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INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared as part of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) minerals resource inventory of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units in southwest Colorado (fig. 1). Barringer Research Incorporated conducted a geochemical and geostatistical study of the area in which 1200 stream-sediment samples were analyzed and the results statistically processed. Geophysical data from an airborne electromagnetic and an airborne radiometric survey were also incorporated in the results of the study.

The area is located in the western San Juan Mountains, between Silverton and Lake City, Colorado (fig. 1). The study was done to further assess the mineral potential of this area. Analysis of the results indicate that there are areas of potential mineralization, and that continued exploration activity is warranted. The basic information pertaining to this study has been released in the following U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Open-file reports:

USGS Open-File Report 80-541, 1980, "Stream-sediment geochemical survey of the Bureau of Land Management's American Flats-Silverton Planning Unit in southwest (Lake City area) Colorado."

USGS Open-File Report 80-917, 1980, "Helicopter airborne electromagnetic survey (using the Dighem^{II} system) of parts of the Lake City caldera, Hinsdale County, Colorado."

USGS Open-File Report 81-568, 1981, "Contour maps of uranium, uranium-thorium ratio, and total field magnetics, Lake City area, San Juan Mountains, Colorado."

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ABSTRACT

A mineral assessment of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units was undertaken by Barringer Research Incorporated under the terms of contract YA-512-CT9-229 with the Bureau of Land Management. The study took the form of a geochemical-geostatistical survey in which 1200 stream sediment samples were collected and analyzed for a broad range of elements. Geochemical results were submitted to statistical processing which included factor, discriminant, multiple regression and characteristic analysis. Particular attention was given to the integration of conceptual geological models of vein, porphyry and volcanic uranium mineralization in the geostatistical interpretation. Geophysical data provided by the United States Geological Survey was incorporated in the final stages of assessment of the results of the study.

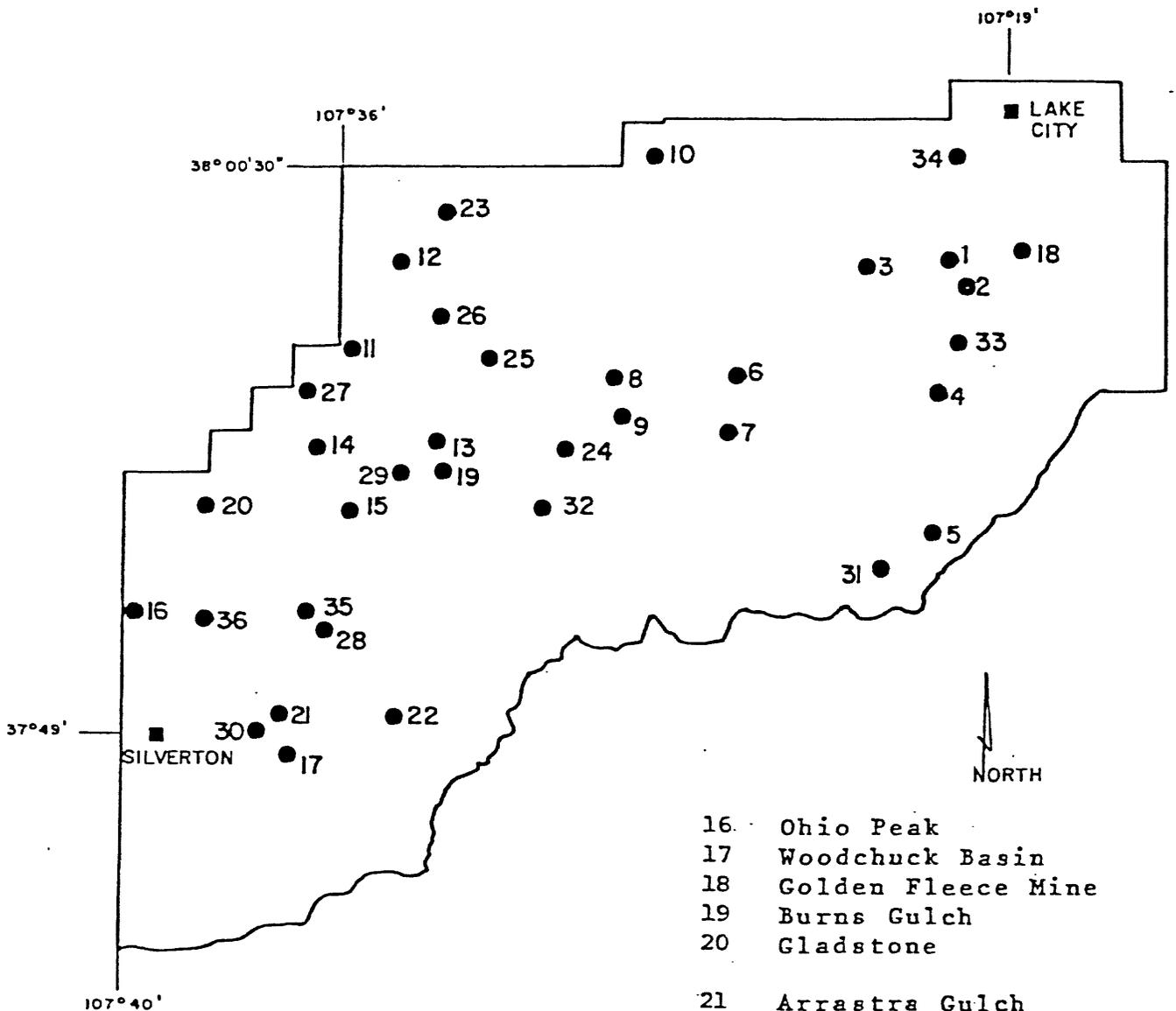
The area has a long and varied mining history and the survey results confirmed the vein mineral potential for base and precious metals, and directed attention toward areas that might warrant continued exploration activity. Areas that might have potential for porphyry and volcanic uranium mineralization were also defined. The multivariate geochemical/geological approach proved to be an effective method for rapid mineral assessment of the survey area.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1) Geology, geochemistry, and geostatistical analyses indicate that continued exploration activity is warranted over most of the study area.
- 2) Thirty-six areas of specific interest for further work and interpretation are listed in Table 1 and the locations are referenced in Figure 1.
- 3) Models and training areas used in the multivariate geostatistics were unique, generally well defined, and useful aids in the interpretation of the geochemistry applied to mineral assessment of the area.
- 4) The geophysics flown over the area was incorporated in the interpretation at the final stage of the study, and tended to complement the geological and geochemical data.
- 5) The methods employed in this study provided a rapid and comprehensive means of assessing the mineral potential of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units and can be used as a model for future area-wide mineral evaluation programs.

TABLE 1
AREAS WARRANTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

AREA	Geochemical Parameters											Factor Analysis				Discriminant Analysis				Characteristic Analysis		Multiple Regression Residuals		Geophysics		
	As	Ba	Be	Co	Cu	Mo	Ni	Pb	U	U/Th	V	Zn	1	3	I	II	III	IV	XII	Vol	Porphyry	Uranium	Mag High	Mag Low	eu	
Red Mountain Gulch	X														X					X	X					
Alpine Gulch								X												X	X					
Williams Creek	X							X				X								X	X					
Cascade Gulch											X									X	X					
Redcloud Peak	X																									
Sunshine Peak	X																									
Burrows Park	X																									
Grizzley Gulch	X																									
Capital City																										
Houghton Mtn.																										
Redcloud-Palmetto Gulch	X																									
Grouse Gulch																										
Hanson Peak																										
Eureka Gulch																										
Ohio Peak																										
Woodchuck Basin																										
Golden Fleece Mine	X																									
Burns Gulch	X																									
Gladstone	X																									
Arrastra Gulch																										
Galena Mtn.	X																									
Dolly Varden Mtn.																										
Handie's Peak																										
Wood Mtn.																										
Hurricane Basin	X																									
Hurricane Peak	X																									
Porcupine Gulch																										
Picayne Gulch																										
Blair Gulch																										
Wager Gulch																										
Jones Mtn.																										
Niagara Peak																										
Green Mtn.																										
Fanny Fern Mine																										
Dome Mtn.																										
Storm Peak																										



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|----|-------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Red Mountain | 16 | Ohio Peak |
| 2 | Red Mountain Gulch | 17 | Woodchuck Basin |
| 3 | Alpine Gulch | 18 | Golden Fleece Mine |
| 4 | Williams Creek | 19 | Burns Gulch |
| 5 | Cascade Gulch | 20 | Gladstone |
| 6 | Redcloud Peak | 21 | Arrastra Gulch |
| 7 | Sunshine Peak | 22 | Galena Mtn. |
| 8 | Burrows Park | 23 | Dolly Varden Mtn. |
| 9 | Grizzley Gulch | 24 | Handie's Peak |
| 10 | Capital City | 25 | Wood Mtn. |
| 11 | Houghton Mtn. | 26 | Hurricane Basin |
| 12 | Redcloud-Palmetto Gulch | 27 | Hurricane Peak |
| 13 | Grouse Gulch | 28 | Porcupine Gulch |
| 14 | Hanson Peak | 29 | Picayne Gulch |
| 15 | Eureka Gulch | 30 | Blair Gulch |
| | | 31 | Wager Gulch |
| | | 32 | Jones Mtn-
Niagara Peak |
| | | 33 | Green Mtn. |
| | | 34 | Fanny Fern Mine |
| | | 35 | Dome Mtn. |
| | | 36 | Storm Peak |

FIGURE 1: INDEX MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PLANNING UNITS AND AREAS WARRANTING FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

INTRODUCTION

Barringer Resources Inc. on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management has undertaken a geochemical-geostatistical study of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units (Fig. 1) in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado (Contract #YA-512-CT9-229). The purpose of this study was to assess the area's mineral potential and consisted of:

- Phase I - Collection of stream sediment samples and compilation of published geologic data.
- Phase II - Multielement analysis of stream sediment samples.
- Phase III - Data processing, which included digitizing of all published geologic maps, stream sample site descriptions and locations, and mine workings or prospects. Means, standard deviations, correlation coefficients, standard normalized values, and grid cell averages were determined and contour maps completed for selected geochemical parameters.
- Phase IV Geological modeling for possible mineralization within study areas.
- Phase V Geostatistical analyses using factor, multiple-regression, characteristic, and discriminant techniques were performed to allow effective interpretation of this large data base.

Phase VI Interpretation of geochemical, geostatistical and geological modeling data and results.

Phase VII Preparation of the final report. Report documents work done, presents data acquired, interprets that data and puts forth conclusions based on interpretation.

The report consists of 8 sections: Conclusions, Introduction, General Geologic Setting, Geologic Models, Geochemistry, Geostatistics and Discussion. Maps and geochemical computer output have been placed into appendices to allow easier use of the data contained in this report. The raw geochemical data and sample site descriptions are not included as this data is presented as U.S. Geological Survey Open file #80-541, and on magnetic tape through the N.T.I.S. report presently in press. Geophysical data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey is included in U.S. Geol. Survey Open File #80-917 and an open file currently in press and is therefore not duplicated within this report.

Acknowledgement is made to the many individuals and mining companies active within the area for confidential material to which we were allowed access. This valuable information aided in the meaningful interpretation of data within the area. The personnel of the Bureau of Land Management aided in this survey by their support and assistance with land access, air photographs, and additional rock chip and talus sampling programs.

Stream sediment sampling was carried out by Barringer field crews made up of geologists M. Robinson, J. Bukofski, D. Noe, G. Van Gaalen and J.L. Smith. The sampling crews were supervised in the field by E.F. Weiland.

GENERAL GEOLOGIC SETTING

The American Flats-Silverton Planning Units are located within the northwestern portion of the San Juan Mountains of south-central Colorado. The San Juan Mountains are a dissected volcanic plateau and form the largest remnant of an extensive middle Tertiary volcanic field. The San Juan Mountains are also referred to as the "San Juan Volcanic Province."

As a general statement, the San Juan Volcanic Province consists of a Precambrian terrane covered in part by the extensive development of Tertiary volcanic and volcanoclastic units. Some Paleozoic rocks are recognized within the province but no Mesozoic rocks are known.

The Precambrian terrane within the planning units consists of an extensive metamorphic complex generally referred to as the Irving Formation. This metamorphic complex is intruded by a series of plutonic rocks known collectively as the Granite of Cataract Canyon. This entire series of metamorphic and plutonic rocks is intruded by a series of mafic dykes of Cambrian or Ordovician age.

The Irving Formation consists of a sequence of interlayered amphibolitic and plagioclase rich gneiss and schist with quartzites, biotite-muscovite schists and minor iron formation. This pre-1700 million year age (Precambrian X) group of rocks is part of an extensive province irregularly exposed from southeastern Wyoming through Colorado into New Mexico. The minimum age of the complex is set by granitic intrusion dated at approximately 1.7 billion years. Metamorphism and folding both preceded and accompanied the plutonic activity. The age of the metamorphic protoliths apparently does not greatly

exceed the age of metamorphism. Diverse protolith stratigraphy is apparent with volcanic and sedimentary origins suggested.

The Granite of Cataract Canyon is a medium- to coarse-grained, massive, light pink granite or quartz monzonite with local development of foliation or lineation. These plutonic rocks represent an approximate 1.4 billion year (Precambrian Y) magmatic event apparent throughout the Southern Rocky Mountains. On a regional basis the rocks are post-tectonic in nature and tend to exhibit enrichment with regard to uranium and thorium. Contact aureoles can be well developed consisting of feldspar destructive alteration within metamorphic host rocks and are often accompanied by extensive pegmatite units.

Paleozoic rocks recognized within the planning units consist of conglomerate, shale, limestone, and dolomite units. These Paleozoic units represent a probable transgressive sequence which on-laps the peneplained surface resultant from extensive erosion at the end of Precambrian time. Paleozoic units were probably more widely developed than present outcrop suggests; but uplift and erosion associated with the Laramide Orogenic activity resulted in removal of a large percentage of the Paleozoic lithologies. There is evidence suggesting that the San Juan Province was the site of igneous activity associated with early Laramide uplifts but much of this material was eroded before mid-Tertiary volcanic activity.

As noted above, much of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units are underlain by volcanic rocks of Cenozoic age. Two distinct suites of intrusive igneous rocks are recognized within the province; lavas and breccias of intermediate composition with associated silicic differentiation characterized by ash-flow tuffs of Oligocene age and a bimodal group of rhyolites and mafic alkalic lavas of Miocene-Pliocene

age. A detailed history of volcanic activity during this period may be found in S.A. Johnson's (1980) "Preliminary Results, Mineral Resource Inventory" report to the Bureau of Land Management.

The western San Juan Mountain area is one of the richest and most intensely mineralized regions in the southern Rocky Mountains. This area has produced more than three-quarters of a billion dollars worth of base and precious metals over the last 100 years (Lipman, et.al., 1976). The ore deposits are strongly fracture controlled, located proximal to calderas and associated volcanic structural features. Mineralization occurs as fissure veins, breccia pipes, carbonate replacements, and as disseminations within a variety of host rocks.

The major mining operations within the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units produced principally from fissure veins within volcanic units and include some of the largest and deepest veins in the state (Burbank and Luedke, 1968). The principle metals produced were gold and silver with subordinate amounts of copper, lead, and zinc. Gold occurs both in the native, late stage form and as tellurides associated with argentiferous tetrahedrite and ruby silver (proustite). Base metal sulphides consist of pyrite, sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite and tetrahedrite. The predominant gangue mineral is quartz with lesser amounts of barite, calcite, and fluorspar. Locally, manganese silicate (rhodonite) is common.

Mineralization within vertical breccia pipes is less common and appears to be confined to the northwestern portion of the fracture zone associated with the Silverton Caldera. A genetic association with small stocks and plugs of quartz latite porphyry is suggested. Ore bodies within the breccia pipes are irregular and usually consist of open-space filling changing to

replacement deposits at depth (Lipman, et.al., 1976). The ores contain a higher proportion of copper minerals than the vein-type deposits, with enargite and massive sphalerite and galena representing the common sulphides. Some of the ore bodies become pyritic and of lower grade with depth (Burbank, et al, 1947).

Propylitic, solfataric, and argillic/sericitic alteration are common within the area. Propylitic alteration has affected many cubic miles of volcanic rocks throughout and beyond the caldera systems. Propylitic alteration grades from a quartz-carbonate-chlorite association to a more pronounced quartz-carbonate-albite-epidote-chlorite suite at depth. Solutions dominated by carbon dioxide were forced into fractured rock and fissure systems generally preceding vein formation and the introduction of metals and sulphur (Burbank 1960).

Two areas within the planning unit have been subjected to solfataric alteration. One area is in the Red Mountain district north of Silverton, and the other also called Red Mountain is located one mile south of Lake City. In areas of solfataric alteration, silica and sulphur have been added to the mineral suites. Silicification is particularly characteristic in association with some of the chimney ore deposits in the Red Mountain district. The typical mineral assemblage associated with this type of alteration is quartz, dickite, other clay minerals, pyrophyllite, zunyite, diaspore and alunite (Burbank and Luedke, 1968). Essentially, all the original iron has been converted to pyrite.

The planning units contain numerous large areas exhibiting argillic and/or sericitic (phyllic) alteration having associated color anomalies. These color anomalies are caused

by thin coatings of iron compounds on fracture surfaces, usually goethite and/or jarosite with minor hematite. Lipman (1976), Burbank and Luedke (1964), and Luedke (1972) have outlined areas which show pervasive alteration of this nature. Mineral assemblages in these areas include quartz-pyrite-sericite, quartz-sericite-clay and pyrite-quartz-sericite-clay-chlorite.

Work by Burbank and Luedke (1961) suggests two periods of alteration and mineralization. The older period is dated as late Cretaceous to early Tertiary (Laramide) with the younger, principle period considered to be middle to late Tertiary in age and related to the San Juan volcanic activity.

Lipman, et al., (1976), present radiometric dates of alteration and ore mineralization suggesting that these processes acted 5 to 15 m.y. after caldera formation. The mineralization would therefore be more likely related to the small acid intrusives rather than the caldera forming events themselves.

GEOLOGIC MODELS

At the request of the Bureau of Land Management, three models having specific characteristics of possible mineral deposition were evaluated for the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units. The models include: 1) vein and vein-related precious and base metals; 2) porphyry-type sulphide mineralization; and 3) volcanic and volcanic associated uranium within the caldera environment.

VEIN-TYPE AND VEIN RELATED MINERALIZATION

The greater proportion of metal production from the Silverton and Lake City areas has been associated with vein deposits. Lipman (1976) suggests at least two distinct periods of vein mineralization. The older period relates to the Uncompahgre Caldera formation represented by the Golden Fleece mine, one mile south of Lake City, and a second period by the majority of other veins studied within the planning unit. Casadevall and Ohmoto (1977) believe there are six mineralizing phases found in the Sunnyside Mine north of Silverton. The following model is based largely on the work done by Casadevall and Ohmoto (1977) on the Sunnyside deposit. The Golden Fleece vein, though unique in mineralogy and time period, may be described by a similar mechanism of formation.

Geological and Structural Constraints

Vein type mineralization may be related to, or follow the formation of a volcanic pile and caldera. Generally this late stage resurgent activity provides an excellent environment for mineral deposition. Calderas having long complex histories of post subsidence, igneous, and tectonic activity can provide the geologic setting and hydrothermal system required for the

concentration and deposition of various metals. Intrusive bodies occurring at depth may provide a heat source enhancing solution circulation and metal solubility.

Hydrothermal Solutions

Hydrothermal solutions have two modes of origin: meteoric and magmatic, however, most are some combination of the two. Magmatic solutions result from the dewatering of plutonic or possibly subvolcanic bodies. Because de-watering generally occurs during the final stages of crystallization, metals and other elements with high partitioning coefficients will be expelled with the solutions. This process therefore may be one source of the metals deposited within veins. Meteoric water, however, has its source from the surrounding prevolcanic sediments, meta-sediments, and intrusives. Meteoric waters passing through these peripheral units under the influence of a heat differential resulting from plutonic or subvolcanic intrusion would exhibit increased levels of K, Na, CO₂ and S. These hot saline solutions would then be capable of leaching the metals (Cu, Fe, Zn, Mn, Ag, Au) from the underlying Precambrian metasediments and Tertiary volcanic units within the area. Solutions would migrate in a direction dictated by fractures, hydrologic pressure, and convection. Metal precipitation from this sulphate-dominant solution may then occur when: 1) activity of chlorine is decreased; 2) the oxygen fugacity is decreased; 3) an increase in the total reduced sulphur content occurs; 4) there is an increase in the pH; and/or 5) a decrease in temperature (Casadevall and Ohmoto, 1977). When one or more of these conditions exist, metal solubility would decrease and metal precipitation would occur. Commonly a change in rock type, depth, or fracturing would cause the required solution changes for metal deposition.

Discussion

Casadevall and Ohmoto (1977) studied the vein mineralization in the Sunnyside mine and proposed a model that is consistent with the known geological, geochemical, and theoretical information from the area. Their model suggests that the mineralizing fluids were composed predominantly of meteoric water. Paleozoic/Mesozoic evaporites adjacent to the caldera provided the required sulphur and salts and subsequent interaction with the Tertiary volcanics, Paleozoic/Mesozoic sediments, and Precambrian rocks increased the metal content and K/Na ratio. Fluid inclusion studies suggest metal contents ranging from 10-1,000 ppm in the solution. The meteoric water may have been funneled into the caldera from higher volcanic areas located to the south and west. The solutions were then channeled by the graben-related fracture systems to the northeast and northwest radial structures. Two mechanisms, temperature drop and pH increase, probably led to the decreased metal solubility. Hypogene and/or supergene enrichment of several veins has been suggested by Stevens (1970). Where wall rocks attained adequate susceptibility, replacement type mineralization would have occurred. Although this model is specific to the Sunnyside mine, the mechanism described here influenced, if not mirrored, the deposition of other vein and vein related deposits within the area. While the Golden Fleece may have different source fluids and source rocks, a general analogy may be made with these other areas.

PORPHYRY-TYPE SULPHIDE MINERALIZATION

As part of the overall assessment of the planning units, the possibility of the presence of large scale-low grade sulphide mineralization was examined. The following model has been constructed based on porphyry copper/molybdenum deposits in North and South America.

Geological Constraints

Porphyry-type sulphide mineralization is generally believed to be associated with high-level, calc-alkaline stocks. A gradational change downward into a granodiorite pluton and an upward progression to a calc-alkaline volcanic pile with a possible andesitic stratovolcano cap would be observed. Mineral emplacement would generally begin at 2-3 km beneath the surface and may extend to a depth of 8 km. The upper part of the intrusive would be on the order of 2-3 km in diameter, oval or circular in plan, and may be associated with late stage dikes above and surrounding it.

Mineralization Control

Late in the progression of the volcanic development, postdating more explosive activity and possible caldera formation, de-watering of the remaining intrusives would provide the hydrothermal solutions responsible for mineralization and alteration. Retrograde boiling of these solutions and intermixing with meteoric waters would control mineral deposition, alteration types and their spatial relationships. These fluids would be rich in metals and ions excluded from crystal growth in the magma and would be highly saline. Mineralization and alteration would form concentric halos surrounding the apical portions of the intrusive (see Sillitoe, 1973 and Lowell and Guilbert, 1970).

Discussion and Recognition Criteria

Analogy with known deposits found elsewhere in North and South America (see Table 2) suggests that a wet granodiorite to quartz latite melt would be emplaced at moderate depth during mid-Tertiary time, with the intrusive vent and resulting stock

TABLE 2
CHARACTERISTICS OF KNOWN PORPHYRY DEPOSITS AND
MODEL DEVELOPED FOR THE WEST SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS

DEPOSIT:	AJO, ARIZONA (Lowell & Guilbert, 1970)	CANANEA, SONORA, MEXICO (Lowell & Guilbert, 1970)	ESPERANZA, ARIZONA (Lowell & Guilbert, 1970)	QUESTA, NEW MEXICO (Lowell & Guilbert, 1970)	SAFFORD, ARIZONA Lowell & Guilbert, 1970)
<u>ROCKS:</u>	Precambrian gneiss Mesozoic quartz monzonite Andesite & tuff	Paleozoic sediments "Laramide" volcanics "Laramide" intrusives	Tuffs "Laramide" volcanics Welded tuffs Quartzite	Tertiary andesite Latite Rhyolite	Quartz monzonite Quartz diorite Rhyolite Quartz latite Dacite dikes & plugs
<u>PLAN SHAPE:</u>	Oval	Irregular-stocks plugs	Irregular elongate	Very irregular domelike	Irregular-dike swarm
<u>CONTROLLING STRUCTURES:</u>	Faults	Faults	Faults	Faults	Faults & shears
<u>GRADE OVERALL:</u>	0.75% Cu	0.8% Cu	0.51% Cu 0.028% Mo	0.18% Mo	0.5% Cu
<u>EXTENT OF ALTER ATION BEYOND ORE BODY:</u>	5000'+	5000'	1500'+	2000'+	12,000'±
	<u>PERIPHERAL ZONE</u>				
<u>ALTERATION:</u>	not reported	not reported	not reported	sericite calcite kaolinite epidote chlorite	not reported
<u>MINERALIZATION:</u>	specularite, barite in veins.	galena, sphalerite topaz, silver min- erals in veins.	galena, sphalerite, silver minerals in veins.	pyrite, molybdenite, galena, sphalerite in veins.	silver minerals, chalcopryrite in veins.
	<u>OUTER ZONE</u>				
<u>ALTERATION:</u>	albite, chlorite, zeolite, sericite, quartz, ankerite	chlorite, epidote	chlorite, epidote	sericite, quartz, pyrite, calcite, kaolinite, illite, fluorite	epidote, chlorite.
<u>MINERALIZATION:</u>	not reported	not reported	pyrite in veins & veinlets	pyrite, molybdenite, chalcopryrite, galena, sphalerite fracture coatings.	gold, chalcopryrite in shears, veins & dikes.
	<u>INNER ZONE</u>				
<u>ALTERATION:</u>	quartz, sericite pyrite	quartz, sericite	quartz, sericite, kaolinite	quartz, K-feldspar biotite, calcite, kaolinite, illite.	quartz, sericite, pyrite.
<u>MINERALIZATION:</u>	pyrite, chalcopryrite disseminated & in microveinlets.	pyrite, chalcopry- rite, molybdenite, disseminated & in veinlets.	pyrite, chalcopryrite molybdenite disseminated & in veinlets.	pyrite, molybdenite, chalcopryrite, huebnerite in in veinlets & veins.	pyrite, magnetite, topaz, galena, spha- lerite in veins, veinlets & dissemi- nated.
	<u>INNERMOST ZONE</u>				
<u>ALTERATION:</u>	quartz, K-feldspar, chlorite, anhydrite.	quartz, molybdenite biotite, tourmaline.	K-feldspar, biotite, sericite.	quartz, K-feldspar anhydrite.	K-feldspar, biotite, quartz, sericite.
<u>MINERALIZATION:</u>	magnetite, chalcopry- rite, pyrite, bornite disseminated & in microveinlets; low total sulfides.	pyrite, chalcopry- rite, bornite, molybdenite in veinlets & dissemi- nated.	pyrite, chalcopyrite, molybdenite(?), disseminated & in veinlets.	molybdenite, pyrite, chalcopryrite, huebnerite in veins & veinlets.	chalcopryrite, pyrite, bornite, molybdenite, magnetite, topaz, galena, sphalerite in veins, veinlets, & disseminated.
	<u>LATERAL ZONING (From Center Outward)</u>				
<u>ALTERATION:</u>	potassic phyllitic propylitic	phyllitic argillic	potassic argillic	not reported	potassic phyllitic argillic propylitic
<u>MINERALIZATION:</u>	molybdenite chalcopryrite pyrite specularite barite	not reported	chalcopryrite, molybdenite pyrite	molybdenite chalcopryrite, pyrite, galena, sphalerite molybdenite	chalcopryrite molybdenite pyrite gold
<u>COMMENTS:</u>	Gold, silver-bearing veins and/or breccia pipes not reported. Chalcocite, covellite present.	Numerous minerali- zed breccia pipes. Chalcocite, covellite present.	Breccia pipes present. Chalcocite, covellite present.	Breccia pipes present. No super- gene sulfides.	Mineralized breccia pipes present. Chal- cocite & covellite present.

being emplaced partially in its own ejecta. The apical portions would likely display porphyritic textures which would grade to phaneritic equigranular textures with increasing depth.

Hydrothermal activity would accompany and follow the emplacement of the stock thus creating zoned alteration and mineralization shells within and surrounding the stock in the host rocks. Table 3 lists the probable mineralogical and chemical changes through these zones. It is possible, indeed likely, that multiple intrusive and/or hydrothermal events would take place.

As development of a porphyry-type deposit or prospect has not taken place in the planning units, it may be assumed that such a deposit must be wholly buried if indeed present. Since much of the area is propylitically altered (Lipman, 1976; Luedke and Burbank, 1975a, b, c), the depth of burial could be shallow. Depending on the level of exposure, predictions of the surface characteristics will differ. If the outer shell of alteration has been breached, geochemical zoning, particularly of calcium, potassium, rubidium and strontium, may be of particular importance. If the level of exposure were outside the outer alteration shell, zoning may be highly irregular. Zoning may consist of differences in intensity of alteration, or types of alteration centered on veins, fractures or pipes.

It would be likely that this type of deposit would have associated with it peripheral base and precious metal-bearing veinlets, veins, and pipes. The prevalence of such occurrences within the planning units may or may not be related to a deeper porphyry system.

Geophysically, such a deposit may have both a magnetic and gravity expression. Magnetite/pyrite relationships in the

TABLE 3
PROBABLE MINERALOGICAL AND CHEMICAL CHANGES
FOR THE ALTERATION ZONES ASSOCIATED WITH
PORPHYRY TYPE SULPHIDE MINERALIZATION

	Unaltered Rock	Propylitic Zone	Argillic Zone	Phyllic Zone	Potassic Zone	Reference
Alteration products:		chlorite epidote calcite	quartz kaolinite chlorite	quartz sericite pyrite	quartz K-feldspar biotite sericite anhydrite	Meyer & Hemley, 1967 Lowell & Guilbert, 1970 Creasey, 1966
Metallic mineralization:	Trace Pyrite	2% pyrite, trace chalcopyrite, galena, sphalerite, Au-Ag.	10% pyrite, 1-3% chalcopyrite, trace molybdenite, trace galena, sphalerite, Au-Ag.	1% pyrite, 1-3% chalcopyrite, 1% molybdenite	low total sulfides	Lowell & Guilbert, 1970
Changes in host rock mineral constituents	Quartz	no change	increased	increased	increased	Lowell & Guilbert, 1970
	K-feldspar	no change	mildly sericitized	sericitized	recrystallized	
	Plagioclase	decreasing An, partially with epidote, calcite, chlorite.	decreasing An, converted to montmorillonite & kaolinite	decreasing An sericitized	decreasing An, converted to biotite, sericite.	" "
	Biotite	partially replaced with chlorite	montmorillonite & kaolinite, chlorite & quartz.	sericite, quartz, & rutile(?)	biotite & K-feldspar	" "
	Hornblende	partially replaced by epidote & chlorite	chlorite	sericite, pyrite, rutile	biotite, chlorite, rutile	" "
	Magnetite	trace pyrite	pyrite	pyrite	pyrite	" "
Changes in chemical constituents:	CaO	+	-	-	--	Lanier, 1978 & Meyers & Hemley, 1967
	K ₂ O	-	-	+	+	
	Fe ₂ O ₃	+	-	-	-	" "
	TiO ₂	?	?	+	+	" "
	MgO	+	+	+	+	Lanier et al, 1978
	Na ₂ O	-	-	-	-	" "
	SiO ₂	0	+	+	++	Meyer & Hemley, 1967; Moore, 1978
	CaO+Na ₂ O	-	-	-	-	
	Na ₂ O/CaO	+	+	++	++	" "
	Cu	+	++	++	+	Lowell & Guilbert, 1970
	Mo	0	+	++	+	" "
	Au	+	++	0	0	" "
	Pb	+	++	+	0	" "
	Zn	+	++	+	0	" "
	Rb	+	+	++	High	Armbrust, et al 1977
	K/Rb	-	-	-	Low	" "
	Rb/Sr	+	+	+	+	" "

- = depleted relative to unaltered rock
0 = no change compared to unaltered rock
+ = increased relative to unaltered rock
++ = markedly increased
? = no data

propylitic zone might be detected by airborne or ground level magnetic surveys. Density contrasts between mineralized zones and altered zones could possibly provide gravity expression, however, because this type of deposit, if present, is likely to be at depth, symmetrical ring-like anomalies would not necessarily be anticipated in geophysical data.

URANIUM IN THE VOLCANIC ENVIRONMENT

Source Rocks

In general, there appears to be an association of increased levels of uranium with alkalic (peralkaline) volcanic rocks, especially those exhibiting volatile-rich phases. These volcanic rocks take the form of ashes, tuffs, and ash flow tuffs.

The associated uranium is considered to be of magmatic origin and it is of interest to note that comagmatic intrusives may also contain anomalous amounts of uranium and associated molybdenum, tungsten and tin. An anatectic origin of the felsic magma which fed the volcanism has been postulated in at least a single case (Locardi, 1977).

Host Rocks

Economic concentrations of uranium appear to have developed in a wide range of volcanic and volcano-sedimentary environments. These environments range from proximal synvolcanic rocks to distal tuffaceous and clastic rocks. Uranium may be concentrated within fluvial sediments intercalated with volcanic rocks, water reworked volcanic sands and pumices, subaqueous (lacustrine) sediment peripheral to volcanic centers, and permeable sandstones beneath pre-volcanic erosion

surfaces. Uranium concentration within structurally disrupted zones such as fault and joint zones has also been documented.

Uranium Source/Supply

The uranium content of volcanic rocks is from 1.5 to 2 times greater than their plutonic equivalents and therefore, volcanic rocks, especially felsic volcanic rocks, offer an excellent source of readily leachable uranium. Glass shards and glassy matrices are considered the prime source of easily mobilized uranium. The uranium is probably adsorbed on the surface of glass shards from which it is uniquely leachable, often within a matter of hours or days after formation. Uranium within glassy matrices is in a disseminated form and is released upon devitrification or dissolution. Ground water within tuffs and tuffaceous sediments may contain significant levels of uranium derived from adsorbed material and/or from solution/devitrification of disseminated material in glasses: 20 to 200 ppb has been documented (DeVoto, 1978).

Mineralizing Processes/Mechanisms

The uranium mineralizing process within volcanic or volcano-sedimentary rocks is fundamentally a diagenetic process that releases, mobilizes and then precipitates uranium. Basically one is looking at sediment diagenesis and uranium concentration by supergene processes.

Release Phase: The release of elements during hydrologic flow and/or devitrification of volcanic glasses introduces uranium into the ground water system. Therefore, any process that breaks down or dissolves volcanic glass releases uranium; probably the most important agent/process is low temperature solution of glass by ground water. Lithologic-hydrologic

systems that should release uranium are those in which complexing agents are available and have not been removed by reactions within the system itself. The release phase can be considered as a diagenetic process, a supergene process, an auto-metasomatic process or a combination of one or all of these processes.

Mobilization/Transportation Phase: Uranium is probably transported by fluorine and carbon dioxide-rich, low to moderate temperature hydrothermal fluids percolating through the volcanic pile. Systems open to CO₂ are probably most suitable for release of uranium for long distance migration. Walton (1978), suggests that the simplest and most reliable are soil systems in which plant-root respiration and decay of organic matter provides excellent renewable supplies of CO₂. Considering the markedly young age of some volcanogenic uranium mineralization, sufficient time may not be available for extensive development of soils and the organic material contained therein. It should, however, be noted that CO₂ as well as H₂S, are constituents of the active volcanic environment.

As noted, geochemical systems most conducive to transport of released uranium are those in which complexing agents are available and have not been removed by reactions within the system itself. The presence of early calcite precipitated before extensive dissolution of glass, and indicators of high pH such as zeolite suggest that uranium, though released from the glass, could not migrate to form economic uranium concentrations (Walton, 1978). Diagenetic and/or alternative systems in which complexing agents are not depleted are more efficient at releasing uranium than are systems where complexing agents are not present, even though large amounts of uranium (9 ppm is indicated in some cases) may initially have been present in systems depleted by complexing agents.

The mobilization/transportation of uranium in complexed form is very much a function of ground water hydrology and ground water chemistry. An open hydrologic system is required and hydrologic channels must be present for solution movement in the form of fractures, faults, joints, pumice zones, altered vitrophyres or lithophysal zones. The effectiveness of ground water geochemistry is basically a function of length of time the water has been in contact with a volcanic glass source.

Precipitation/Concentration Phases: Uranium mineralization tends to be concentrated in permeable or structurally disrupted zones within the volcanic pile or associated sediments, often times in the form of low-grade peneconcordant uranium oxide dissemination inside kaolinized and iron-sulphide impregnated rocks. Generally, there are indications of the presence of CO_2 and H_2S . Exhalative gases are generally considered to be the most significant reductant within the volcanogenic environment, although the presence of carbon and/or hydrocarbon in associated sedimentary sequences may be of importance locally.

Submarine venting of fluids may provide a source for distal deposits contained in reducing sedimentary facies. These facies are often rich in sulphur or pyrite with precipitation of uranium influenced by H_2S exhalation (Curtis, 1978).

Discussion: Uranium mineralization within the volcanogenic environment is basically controlled by two phenomena: large quantities of uranium mobilized from volcanic rocks and a tectonic regime favorable for release of H_2S and CO_2 to act as a precipitant of uranium. The entire mineralizing process is best viewed as a dynamic, diagenetic process, although a specialized one that specifically concentrates uranium. The diagenetic process is basically zeolitic alteration with

devitrification comprising an initial, uranium liberating phase. This progressive diagenetic zeolitization is superimposed on a given volcanic pile with an idealized sequence consisting of remnant glassy tuff, a montmorillonite zone, a clinoptiolite zone, an analcite zone, and finally an albite zone (Goodell, 1977). Uranium mineralization occurs within sediments that contain the mobile part of the present ground water system and the attitude of mineralized zones tends to follow a hydrostatic level, not a stratigraphic horizon. The presence of uranium, therefore, is closely related to the distribution of the present aquifer. Strong paleotopographic control is often suggested; this paleotopographic control affects volcanic stratigraphy, ground water diagenesis and uranium mineralization, and associated alteration.

Geochemical Enrichment

Volcanic rocks in general tend to be enriched in uranium compared to their plutonic equivalents: some 1.5 to 2 fold. Volcanic rocks, especially felsic volcanic rocks tend to show higher levels of radioactivity when compared to their plutonic counterparts.

General review of the literature pertaining to volcanogenic uranium mineralization indicates increased levels of molybdenum, mercury, fluorine, selenium and above average amounts of lead, barium, zinc, strontium, titanium, zirconium and phosphorous. Trace element enrichment with regard to antimony, tungsten, lithium, and tin is also indicated.

Considering the genetic importance of H_2S and CO_2 , both of these gases would exhibit elevated levels in favorable volcanogenic environments.

Recognition Criteria

1. Zones of anomalous radioactivity within felsic volcanics or related volcano-clastic sediments, especially in association with structural elements or stratigraphic zones related to present or paleowater tables.
2. The presence of silicification and albitization as alteration products accompanied by zeolitization, sericitization, argillization and/or hematization.
3. General trace element enrichment of the following:
 - a. Uranium
 - b. Molybdenum
 - c. Mercury
 - d. Fluorine
 - e. Selenium
 - f. Lead
 - g. Barium
 - h. Zinc
 - i. Strontium
 - j. Titanium
 - k. Zirconium
 - l. Phosphorous
 - m. Antimony
 - n. Tungsten
 - o. Lithium
 - p. Tin
 - q. Hydrogen Disulphide
 - r. Carbon Dioxide
4. Topographic relief and indications of an active paleo-hydrologic regime. Such past or present ground water regime could be influenced by porosity/permeability of host lithologies and/or structural elements.

GEOCHEMISTRY

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Stream sediment geochemistry is accepted as one of the principle methods of low-cost reconnaissance exploration in areas of adequate relief where an integrated drainage system has developed (Meyer, Theobald and Bloom, 1979). The composition of stream sediments is a function of the composition of the rocks, sediments and waters making up the upstream catchment area, and if mineral deposits are present in the drainage basin their presence can be detected through systematic sampling and analysis of the sediments. Multi-element analysis enhances the ability of the geochemist to provide a meaningful interpretation of stream sediment survey results, and this approach was adopted in the assessment of the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units.

The unbiased interpretation of areas contaminated by present and past mining activities compared to areas with little or no previous activity presents minor complications. However, many of these complications were overcome in this study by proper definition of parameters in the geostatistical analysis. It should be noted that the geostatistical analysis does not give definitive answers to "economic" mineral deposits, however, this approach gives an indication of "statistically meaningful" potential mineralization. Detailed follow-up work would be required in each area showing mineral potential to address the "economics" of such mineralization.

SAMPLING METHODS

Stream Sediment Samples

Barringer Resources Inc. personnel collected 1195 stream sediment samples from the study area. Samples were collected by trained field crews consisting of one geologist and one assistant. The active portion of the stream was sampled and field sieved to -30 mesh size fraction. The "active portion" of the stream being that sediment which is below the lower water levels of the stream or in the case of dry streams that sediment from the "main" channel developed by the stream. Waterproof paper bags were used for storage and air drying of the samples with sample numbers marked directly on each bag. Sample locations were marked and numbered on U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle topographic sheets in the field. A stream sediment location map was compiled at a scale of 1:50,000 (Plate #1). Field notes taken at each sampling site by the geologist included:

- Sample Number
- Stream Type (activity, size, gradient)
- Sediment Type (size, description, coatings)
- pH
- Organics (amount, type)
- General Comments (contamination, vegetation, etc.)

Transportation within the area was provided by four wheel drive vehicles and by foot. A number of areas required extended back country trips of several days duration to obtain the necessary sample coverage.

Rock Chip and Talus Samples

Personnel of the Bureau of Land Management collected 157 talus and 89 rock chip samples. Following are excerpts pertaining to the talus and rock chip sampling contained in the April 2, 1980 Bureau of Land Management Mineral Report entitled "Preliminary Results, Mineral Resource Inventory" authored by Stephen Johnson.

"Despite widespread utilization of stream sediment surveys in mountainous terrain, local conditions may adversely affect the probability of discovering mineralization using stream sediment geochemistry. The use of talus fines for reconnaissance has been discussed by Hoffman (1977). He suggested that talus sampling could be considered in areas where more than two samples per m. were to be taken, and in steep terrain where regionally enhanced metal values might mask relatively small mineralized areas. Talus fine sampling does not suffer from the mixing effects that are inherent in stream sediment sampling so that smaller, better defined targets can be located. Due to the reconnaissance nature of the project, only areas which showed extensive hydrothermal alteration and strong color anomalies were sampled. There was no attempt to determine if the metals in the talus samples were of hydromorphic origin.

Composite samples were taken from very shallow trenches dug in the talus slopes at roughly equal distances, approximately every 10 feet, with the entire composite sample encompassing approximately 50 to 300 feet. The samples were taken as close as possible to the base of the talus slopes, however, in most places the base of the slope was composed of large boulders with resultant loss of fines so that the samples were usually taken moderately far up the talus slope. The sample material taken in vegetated areas was found to be composed of mostly forest cover material with very little lithic-derived sediment so that these areas could not be representatively sampled.

Rock chip samples were taken in vein material and in altered rock. Vein material generally consisted of small (less than 250 gram) chip channel samples of vein material, which was usually quartz plus any associated ore minerals. The total sample weight was from 1-2 kilograms. Samples of altered rock were also taken and the technique was similar to the vein samples."

SAMPLE PREPARATION

Stream sediment samples were dried at room temperature for 24 hours then split into three representative samples. One sample split was used for all subsequent analyses and the two remaining splits were held until released by the Bureau of Land Management to the Colorado School of Mines for further investigations. The sample split was sieved to -80 mesh and portions of fine fraction were weighed for the respective analyses. In all cases a .25 gram subsample was analyzed.

Talus samples were sieved to -35 mesh and a .25 gram subsample used for analysis. This coarser sieve size was decided upon by Steve Johnson of the Bureau of Land Management in order to minimize the potential effect of variable organic content. Consequently, analytical results of the stream sediment and talus are not directly comparable.

Rock chip samples collected by the Bureau of Land Management were crushed and pulverized to -200 mesh using alloyed pulverizing plates. Subsamples of .25 grams were analyzed except in the case of Au analysis where a 10 gram subsample was required.

ANALYTICAL METHODS

All stream sediment, talus, and rock chip samples were analyzed for 30 elements; 25 elements by induction coupled argon plasma emission (ICP) and an additional 5 by standard analytical methods specific to each element.

Procedures

The ICP multielement analysis used has detection limits, precision, and accuracy similar to atomic absorption spectroscopy techniques. The 25 elements monitored by the instrument include Ag, Al, Ba, Be, B, Ca, Cd, Co, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Na, Ni, P, Pb, Sn, Sr, Ti, V, Zn, Zr, and Th. The samples were digested using an HF - HClO₄ acid leach brought to dryness. This was then brought up to volume using .58 normal HCl. Automated samplers aspirated the sample into the argon plasma where the sample was subjected to 2000° F + heat while analyzing the emission spectra from the sample. The emission spectra data was further processed by computer software programs to correct for interfering spectra and calculate the ppm value for the various elements and oxides.

Fluorimetry was used to obtain the uranium values. The sample was digested in a HNO₃ + HClO₄ + HF acid solution and taken to dryness. This was then brought up to volume with HNO₃ and the uranium extraction completed using ethyl acetate. An ethyl acetate aliquot was added to a Na₂CO₃ + K₂CO₃ + NaF flux and fused at 650°C for 25 minutes. Upon cooling the values were compared with standards on the fluorimeter.

Arsene generation was the method used to analyze for arsenic. Sample dissolution was completed using a potassium pyrosulfate fusion with a 6 M HCl leach. The mixture was placed in a reaction vessel and 6M HCl, 15% KI, 40% SnCl₂ and H₂O was added and left standing for 1/2 hour. Then Ag DDC, brucine, and chloroform was transferred into a second flask. Mossy zinc was then added to the reaction vessel which was immediately corked. The reaction was allowed to continue for 1 hour then read on a spectrophotometer against standards.

Tungsten was analyzed by visual comparison techniques. The samples were weighed into a NaCO₃ + NaCl + KNO₃ flux and fused at 800^oC in a muffle furnace. Upon cooling the fused mixture was brought to volume with H₂O and an aliquot of the supernate removed. To this aliquot SnCl₂, Zn dithiol, and stoddard-ethanol mixture were added. The solution was then compared visually with standards to determine the ppm value of tungsten.

Analysis for molybdenum was carried out by atomic absorption spectroscopy. Here a HNO₃ + HClO₄ + HF acid digestion was taken to dryness then brought up to volume with HNO₃. This was then aspirated into a dual beam background corrected atomic absorption spectrograph, using a nitrous oxide flame.

Quality Control

Quality control was maintained throughout the entire procedure using the following guidelines. Every twentieth sample represented a repeat (weighing through analysis) of a previous sample. Every 40 samples analyzed contained one standard (NBS, USGS, Canadian Government, or in-house) and one reagent blank. Standards were checked to ensure that the proper reported range was being attained. Reagent blanks were checked to ensure no

reagent contamination had occurred. Repeats were used to minimize the effect of subsampling errors and monitor the precision of analyses. From the results shown by the quality control procedures, precision was well within the $\pm 15\%$ at the 95% confidence level generally accepted for geochemical analysis. All analyzed standards gave results within the accepted value reported by the issuing authority.

DATA HANDLING AND PROCESSING

Data processing for this mineral survey was based on the digitizing of all sample locations, geology, and known mineral activity. Sample site descriptions were numerically coded for magnetic tape storage. Geochemical results were compiled into a large data base from which standard statistics, normalized values, grid averages, contour plots, perspective graphics, and geostatistical processing was undertaken. The geophysical data supplied by the U.S. Geological Survey was not incorporated into any of the geostatistical processing due to lack of uniform/continuous coverage and minor inconsistencies found within this data.

METHODOLOGY

Sample sites were digitized from the U.S. Geological Survey quadrangles used in the field. These digitized sites were later combined with the site descriptions and the geochemical results for further processing. Field descriptions from each sample location were numerically coded so the information could be readily available on magnetic tape (N.T.I.S. report in press). A detailed review of the numeric coding, data file, and translation program (in standard Fortran) can be found in the N.T.I.S. report in press and U.S.G.S. Open File #80-541.

Analytical results from the stream sediment, talus, and rock chip samples were incorporated into a data base from which statistical information was compiled. Mean, standard deviation, range, minimum, maximum, correlation matrix,

frequency distribution plots, and cumulative frequency diagrams were constructed for the analytical results within each of the three sample types. Stream sediment statistics can be found in Appendix A. From the data base and the statistical information, data sets containing standard normalized values and average values for grid blocks (1 km² areas) were calculated. From these data sets contour maps, perspective maps, and the geostatistical programs were compiled. As previously noted a complete listing of the unprocessed geochemical results may be found in U.S. Geological Survey Open File #80-541.

Published geologic information was compiled on a map base at the scale of 1:50,000 (Plate # 2). Based on this information, 12 major units were distinguished and numerically coded for inclusion in the geostatistical processing. This data set was used mainly in the multiple regression and discriminant analyses. The 12 geologic units chosen are as follows:

<u>CODE #</u>	<u>ROCK TYPE (at surface)</u>
0	Alluvium (and surficial deposits)
1	Andesite
2	Basalt
3	Granite (Precambrian)
4	Granite (Tertiary)
5	Monzonite
6	Metavolcanics & Metasediments (Precambrian)
7	Quartz Latite & Rhyodacite
8	Rhyolite
9	Volcanic Sediments
10	Paleozoic Sediments
11	Undifferentiated Volcanic Rocks (predominately quartz latite & rhyodacite)

A grid having 1 km² cells was placed over the geologic map and the four (4) geologic units with the greatest surface expression were assigned to each cell location as well as the relative percentage surface area each unit covers within that grid block. Fracture lengths (total) and directions were also calculated for each cell and combined with the geologic information. Two levels of fracture data were used with directions being given to the nearest 45° interval.

Several geostatistical approaches were used to aid in the interpretation of this large data base. The various geostatistical packages and their results are explained in a following section dealing specifically with individual statistical analyses.

RESULTS OF CONTOUR AND SYMBOL MAPS

Contour maps for twelve elements selected by the Bureau of Land Management were created. The elements contoured include As, Ba, Be, Co, Cu, Mo, Ni, Pb, U, U/Th ratio, V, and Zn. The maps may be found in Appendix B. Symbol maps for As, U, and Mo (Plate numbers B-13 thru B-15) may also be found in Appendix B. The symbol maps are useful in that they allow an interpretation on a sample by sample basis.

Arsenic (Plate # B-1) tends to concentrate toward the Silverton Caldera. Strong anomalies occur at the Hoff mines in Palmetto Gulch and in Burns, Grouse, and Picayne Gulch's areas. Drainage from the Golden Fleece mine just south of Lake City also contains anomalous arsenic values.

Barium (Plate # B-2) highs tend to be associated with vein type mineralization. There is a regional trend to higher barium

values with the change in rock types (volcanics to sediments) to the south. One isolated high occurs at Red Mountain Gulch just west of Lake San Cristobal and may be caused by alteration effects.

Beryllium (Plate # B-3) is stronger in the Lake City Caldera and northeast boundary of the Silverton Caldera. This would seem to relate to the later stage rhyolitic phases. The 25ppm contour outlines the Lake City Caldera extremely well.

Cobalt (Plate # B-4) relates more to lithological changes than to specific mineralized areas. The Denver Hill area, however, does show anomalous cobalt and it is not known at this time if this increase is due to rock units or the mineralization in the area.

Copper (Plate # B-5) has a dramatic regional trend with high levels in the Silverton Caldera and lows with only isolated high values in the Lake City Caldera. Most of the known vein mineralization is reflected in the copper geochemistry. Burns Gulch again appears to be markedly anomalous, as is Cascade Gulch.

Molybdenum (Plate # B-6) reflects low values to the east and higher values toward the western Silverton Caldera. The only striking anomaly is in the Hazelton Mountain area where previous mining activity has occurred. The entire area, however, tends to be regionally anomalous.

Nickel (Plate # B-7) values correlate well with rock lithologies. Handies Peak indicates a change in rock type towards more intermediate mega-breccia type units.

Lead (Plate # B-8) values, as with copper and zinc, are regionally elevated in the Silverton Caldera when compared to the Lake City Caldera and the surrounding areas. Again, good correlation with known mineralization is observed. Regionally speaking, the area of the planning units would be considered anomalous with respect to Pb, Cu, Mo, and Zn.

The association of the Lake City acidic volcanics and uranium (Plate # B-9) are well illustrated here. The western half of the Lake City Caldera forms an anomalous pattern. Houghton Mountain is quite interesting as it not only has high uranium values but also is anomalous in beryllium, lead, copper, cobalt, barium, and has a high uranium/thorium ratio. Uranium mineralization associated with vein deposits in the Woodchuck Basin area is the probable explanation of this grouping of anomalous elements.

The uranium-thorium (Plate # B-10) ratio must be looked at with regard to the airborne geophysics for useful interpretation. The U/Th anomaly at Houghton Mountain correlates well with a beryllium and uranium high and therefore this area deserves further investigation. It is of interest to note that the uranium-thorium ratio determined from geochemical data indicates significant areas within the Lake City Caldera that suggest uranium partitioning with regard to thorium. The uranium-thorium data based on the radiometric survey does not suggest significant uranium-thorium partitioning. This discrepancy is probably best explained by considering the disequilibrium phenomenon so characteristic of younger uranium mineralization.

Vanadium (Plate # B-11), as with nickel, is controlled by the litho-chemistry. The more basic Uncompahgre volcanics to the north and the more intermediate rocks and sediments in the

south show elevated background levels as compared to the Lake City acidic volcanics.

Zinc (Plate # B-12) results show the same trends and mineralized areas as do Cu and Pb.

GEOSTATISTICS

The use of geostatistical analysis in the geological sciences has been gaining increased recognition as more applications have been added. Geostatistics has become an essential and effective tool in the understanding and interpretation of geological, geochemical, and geophysical data applied to mineral and energy exploration. Four different geostatistical approaches have been used here to aid in the interpretation for the American Flats-Silverton Planning Units mineral survey. The four analyses included: 1) Factor; 2) Discriminant; 3) Multiple Regression; and 4) Characteristic. Following is a description of each analysis, input parameters and models, and the general results for each.

FACTOR ANALYSIS

Methodology

The handling and interpretation of a large number of geochemical results can become a very time consuming task if all the data are to be considered individually. Factor analysis is an approach whereby many geochemical parameters may be simplified into a substantially lesser number of "factors" that contain the same information as the entire data set. Two types of factor analyses are commonly used. The first is termed R-mode, where the purpose is to determine the inter-relationships between the variables (geochemical results). The second analysis type is called Q-mode, here the correlation and interdependency between the samples is determined.

R-mode factor analysis was used for this study. A "factor" refers to the product derived from the multiplication of a

number of weighted variables, in this case the geochemical results. The program then sequentially determines the factor that accounts for the largest variance within the data set. Factor "loadings", the weighting of the variable in that factor, are determined for each variable. Factor loadings are numbers from -1.0 to + 1.0 with +1.0 being a perfect correlation between that variable and the factor, and a -1.0 is a perfect negative correlation. Factor loadings near 0.0 indicate no correlation between the factor and that variable. Factor scores may be determined for each sample once all the factors and the factor loadings have been calculated. The factor scores indicate the relative correspondence of that sample with the factor. These factor scores may then be plotted, contoured, and graphed in similar fashion as the original stream sediment geochemistry results. In this study it was determined that seven factors would essentially contain the same amount of information as the initial 30 elements.

Results

Factor loadings (Table # C-1) and Factor Scores (Table # C-2) for each element by factor can be found with the plotted factor scores for each factor in Appendix C.

Upon inspection, it can be seen that Factor 1 (Plate # C-1) shows an inverse relationship with Zn, Cu, Pb, Ag. Factor scores having values less than -1.0 for this factor would indicate the presence of base and precious metal mineralization or areas contaminated from previous base and precious metal mining.

Factor 2 (Plate # C-2) shows a good positive correlation with Ni, Mg, Cr, P_2O_5 and Ba. This factor would therefore refer to the more mafic rocks within the planning units. This

relation is observed when comparing the geologic map (Plate 2) and the plotted factor scores.

Factor 3 (Plate # C-3) is indicative of the uranium-thorium rich areas based on the high factor loadings of Be, U, Th, and K. This suite of elements may be fracture controlled, pegmatite-related, or associated with the acid-intermediate magmatic rocks in the area.

Factor 4 (Plate # C-4) tends to show an alteration pattern or at least a change in rock chemistry to higher Ca, Na, Sr and Ti with a decrease in As and Mo.

Factors 5, 6, and 7 (Plates # C-5 thru C-7) represent lesser amounts of variability within the data and do not show a clear picture as to their correlation with specific rock types, mineralization, or alteration. Factor 5 has very high positive correlation with V, TiO_2 , Fe and Sr. Factor 6 shows a high inverse factor loading to Co and B. Factor 7 again not only has high inverse correlation with B but also correlates with Ba, Al, K, and to a lesser extent Na.

DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

Methodology

The classification of geological and geochemical data for reconnaissance mapping and mineral exploration has been greatly enhanced by the use of discriminant analysis. This method has the advantage of allowing the investigator use of his a.priori knowledge of selected areas to aid in the classification of surrounding areas with limited or no information.

Investigators such as Griffiths (1966), Haynes (1972), Howarth (1971a, 1971b, 1972, 1973), Whitehead and Govett (1974),

Castillo (1973), and Rose (1972), have helped to develop the many applications of this geostatistical method.

The method's approach is based on statistical selection of observed characteristics from a "training set", containing that information required to classify any new sample or sample set of unknown affinity. The exponential form of the polynomial discriminant method of Specht (1967) and further applied by Howarth (1973) has been used here. Areas of specific interest (rock types, mineralization, alteration) are selected to be used as "training sets." The program then sets up decision rules from the data within the training set. Upon setting up the decision rules for all training areas, the program systematically classifies each sample in the entire set. A listing of the sample classifications are printed out as well as a map showing these sample classifications through use of symbols (See Appendix D).

Discriminant Model (Training areas and control parameters)

Eleven (11) major training areas were chosen for classification in the discriminant analysis (Figure 2 and Appendix Figures D-1 thru D-11). Four of the training areas selected were mineralized and demonstrated different characteristics of known ore deposits within the planning units. These areas with their associated characteristics are presented in Table 4, where they are compared on the basis of: 1) fault and other structural trends; 2) lithology; 3) type and age of deposit; 4) type and mineralogy of alteration; 5) ore and gangue mineralogy; 6) metals present and metal ratios. In the case of alteration, the quality of information varies among the areas, and comparison is necessarily subjective.

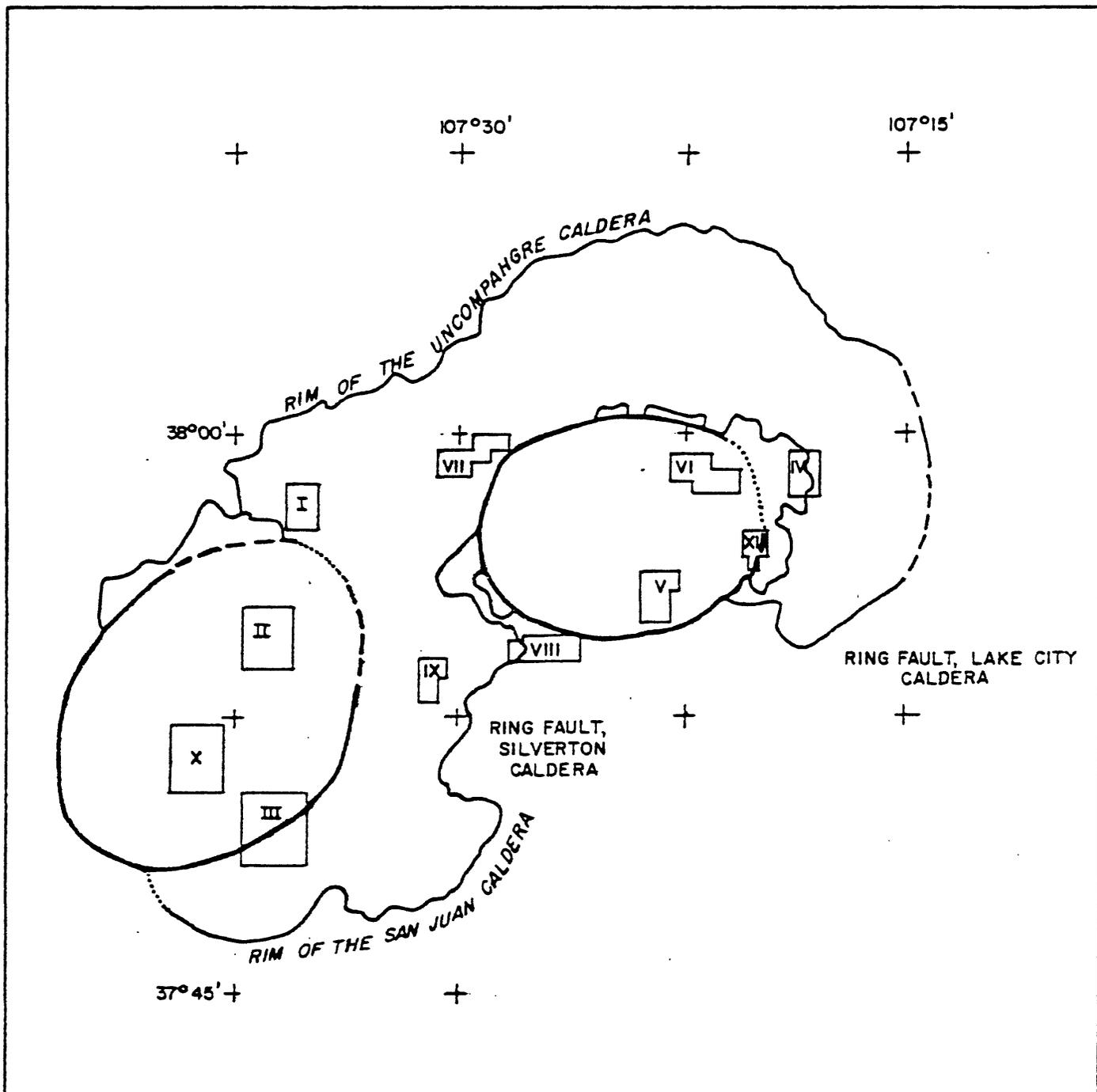


FIGURE 2

SKETCH MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF THE TRAINING AREAS USED IN THE DISCRIMINANT ANALYSES RELATIVE TO THE SILVERTON AND LAKE CITY CALDERAS.

The shallow hydrothermal ore bodies presently exploited in the planning units have been described as fissure veins, replacement and chimney deposits. The preponderance of ore, however, is from veins (Burbank and Luedke, 1968). Because these types of deposits are interrelated by process and location, replacement processes are active in the formation of chimney deposits, and fissure veins often widen into replacement bodies in favorable horizons. Since the training areas are necessarily rather large, a single deposit type in each training area was not practical. Thus Area I shows chimney deposit characteristics best; however, it also contains fissure vein and replacement deposit characteristics. Areas II and IV principally contain vein deposits and Area III is composed of replacement and vein deposits.

Lipman, et al., (1976), present radiometric dates of alteration and ore mineralization which suggest that these processes acted 5 to 15 m.y. after caldera activity. Therefore, ore mineralization seems related to the small acid intrusives rather than the caldera forming events. Lipman's study suggests that ore deposits in Areas I, II and III formed 15 to 17 m.y. ago. Dates of 13.0 to 16.6 m.y. from the Sunnyside Mine in Area II (Casadevall and Ohmoto, 1977) support this interpretation. Area IV containing the Golden Fleece Vein represents an older episode of mineralization related to the Uncompahgre Caldera cycle (Lipman, et al., 1976, p. 578).

Propylitic alteration affects all four test areas. Solfateric alteration affects rocks in Area I and, to a lesser extent, Area IV. Vein related argillic and/or sericitic alteration affects all four test areas, but is most significant in Areas II and III.

TABLE 4
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FOUR MINERALIZED TRAINING AREAS
USED IN THE DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

DISTRICT	Area I	Area II	Area III	Area IV
	Lake Fork	Eureka	South Silverton	Lake Fork (Lake San Cristobal)
METRIC CORNER COORDINATES: (clockwise from NW corner)	272000 X 4208000 275000 X 4208000 275000 X 4204000 272000 X 4204000	269000 X 4201000 273000 X 4201000 273000 X 4197000 269000 X 4197000	270000 X 4190000 275000 X 4190000 275000 X 4185000 270000 X 4185000	297000 X 4209000 300000 X 4209000 300000 X 4204000 297000 X 4204000
PRINCIPAL MINE(S) IN TEST AREA: Ransome, 1901 Kelly, 1946 Irving & Bancroft, 1911	Frank Hough M. Palmetto M.	Sunnyside M.	Pride of the West M. Osceola M. Green Mountain M. March Cross Cut M.	Golden Fleece M.
FAULT TRENDS AT SURFACE: Lipman, 1976 Luedke & Burbank, 1975, a,b,& c. A.G. Varnes, 1963	NE Steep Angle	a) NE Steep Angle b) W to WNW Steep Angle	a) NW Steep Angle b) ENE Steep Angle	Not prominent: 1 fault trends ENE. Steep angle slump of differ- ential compaction features in Grassy Mountain quartz latite
OTHER STRUCTURAL TRENDS:	Palmetto M. Vein N23E75SE	Upper Portion Sunnyside Vein: N50E65-70SE irregular.	Pride of the West Vein: N50 to 70W N32W 80SW Ransome, 1931	Angular unconformity between Burns member and Grassy Mountain quartz latite
GROSS LITHOLOGY:	Intermediate to acid volcanic and volcanoclastics	Rhyolite & other volcanics, small acid intrusives	Precambrian gneiss & schist, acid ash flow tuffs, acid & inter- mediate volcanics, acid plugs and dikes.	Andesite & quartz latite volcanic & volcanoclastic rocks.
DEPOSIT TYPE: Burbank & Luedke, 1961, 196B, 1969 Casadevall & Dhmoto 1977. Varnes, 1963	Replacement/ fissure veins/ chimney.	Fissure veins	Replacement/ fissure veins	Fissure vein
AGE OF DEPOSIT:	15 - 17 mya inferred from Lipman, et al, 1976	13.0 - 16.6 mya Casadevall & Dhmoto 1977	15 - 17 mya inferred from Lipman, et al, 1976	17 mya inferred from Lipman, et al, 1976
ALTERATION TYPE: Lipman, et al, 1976 Varnes, 1963 Burbank & Luedke, 1969 Ransome, 1901 Casadevall & Dhmoto, 1977	a) Regional propylitic b) Solfateric	a) Regional propyliti- zation b) "Vein related" alteration	a) Regional propylitic*	a) Regional Propyli- tic* b) Solfateric (suggested by Lipman, 1976.)
ORE MINERALS:	chalcocite, chalco- pyrite, tetrahedrite.	sphalerite, galena, chalcopyrite, tetra- hedrite, gold, petzite,	galena, tetrahedrite, wire silver, pyrite, chalcopyrite	gold, petzite, tetra- hedrite, galena, hins- dalite, pyrrargite
MINDR VEIN MINERALS:	galena, hessite	hematite, alabandite, huebnerite, tephroite, friedelite, helvite, anhydrite, sericite aikinite, bornite, barite, gypsum, molybdenite.	wire silver	petzite, hinsdalite, pyrrargite
GANGUE MINERALS:	pyrite, quartz, spalerite	quartz, pyroxmangite, pyrite, rhodochrosite, fluorite, calcite rhodonite	quartz	gray & white quartz rhodochrosite
ALTERATION MINERALS:	a) quartz, calcite, chlorite, epidote b) quartz, kaolinite, diaspore, pyrite, sericite, alunite(?)*	a) epidote, chlorite, calcite, sericite, zunyite, pyrite.	a) quartz*, calcite, chlorite, epidote*.	a) quartz*, calcite, chlorite, epidote, diaspore, pyrite, sericite, alunite.
METALS PRODUCED:	copper, gold, silver, lead Ransome, 1901 Kelly, 1946 Irving & Bancroft, 1911	gold, silver, lead, zinc, copper, cadmium Casadevall & Dhmoto, 1977	gold, silver, copper, zinc Varnes, 1963 Ransome, 1901	gold, silver Burbank & Luedke, 1969 Ransome, 1901 Irving & Bancroft, 1911
Au/Ag RATIO:	0.00431 Hough M. 0.00586 0.00167 hand cobbed ore 0.00109 from nearby mines Ransome, 1911	0.03792 Sunnyside M. Casadevall & Dhmoto, 1977	0.01933 Pride of the West 0.05 Osceola Varnes, 1963	0.03175 Irving & Bancroft, 1911
Cu/Zn/Pb RATIO:	Cu/Pb = 6.937 Hough M. sphalerite present, but Zn not recovered. Ransome, 1911	0.08995/1.39296/1.00000 Casadevall & Dhmoto, 1977	0.3491/0.11764/1.00000 Varnes, 1963	

*Undocumented Observation

With the exception of surficial deposits and limited Precambrian exposures, the rocks of the study area are volcanic, volcanoclastic, or hypabyssal intrusive in nature. These rocks can be related to the history of caldera formation in the San Juan volcanic field.

Seven lithologic training areas were also selected for use in discriminant analysis. Table 5 presents the location, lithologic unit, and characteristics of these areas. Within the limits imposed by existing geologic mapping, the seven areas were selected to be relatively unaltered, unmineralized examples of the major lithologic and stratigraphic units.

The test areas have been selected to be somewhat evenly distributed as well as representative of lithologic and mineralization types. The areas are shown in Figure 1 relative to the principle caldera structures.

Samples not having sufficient similarity to these training areas based on the calculated decision rules, are placed into an "unknown" class. This unknown class may represent contamination, unrepresented mineralization, or an unusual lithology. Approximately 10% of the samples were placed into this unknown class for this set of data.

Thirty (30) geochemical parameters were considered in making the decision rules. The data was not log-transformed prior to running the discriminant analysis. There are occasions, however, when log transformation may increase the accuracy of the results.

A smoothing parameter of 10 was used in this analysis. This smoothing parameter allows the estimation of the empirical density factor for each variable in each class. The proper

TABLE 5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SEVEN LITHOLOGIC TRAINING AREAS
USED IN THE DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

AREA	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
<u>CORNER</u>	288500 4202500	290000 4207000	278000 4206000	282000 4197000	278000 4197000	265500 4195000	294000 4203500
<u>COORDI-</u>	291000 4202500	291000 4207000	280000 4206000	283000 4197000	279500 4197000	269000 4195000	295500 4203500
<u>NATES</u>	292000 4202500	292000 4207000	280000 4206500	283000 4198000	280000 4197000	269000 4190000	295500 4201500
	292000 4201000	292000 4206500	281000 4206500	287000 4198000	280000 4196000	265500 4190000	294800 4201500
	291000 4201000	293000 4206500	281500 4206500	287000 4196000	279500 4196000		294800 4200600
	291000 4198500	293000 4205000	281500 4206000	283000 4196000	279500 4194000		294300 4200600
	288500 4198500	292000 4205000	281000 4206000	282000 4196000	278000 4194000		294300 4201500
		291000 4205000	281000 4205000				294000 4201500
		291000 4206000	280000 4205000				
		290000 4205000	280000 4204500				
		278000 4204500					
<u>UNIT</u>	Sunshine Peak Tuff. Ash flow member.	Sunshine Peak Tuff. Megabreccia member.	Sapinero Mesa Tuff. Eureka Rhyolite Member.	Cataract Canyon Granite. (Precambrian Y)	Silverton volcanics. Aphanitic andesite member.	Younger volcanics (includes rocks of the Burns & Henson members, & the Sapinero Mesa Tuff).	Grassy Mountain quartz latite.
<u>LITH- OLOGY</u>	Silicic alkalic rhyolitic tuff containing 20-30% phenocrysts of quartz, sanadine, & biotite, light tan to dark gray, 50 m to 1000 m thick. Extensively propylitic alteration.	Chaotic large masses of pre Lake City caldera rock, primarily inter-mediate lavas, & ash flow tuffs, blocks up to 100 m long. Matrix is Sunshine Peak ash flow material.	welded red-brown tuff containing 5-10% phenocrysts of plagioclase, sanadine, & biotite. Lower part is extremely propylitized. Unit is up to 800 m thick. This unit is intracaldera only.	Massive, coarse grained, pink, two feldspar granite. Locally weak foliation.	Dense, dark gray aphanitic andesite. Occurs in flows up to 100 m thick. Interfingers with rocks of the Burns Member.	Lava flows, flow breccias, welded ash flow tuffs to 250 m thick, light gray porphyritic quartz latite containing about 30% phenocrysts of feldspar, biotite & augite. K/Ar age of 22.8 m.y.	
<u>STRUC- TURES</u>	Two NE trending faults.	None mapped.	NE trending faults.	NW trending mafic dikes.	N & NW trending faults.	NE & NW trending faults.	Curved slump & compaction features.
<u>REFER- ENCE</u>	Lipman, 1976	Lipman, 1976	Lipman, 1976	Lipman, 1976	Lipman, 1976	Luedke & Burbank 1975	Lipman, 1976

selection of the smoothing parameter allows classification of samples without interference from background geochemical noise and yet misclassification of samples belonging to a specific training set does not occur.

Appendix D contains a listing of sample classification and their relative probabilities (Table D-1), along with a map (Plate # D-1) showing the classifications.

Results

The results of the discriminant analysis are consistent in terms of the training areas. This suggests that the training areas selected are unique and geochemically different. Only one of the training samples was reclassified by the decision process which is quite reasonable for this type of survey. A map showing the classifications using symbols and a listing of the data with probability charts may be found in Appendix D.

Training areas I, II, and III showed excellent results while the fourth mineralized training area (IV) was less discrete than intended. The broad classification of area IV is the reason for the Ute Mine's inclusion in the apparent association with the Golden Fleece Mine even though the Ute Mine mineralogy is probably more closely related to the other three mineralized training sets. Areas outside the training area, with similar geochemical characteristics, having four or more samples are found in Table 6.

TABLE 6

Areas Showing Favorable Results from
Discriminant Analysis for Known Mineralization

Area	Number of Anomalous Samples
Cement Creek (Henrietta to Minnesota Gulch's)	12
North of Dome and Tower Mountains	8
Picayne Gulch	4
Cinnamon Pass	6
Redcloud Gulch (Lower part)	4
Whitecross Mtn (2 miles west)	4
Burrows Park (east of Edith Mtn.)	13
Capital City	10

Four of the training sets for lithologies were very successful. These include areas VII, X, XI, and especially IX. Areas V and VI proved to be very similar and therefore when interpreting the data they should be looked at as one unit. Lithologic unit VII did not yield clear results.

Those samples that did not fit into the selected training areas based on their geochemical character, were placed into a twelveth "unknown" classification. These most likely relate to untested lithologic units or, in most cases, to areas contaminated by previous and present mining activity. The "unknown" samples should however be evaluated individually as

there is the potential for untested types of mineralization and /or varied geochemical response to the known mineralization. Downstream displacement of the "unknown" samples from the anomalous source should be taken into account when investigating the reason why samples were not classified.

MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS

Methodology

Various aspects of multiple regression analysis have been used in the past to forecast the mineral potential of exploration areas (Cruzat and Meyer, 1974; Allais, 1957; and DeGeoffrey and Wignall, 1970). Methods that have been developed for the design of forecasting models have been based on the distribution of known mineral wealth, or on more advanced models that include multivariate data incorporating geology and geochemistry. This latter approach was applied in the development of a model for forecasting the distribution of mineral prospects in the American Flats-Silverton survey area.

The weighted number of known prospects, workings and mines per square kilometer was used as a measure of the past mineral exploration and mining activity in the survey area. This data base was derived by digitizing the locations of prospects, workings and mines marked on the 1:24,000 topographic maps of the area and applying a progressive weighting of 1, 4 or 16 depending on the assigned category. The sum of these values was then considered to be an index of historical mineral exploitation activity in the cell.

Stepwise multiple regression was then used to compare the mineral exploitation index (dependent variable) with a series of structural, lithological and geochemical parameters

(independent variables) and to develop a forecasting model to predict potential for exploration in cells not having a past history of mineral exploitation. For this study, twelve (12) lithological units, four (4) structural parameters, and seven (7) geochemical factor scores, obtained in the factor analysis, were used as the independent variables. The twenty one independent variables are listed in Table 7.

TABLE 7

Independent Variables used in Defining
Multiple Regression Equation.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Variable</u>
RT0	Alluvial and surficial deposits
RT1	Andesite
RT2	Basalt
RT3	Granite (Precambrian)
RT4	Granite (Tertiary)
RT5	Monzonite
RT6	Metavolcanics and Metasediments (Precambrian)
RT7	Quartz latite and Rhyodacite
RT8	Rhyolite
RT9	Volcanic sediments
FD1	North-south fractures
FD2	Northeast-southwest fractures
FD3	East-West fractures
FD4	Northwest-southeast fractures
FS1	Geochemical Factor 1:Neg. Zn, Cu, Pb, Ag
FS2	Geochemical Factor 2:Mg, Ni, Cr
FS3	Geochemical Factor 3:Be, Th, U, K
FS4	Geochemical Factor 4:Ca, Na, Sr; (Neg. As, Mo)
FS5	Geochemical Factor 5:V, Ti, Fe, Sr
FS6	Geochemical Factor 6:Neg. Cd, B, Ni
FS7	Geochemical Factor 7:Neg. Al, K, B

Results

Coefficients (Table E-1) for the independent variables in the multiple regression equation defining the forecasting model can be found in Appendix E along with a list of predictions, and potential residuals (Table E-2) for each cell. The independent variables having the greatest influence in forecasting the dependent variable were FD4, the total length of northwest-southeast fractures mapped in the cell; RT6, the area within the cell underlain by Precambrian metavolcanics and metasediments; RT10, Paleozoic sediments; FD2, northeast-southwest fracture length; FS4, factor scores for Factor # 4 (Ca, Na, Sr and Ti, negative As and Mo); FS1, Factor # 1 (negative Zn, Cu, Pb and Ag).

Symbol maps of the predicted mineral exploitation index (Plate # E-1) and the residuals (Plate # E-2) indicating areas of potential exploration interest are shown in Appendix E. The concentration of past mining activity toward the vein-type deposits of the Silverton Caldera creates a bias in the model towards forecasting areas most favorable for vein-type mineralization.

CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS

Methodology

All exploration geologists make use of conceptual models in their search for mineralization, but as the data become more complex, assimilation of multi-parameter models becomes more and more difficult. Geochemical associations that represent or are characteristic of certain types of mineralization are well known and have been described in the literature (Boyle, 1974). Examples of metal associations that can be used to form the

basis for a conceptual model are:

Sn Skarn Deposits: Sn, W, B, F, Mo, Fe, Zn

U Sandstone Deposits: U, V, Se, Mo

Ni Sulphides: Ni, Co, Fe, Cu, Pt metals

Ratios can add substantially to the development of a geochemical model. For example, a high value for Cu/Ni could be a favorable indicator of sulphide mineralization in a mafic environment.

Barringer Resources Fortran program CONCEPT was developed on the assumption that the exploration geologist would be presented with a set of analyses for 30 or more elements on a series of samples covering a specified map area. Assuming the geologist has an a priori concept of the type of mineralization to be found in the area, or would like to attempt a speculative search for a particular type of mineralization, the program will request an interactive response from the operator to enter the set of elements and ratios considered to be crucial to the model. The program then searches the entire data set and compares the characteristics of each cell within the map area with the characteristics of the conceptual model. The model is based not only on the presence of the selected elements, but each element is given a weight by the geologist as to its significance in the model. This is achieved by entering probabilities from 0 to 1.0 for each element, representing the likelihood of anomalous occurrence for each variable in the zone of mineralization. The CONCEPT program will in a single pass examine up to ten (10) different element variables and five (5) ratios formed from selected variables.

Algorithm

Characteristic analysis makes use of Boolean algebra to develop the geochemical model and determine the degree of association between 'unknown' cells and the conceptual model. Boolean representation refers to the designation of items of positive interest as "1's" and items of undefined interest as "0's". In order to develop the conceptual model an array of ten (10) cells by n variables is developed from the probabilities entered into the program. When the degree of common occurrence for each variable with other variables is tabulated in an array, this array represents the product matrix obtained by multiplying the original binary matrix by its transpose. Each row of the product matrix represents the degree of common occurrence between each variable and the other variables. Considering the rows of the product matrix as vectors, the length of each vector is equal to the square root of the sum of the squares of the components. If these vectors are regarded as being at right angles to each other in n dimensional space where n equals the number of variables, the vector which maximizes the projections of the variable vectors is the eigenvector associated with the largest characteristic root of the product matrix. Its length is arbitrarily set to one and the coefficients of the eigenvector define the weights of each variable selected for the model.

Computation of the eigenvector is achieved using a method described by Cooley and Lohnes (1962). The eigenvector is arrived at after a series of iterations which give smaller and smaller changes in the coefficients of the eigenvector. The change is measured as the sum of the absolute differences between the coefficients of the eigenvector obtained by successive approximations. CONCEPT prints out the sums of the differences and the final eigenvector. Further details on the

method of characteristic analysis can be found in Botbol (1971), and Botbol, et. al (1977).

Evaluation of Regional Cells

The favorability for each variable in cells within the map area is established by determining whether the variable is enriched in the cell with respect to a "picture frame" of surrounding cells. In this arrangement the central cell is compared with 16 cells making up the annulus of surrounding cells of the "picture frame," one cell removed from the central cell. The program sorts all the analytical results into appropriate cells based on their coordinates and determines the sum of all the values and the number of samples per cell. Means for each cell are calculated and tested against the mean and standard deviation of the means of the annulus cells. This results in a score for the central cell which is represented as the difference between the mean of the central cell and the mean of the annulus cells, divided by the standard deviation of the annulus cell means. If the central cell has a score of one or more for a particular element or ratio, the cell is assigned a role of one for the variable, while a score of less than one results in the binary notation of zero. The result is a vector consisting of the binary representation of the favorability of each variable in the cell. Cell size is dependent on the area to be covered, the size of the map and the density of sampling.

Computation of the degree of association between the model and the cells in the map area is achieved by multiplying the binary vector for the cell by the eigenvector of the model. The resultant values are written to a file which can then be used for plotting or contouring of the data.

Development of Characteristic Geochemical Models

Geochemical characteristics for porphyry, vein and uranium sandstone-type mineralization were defined and tested on a 1 km² grid of cells covering the American Flats-Silverton survey area. Elements and ratios used in defining the models, and the probabilities assigned to each variable, are shown in Table 8.

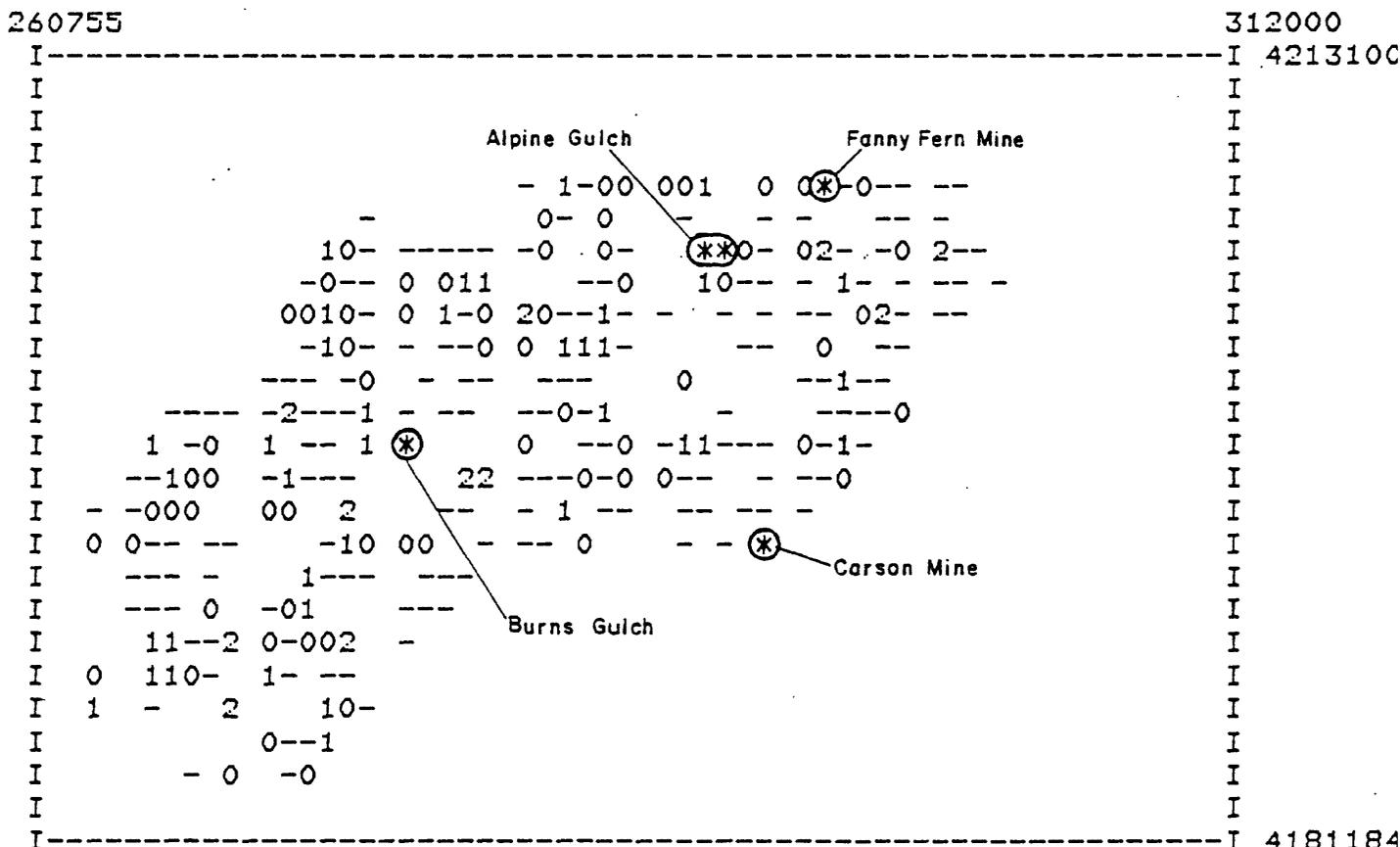
TABLE 8
Variables and Probabilities
used to Define the Geochemical Models
for the Characteristic Analysis

<u>Porphyry</u>		<u>Vein</u>		<u>Uranium-Volcanics</u>	
Ca	0.1	Ag	0.8	Ba	0.5
Cu	0.9	Ba	0.5	K	0.7
K	0.7	Cu	0.7	P	0.5
Na	0.1	Mn	0.5	Th	0.2
Pb	0.5	Pb	0.8	Mo	0.6
Zn	0.5	Zn	0.9	U	1.0
Mo	1.0	As	0.4	U/Th	0.8
Na/Ca	0.8				

Results

Porphyry Model: A test of the porphyry model shows that the greatest degree of association with the conceptual model was found to be restricted to four areas of the planning unit. These areas are (1) Alpine Gulch; (2) Burns Gulch; (3) Carson Mine; and (4) Fanny Fera Mine. The locations of these areas are shown in Figure 3, and on the symbol map (Plate # F-1) in Appendix F.

DATA GENERATED FOR 370 CELLS
 CELL SCORES MEAN= .330 SD= .438
 BLM TEST OF CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS
 SYMBOLIC MAP OF ASSOCIATION WITH CONCEPTUAL MODEL



LEGEND

SYMBOL FOR CELL SCORES AS FOLLOWS:
 -= CELL SCORE BELOW AVERAGE FOR MODEL
 0= SCORE BETWEEN 0 AND .99 SD
 1= SCORE BETWEEN 1 AND 1.99 SD
 2= SCORE BETWEEN 2 AND 2.99 SD
 STAR=SCORE GREATER THAN 3 SD ABOVE MEAN

APPROXIMATE SCALE IS 1: 336220

FIGURE 3

RESULTS OF CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS - PORPHYRY MODEL

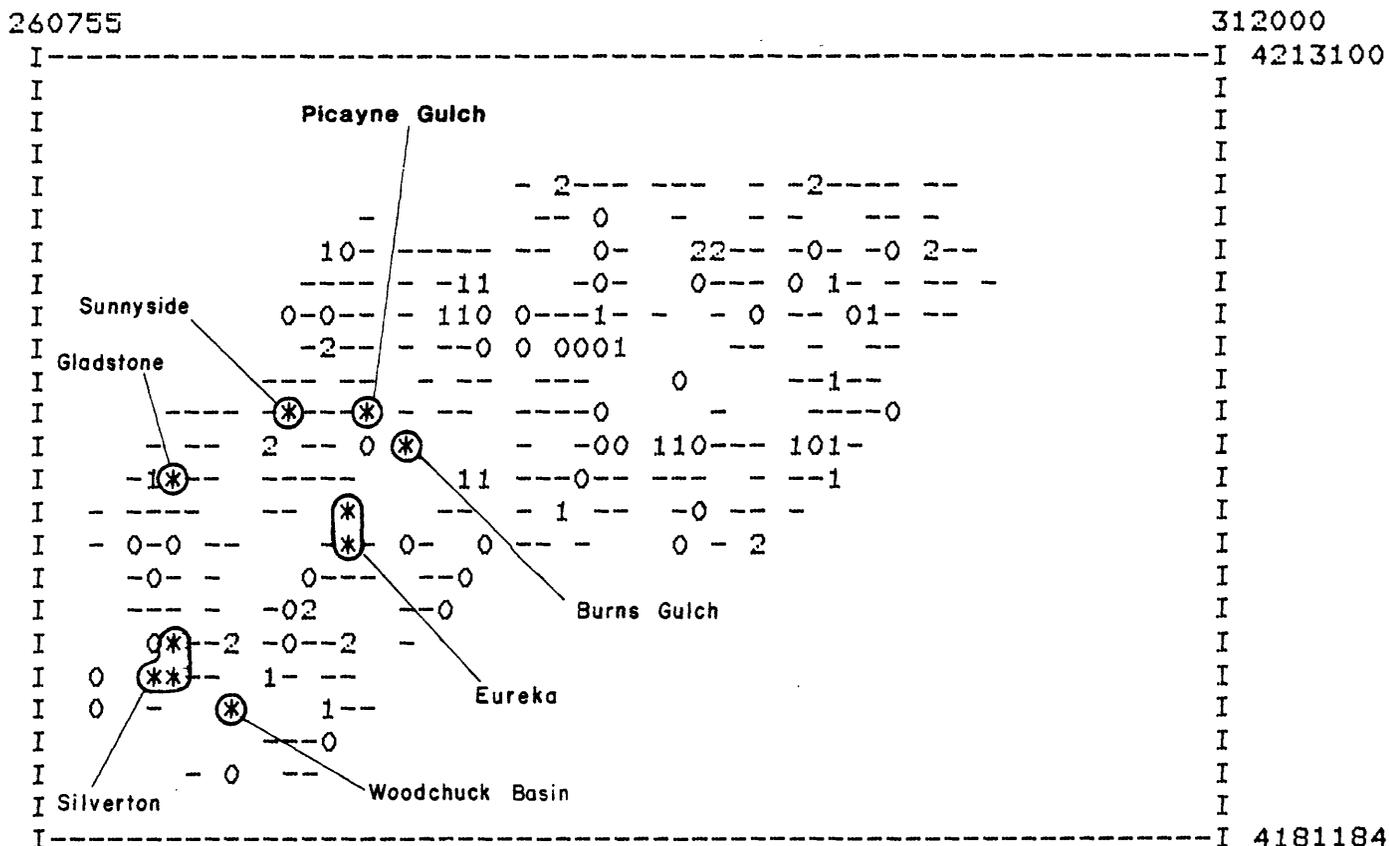
Vein Model: The vein mining districts of the Silverton Caldera were outlined clearly by the characteristic analysis based on a vein-model. The highlighted areas are: (1) Sunnyside; (2) Picayne Gulch; (3) Burns Gulch; (4) Gladstone; (5) Eureka; (6) Silverton; and (7) Woodchuck Basin. These areas are shown in Figure 4 and can also be found on the symbol map (Plate # F-2) in Appendix F, at a scale of 1:50,000.

Volcanic-Uranium Model: Three areas were selected as having a strong association with the characteristic suite of uranium-volcanic variables. These are (1) Middle Fork Alpine Gulch; (2) North Star Mine; and (3) the northwest slope of King Solomon's Mountain. Figure 5 shows the locations of these areas, which can also be found on the map (Plate # F-3) in Appendix F.

Discussion

The characteristic analysis method appears to have effectively outlined known vein areas, but investigation of the porphyry and uranium-volcanic targets should proceed with caution. The fact that a matching geochemical "fingerprint" exists in a particular area should only be taken as a lead, which may be so subtle that it might be difficult to confirm the presence of the geochemical signature using normal ground investigations. It should also be noted that the suite of elements used in the vein model could also highlight areas of contamination from off-site mills and town sites.

DATA GENERATED FOR 370 CELLS
 CELL SCORES MEAN= .368 SD= .551
 BLM TEST OF CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS
 SYMBOLIC MAP OF ASSOCIATION WITH CONCEPTUAL MODEL



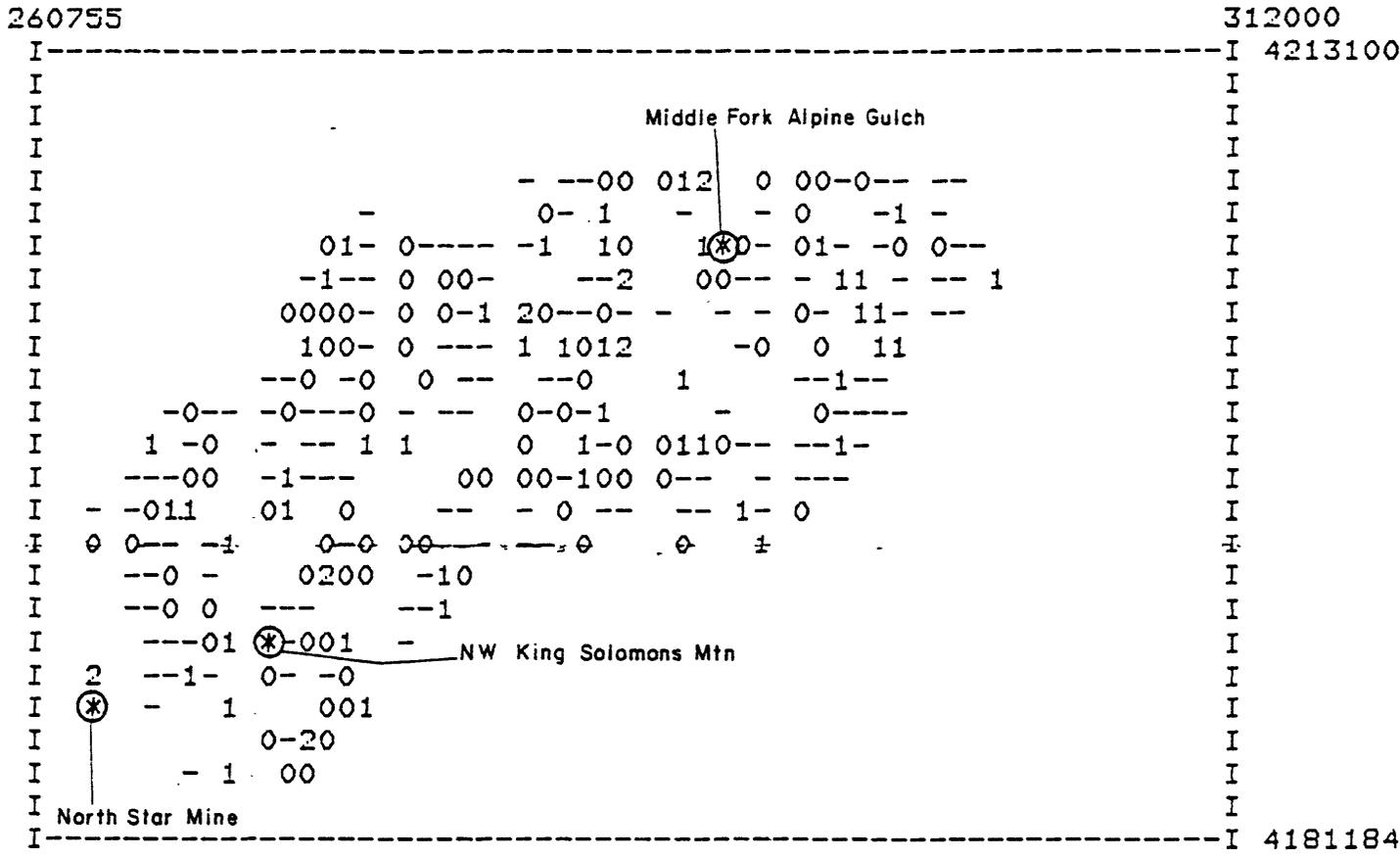
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SYMBOL FOR CELL SCORES AS FOLLOWS:
 -= CELL SCORE BELOW AVERAGE FOR MODEL
 0= SCORE BETWEEN 0 AND .99 SD
 1= SCORE BETWEEN 1 AND 1.99 SD
 2= SCORE BETWEEN 2 AND 2.99 SD
 STAR=SCORE GREATER THAN 3 SD ABOVE MEAN

APPROXIMATE SCALE IS 1: 336220

FIGURE 4
 RESULTS OF CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS - VEIN MODEL

DATA GENERATED FOR 370 CELLS
 CELL SCORES MEAN= .348 SD= .361
 BLM TEST OF CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS
 SYMBOLIC MAP OF ASSOCIATION WITH CONCEPTUAL MODEL



LEGEND

SYMBOL FOR CELL SCORES AS FOLLOWS:
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FIGURE 5
 RESULTS OF CHARACTERISTIC
 ANALYSIS - URANIUM
 VOLCANIC MODEL

DISCUSSION

1. Due to the nature of stream sediment sampling, geochemical anomalies are displaced downstream from the metal's source and no attempt has been made in this study to project the geochemical values to the center of the drainage basin covered by the sample. The factor, characteristic, and multiple regression analyses were not adversely affected by this as each used grid cell and picture frame averages thereby increasing the size of area influenced by a sample. However, when interpreting individual discriminant analysis results or geochemical values, projection upstream may be required to fully understand the results.
2. Due to the large area having present and past mining activity, contamination influenced the contouring and interpretation of the geochemical results. The Animas River sediments where Silver values are extremely high are the most obviously affected area. The result of this is a regional bias from one area to the next. Using a geostatistical approach as in this study most of this contamination bias was effectively filtered out. The moving "picture frame" window allows a sample or area to be evaluated in comparison with samples in close proximity, therefore, a relatively weak anomaly may still be high-lighted within the areas containing lower regional values. For this reason, single element regional threshold values were not applied in defining anomalous samples. Obviously care should be taken when evaluating any of the raw values or the means and standard deviations determined on the entire data set.

3. The results shown by the geochemical survey and the subsequent geostatistical analysis relate closely to the known regional geology and mineralogy. The lithologic "training" sets used in the discriminant analysis showed the effectiveness of this approach to geochemical mapping of major rock units in large areas of little or no geologic data if at least some portion of the area has geologic control. Most of the major rock units in this area proved to be geochemically unique on a gross basis and future work may want to include soil sampling with multielement geochemical analysis with similar "finger printing" being used to help better define rock units acting as hosts to mineralization.

4. Dominating the previous mining activity within the planning units is the vein or vein-related precious and base metal mineralization. Because of the extensive activity related to these types of mineralization, the discriminant and multiple regression analyses are heavily weighted towards this mineralization. The models used throughout the statistical analysis are necessarily general due to the diversity of host rocks and mineralogy of the known deposits. Therefore, the Ute Mine was classified as being similar to the Golden Fleece when it may actually be more closely related to the Sunnyside type deposit. It is beyond the scope of a regional study such as this however, to differentiate between the individual vein systems found in the area. This study does show the value of the geochemical-geostatistical approach used to highlight and select areas where more detailed investigations should begin. The approaches used here rely on surface data and no attempt has been made to characterize the geochemical expressions and zonation that could be found associated with the vein related deposits which may exist at moderate

to considerable depth within the planning unit. No significant difference in the sediment geochemistry was seen as a function of vein directions which are primarily along northeast-southwest or northwest-southeast trends.

5. The possibilities of a mineralized porphyry system (large scale, low grade) in the study area was addressed. To date there is no known deposit present, however, similarities may be made with known deposits outside this study area. Crested Butte, also contained within the San Juan Volcanic Province, features a mineralized porphyry system. If a system exists in the area it would probably be found at depth since the presently exposed rocks are still high in the section of a volcanic pile. The pervasive propolytic alteration seen in the study area may imply the possible depth of such a system. Based on a literature review of associated characteristics of porphyry systems, models were chosen for the geostatistical analysis. Characteristic analysis was the only method used to define the most likely areas for future investigations toward porphyry mineralization. The method used alteration and mineralization changes in the geochemistry to interpret the statistically best areas of interest. Because many of the vein deposits reflect similar geochemistry as our projected models, areas of known vein mineralization associated with the calderas gave positive results in the porphyry statistical analysis in addition to areas defined by low-order geochemical patterns. Again, due to the regional nature of this study a critical assessment of the existence of a porphyry system may not be made. A more detailed program addressing the geology and geochemistry of selected areas would be necessary. This program does suggest that future work of a detailed nature is warranted and indicates those areas where work may yield the most information.

Alteration studies would be of primary concern with the emphasis on determination of origin (i.e., porphyry, vein emplacement, or regional association with volcanic environment).

6. Historically, uranium has received little attention, but currently industry activity is being seen. Modeling of potential mineralization has been developed with regard to uranium in the volcanic environment and considers the relation to the associated sediments within the calderas. Due to the high mobility of uranium, regional data may not be easily interpreted. The characteristic analysis results are generally valuable in that areas where more detailed work would be required have been emphasized.

The present model relies heavily on elements such as K and Ba which may not necessarily be unique to uranium and may reflect alteration or lithological changes. The contoured uranium geochemical values correlate best with present exploration activity while the airborne geophysics due to its questionable quality does not allow quantitative comparison with the geochemistry. The element Be generally correlates statistically with the uranium and favorable lithologic units. The best pathfinder for uranium seems to be uranium itself. Better knowledge of the area would be necessary for modeling the unique parameters required to adequately delineate potential mineralized areas. Fluorine would be an element that may help in future work. Addressing possible geologic controls specific to this area would be essential to further refinement of the mineral potential for uranium.

7. Airborne geophysical data supplied by the Bureau of Land Management consisted of spectrometric data, magnetic data,

and electromagnetic/resistivity data (DIGHEM^{II} data). This data was reviewed in context with the geochemical data but inconsistencies in coverage and scale prevented total integration of the two data packages for geostatistical processing.

The airborne magnetic data provides a strong reflection of lithology. Magnetic lows appear to coincide with areas of extensive feldspar destructive alteration. There is a suggestion of a NE-SW element characterized by a line of irregular highs in the northwestern corner of the survey area. This feature could either be a tectonic/structural element or a bounding feature related to the Lake City Caldera. A similar linear element is suggested from the airborne spectrometric (equivalent uranium contour map) data.

The airborne spectrometric data consists of two contour maps; one showing the distribution of equivalent uranium in ppm eU and the other showing the ratio of equivalent uranium to equivalent thorium in ppm eU/ppm eTh. The equivalent uranium contour map shows a good correlation with the geochemical contour map of uranium. These data serve to highlight the lithologic units of the Lake City Caldera as potential hosts for anomalous uranium mineralization. This conclusion is supported by the geochemical data.

The equivalent uranium-equivalent thorium ratio contour map reflects in a general sense, the lithologic distribution of the area. It is of interest to note that the ratio map does not highlight the Lake City Caldera lithologies as potential hosts for uranium.

8. Review of the total uranium data, both geochemical and geophysical , provides an interesting insight into the behavior of uranium within the geochemical environment. The airborne spectrometric work within the Lake City Caldera served to highlight the inter caldera volcaniclastic rocks as a potential uranium host based upon the contouring of the equivalent uranium data. The airborne data relating to the ratioing of equivalent uranium and equivalent thorium failed however, to delineate this area as anomalous in any way. Viewing the airborne data the only conclusions to be drawn would be that uranium was in the geologic/geochemical system but effective uranium-thorium partitioning was not apparent. Such a combination of radiometric signatures might be expected from a magmatic environment and therefore interest from an economic point of view might be less than enthusiastic.

In contrast, the geochemical data provides a different interpretation. The contoured uranium data highlights an area identical with that highlighted by the radiometric data. In addition, the geochemical data relating to the uranium-thorium ratio also highlights the Lake City Caldera area as an area of potential uranium-thorium partitioning and uranium concentration. The economic consequences of this data are significantly different than those based entirely on the radiometric data.

The resolution of this apparent discrepancy in interpretation probably involves consideration of the disequilibrium phenomenon characteristic of uranium particularly uranium in young sedimentary environments.

9. The planning units have seen extensive mining activity in the past. Based on this there is no reason to believe that this interest will not continue. With the general increase

in metal prices and the desire for less foreign dependency on metals, industry will continue to redefine the economic and political factors where areas now possibly considered marginal, become economically viable for exploration and possible mineral production. Commodities found in the study area that may now or in the future be of value might include barite, fluorspar, Ag-Au, Cu-Pb, Zn, Mo and U.

10. The present study shows the effectiveness of the geochemical-geological-geostatistical approach to the mineral potential assessment of large areas. This method allows the incorporation of large amounts of data to be used in more specific interpretations. The various geostatistical analyses effectively allow the investigator to define and model known and unknown mineralization that can be assessed within the study. These packages also allow areas to be specified which would require further work to interpret completely. The statistical packages are most effective when good quality quantitative data is used as opposed to the use of semi-quantitative or qualitative data.

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Appendix A

Stream Sediment Statistics

MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

STREAM SEDIMENT

VARIABLE	MEAN	SD	MIN	MAX	RANGE	NO. SA
AG	.719E+01	.758E+01	.100E+01	.960E+02	.950E+02	1191
AL0	.138E+02	.213E+01	.800E+00	.216E+02	.208E+02	1192
BA	.144E+04	.444E+03	.490E+02	.365E+04	.360E+04	1192
RE	.255E+01	.162E+01	.100E+00	.171E+02	.170E+02	1192
R	.139E+04	.532E+03	.140E+02	.492E+04	.490E+04	1192
CA0	.129E+01	.971E+00	.800E-01	.801E+01	.793E+01	1192
CD	.745E+01	.395E+01	.700E+01	.830E+02	.760E+02	1192
CO	.231E+02	.155E+02	.200E+01	.247E+03	.245E+03	1192
CR	.255E+02	.165E+02	.800E+00	.156E+03	.156E+03	1192
CU	.156E+03	.492E+03	.100E+01	.113E+05	.113E+05	1192
FE0	.764E+01	.329E+01	.800E+00	.374E+02	.366E+02	1192
K20	.306E+01	.890E+00	.130E+00	.694E+01	.681E+01	1192
MGO	.125E+01	.460E+00	.800E-01	.549E+01	.541E+01	1192
MNO	.516E+00	.129E+01	.100E+00	.122E+02	.121E+02	1148
NA0	.163E+01	.709E+00	.100E-01	.374E+01	.373E+01	1192
PO	.269E+00	.940E-01	.100E-01	.133E+01	.132E+01	1192
ANI	.136E+02	.631E+01	.100E+01	.102E+03	.101E+03	1192
PH	.553E+03	.169E+04	.500E+01	.297E+05	.297E+05	1192
SH	.247E+03	.134E+03	.170E+02	.790E+03	.773E+03	1192
TH	.197E+02	.120E+02	.600E+01	.117E+03	.111E+03	1192
TI02	.868E+00	.379E+00	.600E-01	.398E+01	.392E+01	1192
V	.126E+03	.722E+02	.130E+02	.102E+04	.101E+04	1192
ZN	.893E+03	.245E+04	.110E+02	.436E+05	.436E+05	1192
ZK	.104E+03	.365E+02	.110E+02	.257E+03	.246E+03	1192
AS	.212E+02	.298E+02	.100E+01	.480E+03	.479E+03	1194
MO	.558E+01	.147E+02	.100E+01	.320E+03	.319E+03	1194
U	.320E+01	.840E+01	.200E+00	.220E+03	.220E+03	1194
W	.970E+01	.238E+02	.400E+01	.320E+03	.316E+03	596
SN	.603E+02	.554E+02	.100E+02	.427E+03	.417E+03	1192

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS PROGRAM

LOWER LIMIT.....UPPER.....PERCENT.....COEFFICIENT

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR SED

.....PPM.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
7.9558	|||									
8.4773	|||									
9.1744	||									
9.9797	|||									
10.7969	||||									
11.5311	|||||									
12.5891	||||||									
13.6239	|||||||									
14.7447	|||||||									
15.5582	|||||||									
17.2713	|||||									
18.6129	|||									
20.2395	|									
21.4951	|									
23.6983	|									
25.6468	|									
27.7569	|									
30.0000	|									
32.5127	|									
35.1979	|									

TO FREQUENCY TABLE OF COMPLETE DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	COEFFICIENT	0.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|
3.149	1.873	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8.319	3.523	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9.545	4.750	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11.330	7.297	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11.100	9.415	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12.100	14.765	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13.096	25.755	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14.173	52.685	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15.340	74.857	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16.602	94.715	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17.271	97.077	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19.446	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21.646	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22.778	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24.652	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26.601	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28.476	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31.252	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33.424	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36.807	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|
CLASS	COEFFICIENT	0.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR 50

LOWER LIMIT.....UPPER PERCENT.....CON.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR 50

.....ppm.....	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
1.5307	I										
1.8574	I										
2.2537	I										
2.7349	I										
3.3195	I										
4.0279	I										
4.8865	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
5.9295	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
7.1957	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
8.7309	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
10.5945	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
12.8554	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
15.5974	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
18.9295	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
22.9699	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
27.8777	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
33.8214	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
41.0410	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
49.8019	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
59.4300	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I

AS PERCENTILE POINT OF CONCENTRATION DISTRIBUTION

CLASS ppm	CON.PCT.	.01	.1	.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
1.586	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2.046	1.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2.423	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3.013	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3.656	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4.438	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5.383	56.706	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
6.532	59.471	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
7.922	67.893	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
9.574	73.166	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
11.571	81.365	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
14.162	92.437	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
17.164	92.757	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
21.852	93.950	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	.	.	.
29.303	95.462	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	.	.
39.764	97.227	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	●	.
53.257	98.314	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	●	●
73.209	99.160	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	●	●
99.054	99.664	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	●	●
162.828	100.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	●	●	●	●	●
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS ppm	CON.PCT.	.01	.1	.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR 83

LOWER LIMIT, NUMBER PERCENT, PERCENTILE, COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR 83

.....PP.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
377.8253	||||									
452.5722	|									
542.1333	|||									
649.3838	|									
777.8322	|									
931.712	||||									
1116.2256	|||||									
1338.8653	|||||									
1671.8252	|||||									
2146.1323	|||||									
2777.2253	|||||									
3582.1751	|									
4590.8533	|									
5846.8765	|									
7330.1215	|									
9085.8279	|									
11186.8741	|									
13729.8831	|									
16771.9444	|									
20664.9975	|									

83 PROBABILITY PLOT OF CORRELATED DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
CLASS 1000		|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|
813.813	3.775	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
695.422	5.029	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
573.317	6.238	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
471.279	7.431	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
381.233	8.625	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
303.225	9.825	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2221.487	24.915	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1463.122	49.832	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1752.585	61.117	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2093.317	74.283	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2514.645	90.993	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3012.142	99.746	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3593.064	99.915	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4321.882	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5176.223	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5211.124	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7427.953	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8897.698	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10657.775	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12765.311	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CLASS 1000		|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|	|
CLASS	COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR BE

LOWER LIMIT.....UPPER.....PERCENT.....CONC.....PERCENT

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR BE

.....PPM.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
.5872	I									
.7676	I									
.9521	II									
1.0925	III									
1.2653	IIIIIIIIII									
1.5357	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.8649	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.2620	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.7452	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
3.3317	IIIIIIIIII									
4.0435	IIIIII									
4.9073	IIIIII									
5.9559	III									
7.2283	II									
8.7725	II									
10.6067	II									
12.8213	I									
15.4813	I									
19.6322	I									
24.0983	I									

BE FREQUENCY PROFILE FOR CONCENTRATION DISTRIBUTION

CLASS PPM	CONC	PERCENT	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
.683	.683	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.780	.780	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.946	.946	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.159	1.159	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.399	1.399	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.692	1.692	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2.053	2.053	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2.492	2.492	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.028	3.028	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.673	3.673	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4.455	4.455	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5.306	5.306	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6.261	6.261	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7.343	7.343	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8.664	8.664	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10.229	10.229	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12.035	12.035	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
14.276	14.276	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
20.057	20.057	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
25.446	25.446	5	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LESS THAN			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS PPM	CONC	PERCENT	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR CAD

LOWER LIMIT...NUMBER...PERCENT...CUM.PERC.

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR CAD

.....PPM.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	PERCENT
.1491			II								
.1783			III								
.2396			III								
.3179			IIII								
.4237			IIIIII								
.5853			IIIIIIIIII								
.7547			IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII								
1.0050			IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII								
1.3402			IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII								
1.7271			IIIIIIIIII								
2.3231			IIIIIIII								
3.1776			IIIIIIII								
4.2375			IIII								
5.6577			I								
7.5351			I								
10.0479			I								
13.3925			I								
17.5625			I								
23.2251			I								
31.7702			I								

CAD PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS PPM	CUM.PERC.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
.155	1.130	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.206	3.130	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.275	4.653	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.367	7.272	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.473	12.123	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.583	24.610	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.711	43.232	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.101	72.725	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.
1.540	73.774	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.
2.064	82.741	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.
2.752	89.932	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.
3.671	96.541	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.
4.893	99.602	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
6.505	99.831	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
8.701	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11.803	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15.472	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20.632	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27.512	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36.627	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS PPM	CUM.PERC.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR CR

LOWER LIMIT...NUMBER...PERCENT...COEFFIC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR CR

PPM	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
1.267	IIII									
2.663	II									
2.9975	II									
4.3361	III									
6.7771	IIII									
9.1907	IIIIIIII									
13.1552	IIIIIIIIII									
19.0685	IIIIIIIIIIII									
27.8166	IIIIIIIIIIIIII									
39.6488	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
57.9262	IIIIII									
84.8467	II									
121.5050	I									
175.9723	I									
254.8593	I									
369.1937	I									
534.5772	I									
774.2217	I									
1121.2961	I									
1523.9599	I									

CR PROBABILITY PLOT OF COMBINED DISTRIBUTION

CLASS PPM	COEFFIC	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
1.717	6.282	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2.407	5.122	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3.501	5.045	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5.210	7.343	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7.854	12.007	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10.943	14.983	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15.365	24.723	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22.948	47.103	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33.235	72.376	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48.139	93.421	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
69.712	93.405	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
100.963	99.880	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
156.224	99.916	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
211.774	100.000	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
306.710	100.084	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
444.204	100.084	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
633.336	100.084	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
931.735	100.084	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1343.422	100.084	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1954.352	100.000	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS	COEFFIC	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
PPM													

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR FEO

LOWER LIMIT.....NUMBER.....PERCENT.....COUNT PERC

EFFICIENCY OF THE INITIAL HISTOGRAM FOR FEO

.....PPM.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
2.431	I									
2.832	I									
3.300	I									
3.745	II									
4.450	IIII									
5.223	IIIIIIIIII									
6.122	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
7.077	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
8.082	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
9.222	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
11.211	IIIIIIII									
13.633	IIII									
15.220	III									
17.734	II									
21.664	I									
24.772										
28.884										
33.995										
44.377										

FEO PROBABILITY PLOT OF COMBINED DISTRIBUTION

CLASS PPM	0.5	1.0	1.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
2.624	2.671	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3.057	3.258	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3.502	3.781	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4.151	4.621	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4.835	5.346	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5.635	6.279	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6.565	7.372	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7.651	8.647	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8.914	10.132	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10.367	11.826	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12.102	13.640	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14.101	15.657	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16.439	17.919	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19.199	20.477	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22.335	24.241	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25.790	29.664	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30.282	34.744	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35.284	40.215	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41.112	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47.302	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS PPM	0.5	1.0	1.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR K20

LOWER LIMIT.....PERCENT.....UPPER PERCENT

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR K20

.....PPM.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
1.1456	II									
1.3577	II									
1.5427	IIII									
1.7526	IIII									
1.9916	IIIIIIII									
2.2622	IIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.5712	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.9214	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
3.3194	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
3.7715	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
4.2853	IIIIIIII									
4.8691	IIIIII									
5.5223	II									
6.2552	I									
7.0722	I									
8.0111	I									
9.0205	I									
10.1066	I									
11.2907	I									
13.5252	I									

K20 PROBABILITY PLOT OF COM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS ppm	COM.PCT.....	01	05	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
1.274	0.756	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.547	1.547	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.854	4.786	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.968	7.473	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.
2.123	13.514	-	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.
2.412	25.441	-	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.
2.741	32.663	-	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.
3.114	53.652	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.
3.538	71.285	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.
4.020	87.909	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
4.565	94.626	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
5.191	98.573	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
5.897	99.667	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
6.700	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
7.613	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8.650	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9.829	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11.167	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12.689	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14.417	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS ppm	COM.PCT.....	01	05	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR 800

LOWER LIMIT...NUMBER...PERCENT...CUM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTORY FOR 800

.....PPM.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
.3874	I									
.4533	II									
.5315	IIII									
.6208	IIIIII									
.7265	IIIIIIIIII									
.8502	IIIIIIIIIIII									
.9949	IIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.1643	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.3625	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.5944	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.8654	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.1834	IIII									
2.5551	II									
2.9901	I									
3.4941	I									
4.0944	I									
4.7914	I									
5.6076	I									
6.5621	I									
7.6792	I									

800 PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS ppm	CUM.PCI	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
.419	.594	•											
.490	1.613	•											
.574	3.754	•											
.672	7.473	•											
.786	17.063	•											
.927	26.444	•											
1.0976	37.267	•											
1.294	51.524	•											
1.474	68.676	•											
1.725	85.823	•											
2.014	95.416	•											
2.302	98.642	•											
2.764	99.831	•											•
3.235	99.930	•											•
3.725	99.944	•											•
4.433	99.915	•											•
5.144	99.815	•											•
5.966	100.000	•											•
7.049	100.000	•											•
8.367	100.000	•											•
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
CLASS	CUM.PCI	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
ppm													

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR NA0

LOWER LIMIT.....UPPER.....PERCENT.....COUNT PERCENT

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR NA0

.....PP	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
.2773	II									
.3511	I									
.4444	II									
.5625	III									
.7122	IIIIIIII									
.9018	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.1414	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.4449	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.8291	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.3155	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.9313	IIIIIIIIIIII									
3.7108	II									
4.6977	I									
5.9464	I									
7.5233	I									
9.5303	I									
12.0687	I									
15.2747	I									
19.3345	I									
24.4760	I									

NA0 PROBABILITY PLOT OF COM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	COMP	PERCENT	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
.312	1.293	5.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.395	1.599	5.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.500	2.262	5.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.633	3.487	5.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.801	5.690	5.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.114	9.475	5.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.489	14.275	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.
1.926	22.109	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.
2.455	34.623	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.
3.075	53.573	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.
3.894	83.242	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.
4.975	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6.295	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7.991	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10.170	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12.723	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15.74	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19.164	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23.054	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27.533	100.000	5.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN			I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
CLASS	COMP	PERCENT	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR PO

LOWER LIMIT, 7004 ER, PERCENT, 000, PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTORY FOR PO

.....PPM.....	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
.0777											III
.0919											I
.1087											II
.1285											II
.1519											IIIIIIII
.1797											IIIIIIIIII
.2124											IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
.2512											IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
.2971											IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
.3513											IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII
.4154											IIIIIIII
.4912											III
.5804											II
.6863											I
.8122											I
.9604											I
1.1357											I
1.3435											I
1.5901											I
1.8774											I

PO PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ. DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	CUM.FREQ.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
.0744	1.840	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.100	1.846	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.118	2.611	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.140	3.607	-	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.165	10.067	-	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.195	19.483	-	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.231	37.668	-	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.	.
.273	57.047	-	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.	.
.323	76.174	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.	.
.382	97.450	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.	.
.452	97.497	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.	.
.534	99.777	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•	.
.632	99.412	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
.747	99.832	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
.883	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
1.044	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
1.235	99.916	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	•
1.460	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.727	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2.042	100.000	-	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I	I
CLASS	CUM.FREQ.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
PPM													

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR NI

LOWER LIMIT...MID-FR...PERCENT...CO...PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION (MIS) FOR CLASS NI

.....PPM.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	PERCENT
3.9923	III										
4.7032	II										
5.5295	III										
6.5270	IIII										
7.6891	IIIIII										
9.0521	IIIIIIII										
10.6769	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
12.5798	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
14.7090	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
17.0457	IIIIIIII										
20.6510	IIIIIIIIIIII										
24.2110	IIII										
28.5217	III										
33.5999	II										
39.5222	I										
46.5297	I										
54.9310	I										
64.7123	I										
76.2341	I										
89.8673	I										

NI PROBABILITY PLOT OF COM.FREQ. DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	CUM.FREQ.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
4.333	1.082	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5.165	3.023	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6.014	4.952	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7.084	7.906	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8.346	12.447	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9.832	19.420	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11.582	30.856	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
13.644	51.135	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
16.073	77.460	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
18.935	113.936	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
22.307	173.860	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
26.278	270.809	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
30.957	408.318	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
36.469	608.243	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
42.962	908.579	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
50.611	1398.748	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
59.622	2098.916	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
70.237	3098.916	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
82.743	4498.916	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
97.475	10000.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS	CUM.FREQ.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
PPM													

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR 56

LOWER LIMIT.....NUMBER.....PERCENT.....CUM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR 56P

.....PP1.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
.....PP1.....	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	PERCENT	
46.2719	I											
57.5952	II											
71.8893	III											
89.2325	IIII											
111.5867	IIIIIIII											
136.2484	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII											
172.793	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII											
214.189	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII											
266.6034	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII											
331.2462	IIIIIIIIIIII											
413.6501	IIIIIIIIII											
514.1283	IIIIIIIIII											
639.4614	III											
796.5414	I											
991.4634	I											
1234.1454	I											
1536.6304	I											
1911.9751	I											
2375.8577	I											
2962.2351	I											

56 FREQUENCY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	CUM.PCT.	.01	.1	.5	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
51.524	1.17	•												
64.257	1.42	•	•											
79.381	1.77		•	•										
99.554	2.24			•	•									
123.716	2.83				•	•								
154.239	3.56					•	•							
191.983	4.36						•	•						
234.913	5.37							•	•					
297.449	6.67								•	•				
371.227	8.29									•	•			
460.226	10.19										•	•		
573.555	12.65											•	•	
713.961	15.91												•	•
889.674	20.00													•
1105.143	24.40													•
1376.824	29.90													•
1713.753	36.60													•
2133.127	44.70													•
2655.127	54.70													•
3304.866	66.60													•
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I	I
CLASS	CUM.PCT.	.01	.1	.5	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR TH

LOWER LIMIT.....NUMBER.....PERCENT.....CUM. PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR TH

.....PPM.....	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	PERCENT
3.3661	I										
4.2131	I										
5.3047	I										
6.6792	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
8.4099	IIIIIIII										
10.5849	IIIIIIII										
12.3325	IIIIIIIIIIII										
16.7871	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
21.1367	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
26.6133	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
33.5090	IIIIIIIIII										
42.1213	IIIIII										
53.1233	IIII										
66.8878	I										
84.2183	I										
106.0403	I										
133.5159	I										
166.1106	I										
211.6696	I										
260.5135	I										

TH PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM. FREQ. DISTRIBUTION

CLASS PPM	CUM. PCT. ....	.1	.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
3.755	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4.728	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5.952	0.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7.445	12.584	..	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
9.437	18.121	..	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
11.452	25.284	..	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
14.966	36.242	..	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
18.337	52.946	..	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
23.717	69.547	..	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
29.263	84.815	..	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
37.560	93.708	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
47.343	97.315	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
59.610	99.077	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
75.055	99.497	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
94.512	99.768	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
114.968	100.000	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
149.818	100.000	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
186.637	100.000	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
237.513	100.000	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
299.054	100.000	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CLASS PPM		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS	CUM. PCT. ....	.1	.5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR TIO2

LOWER TAIL...NUMBER...PERCENT...CUM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR TIO2

.....PPM.....	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	PERCENT
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50		
.2437		I										
.2485		I										
.3415		I										
.3742		IIII										
.4755		IIIIIIIIII										
.5884		IIIIIIIIIIIIII										
.6704		IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
.7935		IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
.9335		IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
1.1114		IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII										
1.3180		IIIIIIII										
1.5578		IIIIII										
1.8439		III										
2.1825		II										
2.6635		II										
3.0541		I										
3.6198		I										
4.2447		I										
5.0717		I										
6.0033		I										

TIO2 PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

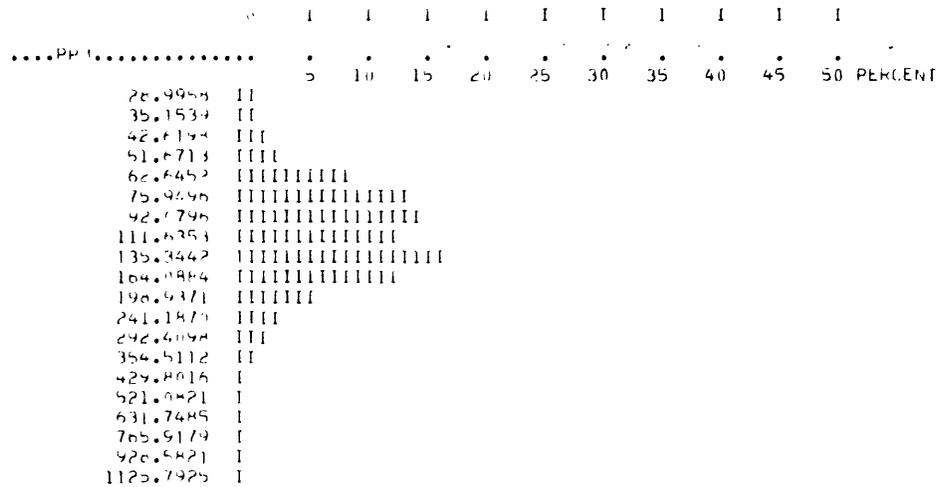
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LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
.265	.765	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.314	1.532	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.372	2.473	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.449	5.872	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.521	14.294	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.616	26.458	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.729	43.664	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
.853	57.021	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.022	73.362	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.210	85.872	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.432	92.595	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.695	96.255	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2.005	98.298	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2.375	99.314	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2.811	99.831	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.327	99.915	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3.938	99.915	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4.662	100.000	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5.515	100.000	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6.531	100.000	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
CLASS PPM	CUM.PCT..01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

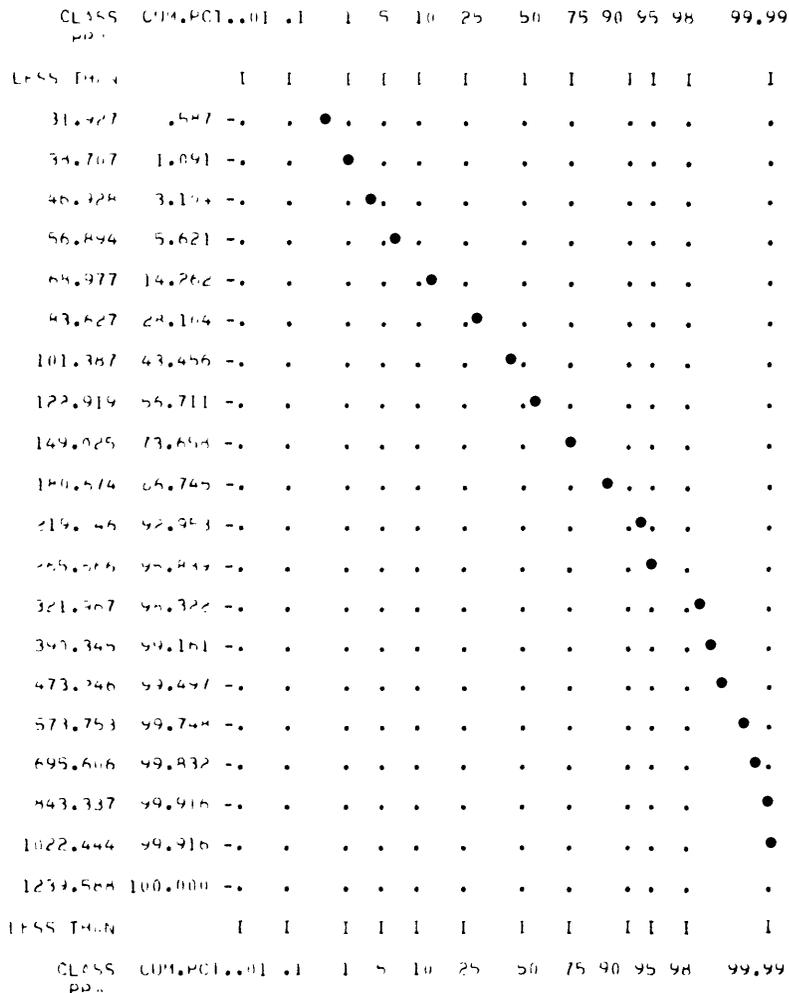
DATA ANALYSIS FOR V

LOWER LIMIT...NUMBER...PERCENT...CUM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR V



V PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

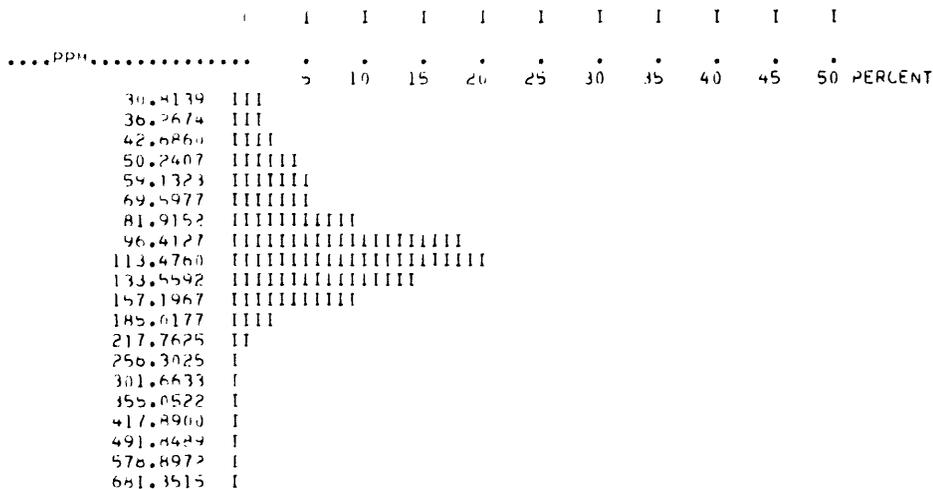


STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR ZR

LOWER LIMIT..NUMBER....PERCENT....CUM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR ZR



ZR PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

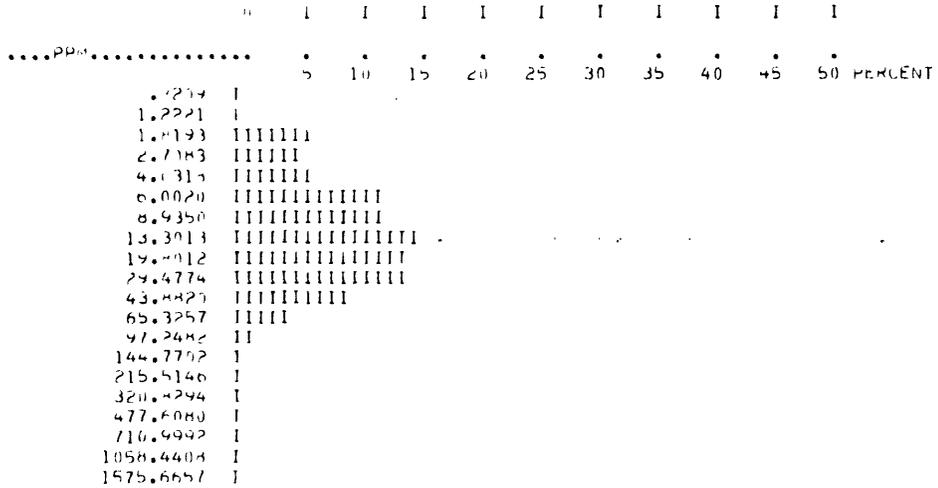
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LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
33.430	1.594	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
39.346	3.188	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
46.310	5.705	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
54.505	10.403	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
64.152	16.527	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
75.506	22.144	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
88.269	32.383	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
104.597	51.091	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
123.109	71.896	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
144.897	86.745	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
171.541	96.343	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
200.723	99.324	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
235.248	99.916	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
273.059	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
327.271	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
385.192	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
453.364	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
533.601	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
624.039	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
739.190	100.000	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
CLASS PPM	CUM.PCT.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99

STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

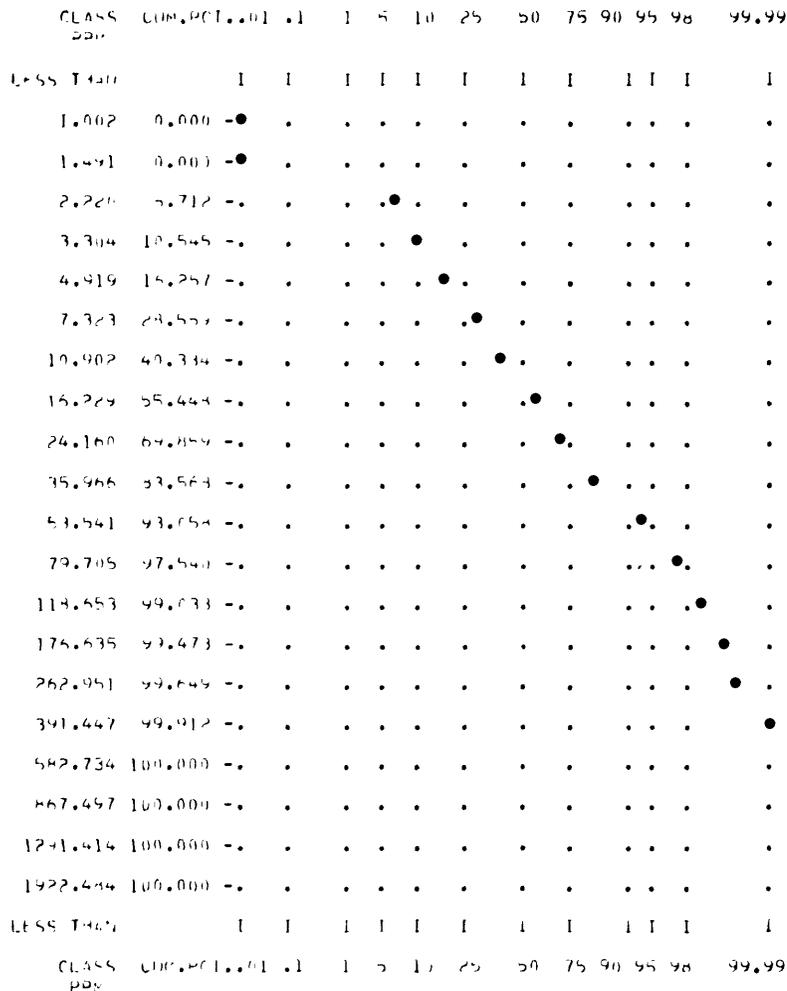
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AS PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION



STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

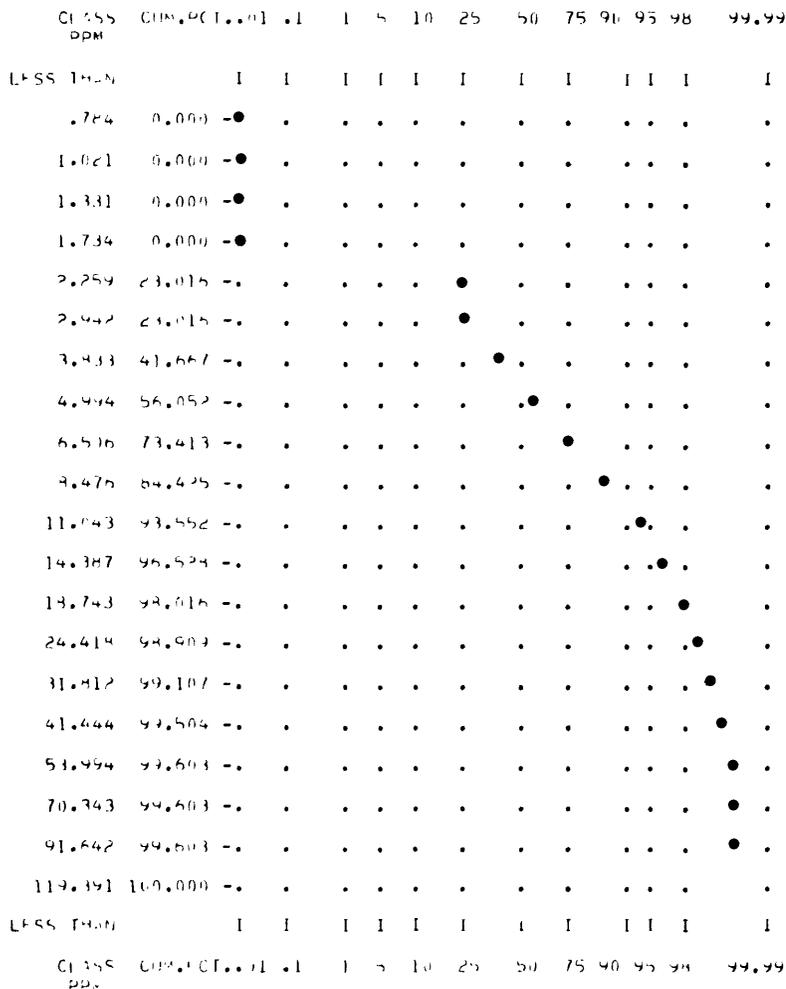
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LOWER LIMIT, NUMBER, PERCENT, CUM. PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR MO



MO PROBABILITY PLOT OF CUM. FREQ. DISTRIBUTION



STREAM SEDIMENT MULTI-ELEMENT STATISTICS

DATA ANALYSIS FOR U

LOWER LIMIT.....UPPER.....PERCENT.....COM.PERC

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION HISTOGRAM FOR U

.....PPM.....	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50 PERCENT
.0516	I									
.0829	I									
.1332	I									
.2141	IIIIII									
.3440	IIIIIIIIIIIIII									
.5529	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
.8835	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
1.4282	IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII									
2.2953	IIIIIIII									
3.6891	IIIIIIIIIIII									
5.9283	IIIIII									
9.5245	IIIIII									
15.3137	III									
24.6114	III									
39.6552	II									
63.6716	I									
102.1898	I									
164.2033	I									
263.6012	I									
424.1314	I									

U PROBABILITY PLOT OF COM.FREQ.DISTRIBUTION

CLASS	COM.PERC.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
PPM													
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
.065	9.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.105	9.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.169	9.000	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.271	4.641	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.436	16.988	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.701	33.450	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.	.
1.127	47.461	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.	.
1.811	64.799	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.	.
2.910	72.154	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.	.
4.677	83.538	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.	.
7.516	88.967	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●	.
12.080	95.004	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
19.414	97.373	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
31.271	99.299	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
51.146	99.825	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
80.592	99.825	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
129.525	99.912	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
208.167	99.912	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	●
334.558	100.000	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
537.684	100.000
LESS THAN		I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	II	I	I	I
CLASS	COM.PERC.	.01	.1	1	5	10	25	50	75	90	95	98	99.99
PPM													

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Appendix B

Plates B I through B XV

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Appendix C

Tables C-1 and C-2

Plates C I through C VII

TABLE C-1
FACTOR LOADINGS
DETERMINED FROM FACTOR ANALYSIS

	FACTOR 1	FACTOR 2	FACTOR 3	FACTOR 4	FACTOR 5	FACTOR 6	FACTOR 7
ac	.75901	.02991	.15873	.11647	.18973	.13607	.22563
ad 203	.23126	.11379	.18679	.05845	.14133	.27276	.24534
av	.15301	.45699	.13780	.11700	.11051	.41105	.58719
bl	.07879	.03641	.92057	.25000	.23634	.23704	.14517
b	-.16607	.41657	.03671	.21974	.10116	.61266	.64578
cau	.18336	.15401	.12697	.92111	.40108	.06777	.11787
cb	.4367	.00110	.06397	.65970	.01304	.05073	.11101
cd	.10879	.19913	.13080	.69377	.32237	.83771	.22111
ce	.25182	.48824	.31967	.07752	.29990	.33403	.17427
ch	.91358	.27663	.26879	.41547	.07104	.03940	.02947
cl 03	.13438	.26821	.22191	.30691	.86523	.30878	.01181
cd	.20591	.06596	.25714	.21378	.67857	.04043	.67611
ad	.06999	.29601	.25771	.14433	.46090	.24516	.38074
cau	.67527	.21937	.02566	.10148	.69870	.23319	.15670
ad 20	.49168	.00663	.21811	.65790	.39543	.18170	.42465
cau	.05559	.42901	.10361	.65485	.59657	.29479	.31093
bl	.19417	.69270	.03238	.07136	.48177	.57410	.03942
cb	.26697	.13008	.15573	.43867	.14245	.01847	.03918
ce	.03443	.03941	.28408	.25007	.53716	.04038	.11964
ch	.21607	.22544	.67059	.08598	.00125	.39517	.32159
cl 07	.32326	.07920	.10833	.50879	.88467	.17909	.16406
d	.01360	.36131	.29901	.37090	.91418	.20326	.12638
ar	.25770	.19666	.08831	.31488	.04428	.09517	.16931
e	.47111	.21357	.35001	.32293	.31339	.14711	.36954
ce	.59766	.23585	.13850	.20467	.23665	.67295	.16480
cau	.53786	.10915	.16664	.50169	.33417	.01167	.05735
bl	.10473	.24246	.67959	.69366	.36377	.06867	.07829
cl	.15148	.01592	.00405	.12397	.10340	.08392	.02350
cd	.11874	.10372	.69051	.01138	.06727	.30902	.06120

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TABLE E-1

MULTIPLE REGRESSION EQUATION

STEP	VARIABLE ENTERED	VARIABLE REMOVED	F TO ENTER OR REMOVE	SIGNIFICANCE	MULTIPLE R	R SQUARE	R SQUARE CHANGE	SIMPLE R	OVERALL F	SIGNIFICANCE
1	F04		154.28992	0	.40573	.16461	.16461	.40573	154.28992	0
2	D16		48.29841	.000	.46174	.21321	.04859	.31851	105.95447	.000
3	G110		40.90141	0	.50236	.25236	.03915	.17060	87.87432	0
4	F12		23.72116	.000	.52386	.27443	.02207	.17200	73.75339	.000
5	F54		22.35512	.000	.54283	.29467	.02024	-.22133	65.08913	0
6	F51		5.26660	.022	.54718	.29941	.00474	-.14819	55.41579	.000
7	D14		3.89642	.049	.55037	.30291	.00350	.03494	48.23312	0
A	F53		2.29243	.130	.55223	.30496	.00205	.09982	42.56074	.000
9	D19		1.50339	.221	.55345	.30631	.00135	-.01208	38.02335	0
10	F01		1.23571	.267	.55445	.30741	.00111	.06824	34.35499	.000
11	D18		1.25074	.264	.55546	.30853	.00112	-.14105	31.35563	0
12	F56		1.02640	.311	.55628	.30945	.00092	-.09569	28.82918	.000
13	D10		.85165	.356	.55697	.31021	.00076	-.11122	26.67195	0
14	D13		.80214	.371	.55761	.31093	.00072	-.05373	24.81775	.000
15	F55		.41629	.519	.55795	.31130	.00037	-.08488	23.17343	0
16	F57		.67898	.410	.55849	.31191	.00061	.00029	21.75845	.000
17	D12		.26104	.610	.55870	.31215	.00023	-.10698	20.47420	0
18	D15		.14715	.701	.55882	.31228	.00013	-.03486	19.32342	.000
19	F03		.10543	.746	.55890	.31237	.00009	-.00140	18.29057	0
20	F52		.05497	.815	.55895	.31242	.00005	.07575	17.35732	.000
21	D17		.01706	.896	.55896	.31244	.00002	-.10949	16.51033	0

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