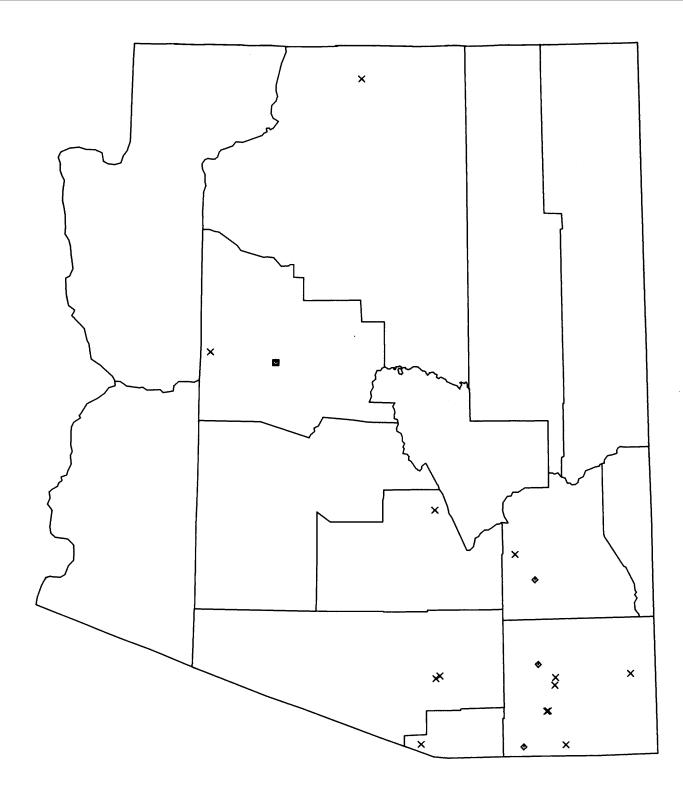


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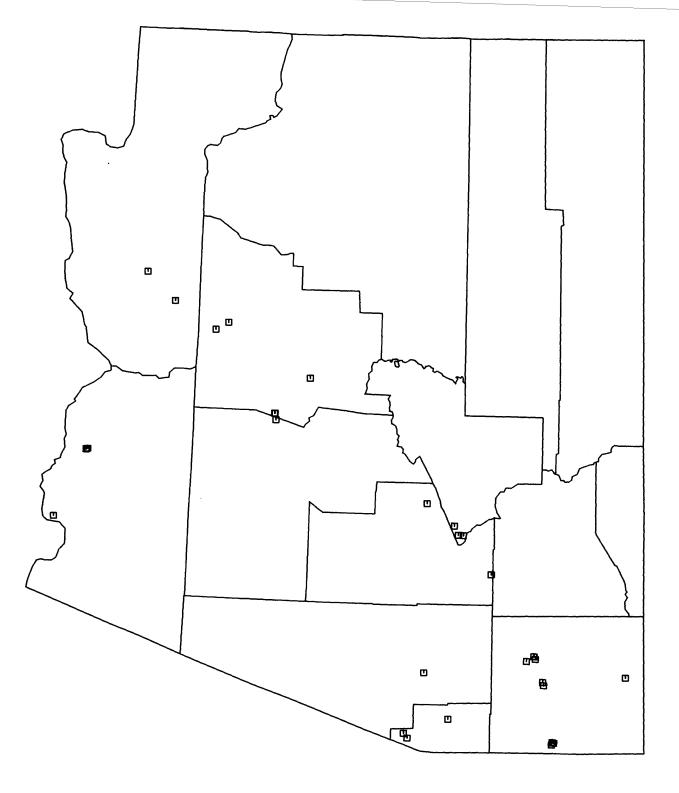


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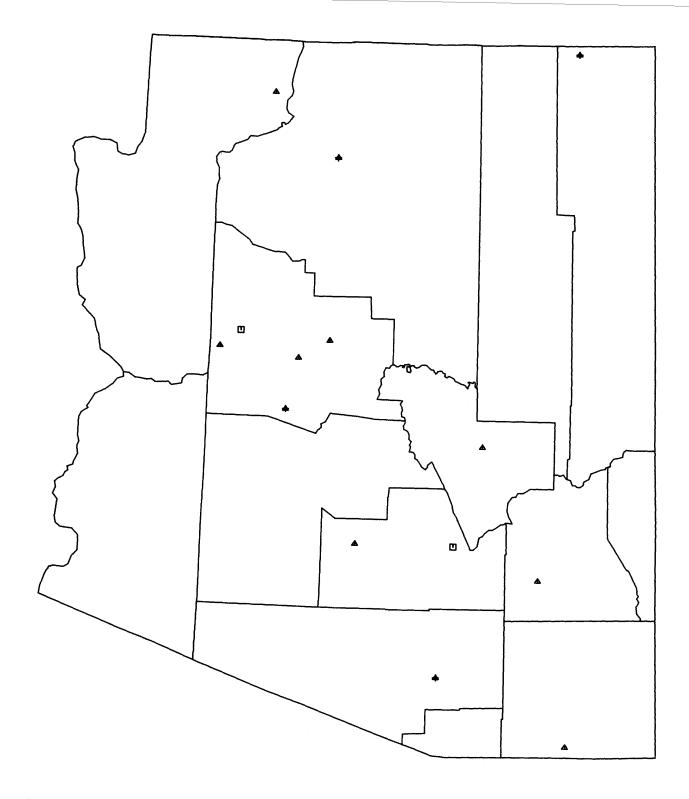


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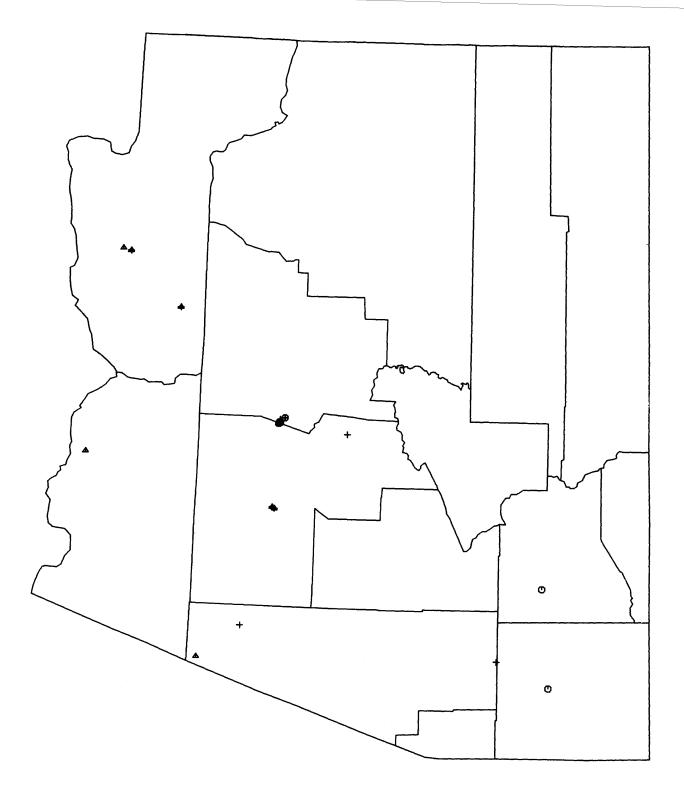


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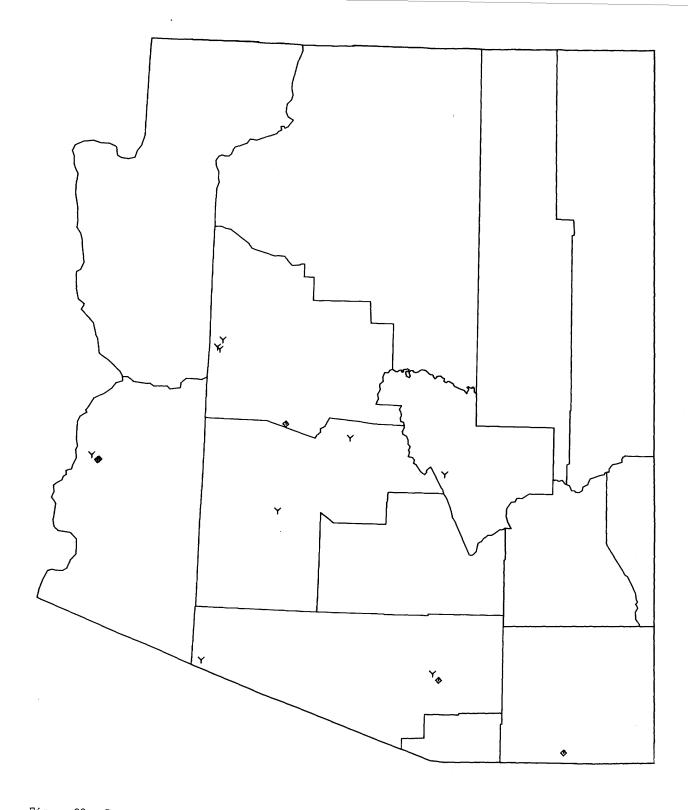


Figure 23.--Deposits and occurrences of thorium (Y's) and tin (diamonds) listed in the Arizona MRDS records.

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DESCRIPTION OF WORKINGS SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND NEPTH OF WORKINGS BELOW SURFACE. 1000 OVERALL LENGTH OF MINFO AREA.... 2500 FT FT OVERALL WIUTH OF MINED AREA ..... 3000 FT COMMENTS (DESCRIP. OF WURKINGS) : 010 MIAMI UNDERGROUND WORKINGS, OPEN PIT. MIAMI EAST UNDER DEVELO PMENT (1980) WITH PLANNED PRODUCTION OF 2000 T/DAY PRODUCTION YES LARGE PRODUCTION ANNUAL PRODUCTION (ORE + COMMOD. + CONC. + OVERBURD.) ITEM ACC AHOUNT THOUS.UNITS YEAR GRADE, REMARKS 1 CU CU EST Số ST 1972 0.7% CU, MIAMI 1973 0.7% CU, MIAMI 41 ST 2 3 EST 1973 0.02% MO, MIAMI 1971 0.7% CU. INSPIRATION 1972 0.7% CU. INSPIRATION **\10** EST ST 45 CU 50 CU Sn ST мО EST 6 i st 1972 0.025 MO, INSPIRATION 1973 0.78 CU, INSPIRATION 7 CŪ 41 ST EST A 40 EST 1973 0.02% MO. INSPIRATION CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION (ORE.COMMOD..CONC..OVERBUR.) ACC AMOUNT THOUS ACC 00130303 TONS ACC 02152143 LBS ACC 1766.474 OZ ACC 0036.616 OZ ITEM AMOUNT THOUS. UNITS YEAR GRADE, KEMARKS 15 ORE 16 CU 17 AG 18 AU 1920-1978 MIAMI 1920-1978 MIAMI 1920-1978 MIAMI 1920-1978 MIAMI ACC 2177.876 LBS ACC 252281.1 TONS ACC 04029795 LBS 19 NO 1949-1959 MIAMI 20 ORE 1920-1978 INSPIRATION INSPIRATION 21 CU 1920-1978 27 AG ACC 0813.787 0Z ACC 0013.523 0Z 1920-1978 INSPIRATION DA ES 1920-1978 INSPIRATION RESERVES AND POTENTIAL RESOURCES ACC AMOUNT THOUS.UNITS YEAR GRADE OR USE EST 147249 ST 1975 .70% CU. .02 ITEM 1 ORE 1975 .70% CU. .024 MU 1032 ST EST 1975 CU 2 29 ST ٦ MO EST 1975 GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY AGE OF HOST HOCKS ..... PREC. TERT HOST ROCK TYPES ..... SCHIST GRANITE AGE OF ASSUC. IGNEOUS ROCKS .. TERT 62 M.Y. TONFOUS ROCK TYPES ..... GRANITE AGE OF MINERALIZATION ..... TERT 58 M.Y. PERTINENT MINERALOGY ..... QUARTZ. PYRITE TMPORTANT ORE CONTROL/LOCUS.. SCHISTOSITY (NSDE, STEEP SE) CONTROLLED INSTRUSION OF SCHULTZE GRAN ITE & Hydrothermal (solutions) that deposited primary sulfide minerals I OCAL GEOLOGY NAMES/AGE UF FORMATIONS, UNITS, OR ROCK TYPES 1) NAME: PINAL SCHIST AGE: PHEC NAMES/AGE OF IGNEOUS UNITS OR IGNEOUS ROCK TYPES 1) NAMEI SCHULTZE GRANITE (PORPHYRITIC QUARTZ MUNZONITE) AGE: TERT 62 M.Y. STGNIFICANT LOCAL STRUCTUREST LOW ANGLE BUILDUG FAULT, MIANI FAULT- BOTH CUTTING ARE INTO DISTIN CT PIECES SIGNIFICANT ALTERATION: SILICIFICATION, SERICITIZATION, BIOTIZATION, HYDRATION, ARGILLIZAT ION, ORTHOCLAZATION GEOLOGICAL PRUCESSES OF CONCENTRATION OR ENRICHMENT: Supergene Enrichment, much of which occurred before most of faulti ng & tilting in Area COMMENTS (GEOLOGY AND MINERALUGY): MIGMER GRADE MINERALIZATION UCCURS AS BANDS ALONG MIAMI & PINTO FA ULTS BETWEEN JOE BUSH & BULLDOG FAULTS. MONYBOENITE WAS LAST STAGE OF HYPOGENE MINERALIZATION GENERAL COMMENTS THIS REPORT REPRESENTS A MERGER OF URIGINAL RECORD MU03084 WITH RE CURDS M003085 & W002673 OF JAN WILT IN MOLYBORNUM FILE, CONTACT PERSUN T.G. THEODORE, USGS GENERAL REFERENCES 1) PETERSON, 1962, USGS OP 342 2) OLMSTED & JOHNSON, 1966, IN TITLEY & HICKS, UNIV OF AZ PRESS 3) ABH FILE DATA 4) FLSING & MEINEMAN, 1936, AUM BULL 140 5) SIMMONS & REED, 1962, AZ GEOL SOC 13TH FIELD CONF-MOGOLLON RIM

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