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JURASSIC AND CRETACEOUS KINGAK SHALE, AND CRETACEOUS  
PEBBLE SHALE UNIT, HUE SHALE, AND TOROK FORMATION,  
NORTH SLOPE, ALASKA

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## INTRODUCTION

This report provides preliminary inorganic geochemical data for a set of 33 core samples from 8 wells in the North Slope of Alaska (Table 1, Figure 1). These samples were analyzed as a reconnaissance study of the distribution of trace elements in petroleum source-rocks and shales in the region. Formations sampled include the Triassic Shublik Formation, Jurassic and Cretaceous Kingak Shale, and Cretaceous pebble shale unit, Hue Shale, and Torok Formation. These analyses supplement and expand on earlier inorganic geochemical analyses by Brosgé and TAILLEUR (1988). Organic geochemical analyses and thermal maturity measurements for most of the wells analyzed in this study may be found in the reports by Magoon and Bird (1988), Claypool and Magoon (1988), Magoon and others (1988), and Bayliss and Magoon (1988).

## REGIONAL STRATIGRAPHY AND SAMPLE SELECTION

The North Slope of Alaska is a foreland basin formed in Mesozoic and Cenozoic time in response to crustal loading by the Brooks Range, an orogenic belt produced by collision of the continental Arctic Alaska plate with an island arc (Figure 2). The foreland basin developed on an older passive margin sequence composed of Mississippian to Cretaceous clastic and carbonate rocks. A schematic cross section (Figure 3) shows the characteristic structural and stratigraphical relations. The stratigraphic nomenclature and ages of these rocks are summarized in figure 4. The paleogeography during formation of the passive margin consisted of a land mass to the north and the open ocean to the south in present-day coordinates. Land and sea relations were reversed during foreland basin development with the orogenic ancestral Brooks Range highlands in the south and the marine basin to the north. Marine shale having the requisite organic carbon richness and type to be classified as petroleum source rocks have been identified in previous studies as occurring in both passive margin rocks (Triassic Shublik Formation, Jurassic and Cretaceous Kingak Shale, and Cretaceous pebble shale unit) and foreland basin rocks (Hue Shale and Torok Formation).

Regional reconstruction indicates that during deposition of the Shublik Formation, the Kingak Shale, and, to some extent, the pebble shale unit sedimentary facies were oriented in a west-northwest to east-southeast trend, with the shoreline to the north of the modern coastline. Figure 5 summarizes the paleogeography and sedimentary facies for the Shublik Formation. In contrast to these passive margin facies trends, regional reconstructions show

that foreland basin trends were distinctly different. Lithofacies and seismic reflection data show that the foreland basin was filled primarily from southwest to northeast. The Hue Shale (previously reported as the gamma-ray zone of the pebble shale unit by Bird, 1988) is interpreted as the most distal, most slowly deposited, and probably the deepest marine of the foreland basin deposits. The overlying Torok Formation is interpreted as a less distal and more rapidly deposited unit composed of marine shale and turbidite sandstone.

Average organic carbon abundance in the Shublik Formation increases with increasing distance from the paleoshoreline, from a mean of about 1% in the Drew Point No. 1 well to a mean of about 3% in the Inigok No. 1 well (Magoon and Bird, 1987, 1988). Organic carbon abundance follows a similar pattern in the Kingak Shale, increasing from a mean of about 1% in the Drew Point No. 1 well to about 2% in the Inigok No. 1 well and about 3% in the Seabee No. 1 well (Magoon and Bird, 1987, 1988). The samples reported here were selected to represent, insofar as possible, a transect more or less perpendicular to the paleogeographic shoreline trend of the passive margin facies.

## SAMPLE PREPARATION

Samples were selected from cores stored at U.S. Geological Survey repositories in Menlo Park, California (Table 1). From a piece of core weighing several hundred grams, two matching subsamples of 10-20 g were cut with a free-flowing water saw for (1) major and minor element chemistry, and (2) organic carbon analysis (not reported here). The remainder of each sample piece was retained for subsequent petrographic and other petrologic studies.

## ANALYTICAL METHODS AND REPRODUCIBILITY

The samples were analyzed by a multi-extraction, multi-element major and trace element package (ME3) by XRAL Laboratories in Don Mills, Ontario, Canada. Techniques included X-ray fluorescence spectrometry (XRF), instrumental neutron activation analysis (NAA), and inductively coupled plasma spectrometry (ICP). The 33 North Slope samples were analyzed as a part of one batch, consisting of a total of 60 samples, including 8 duplicate analyses of samples and 2 duplicate analyses of system standards. For each element, the technique used and detection limit is given in Table 2.

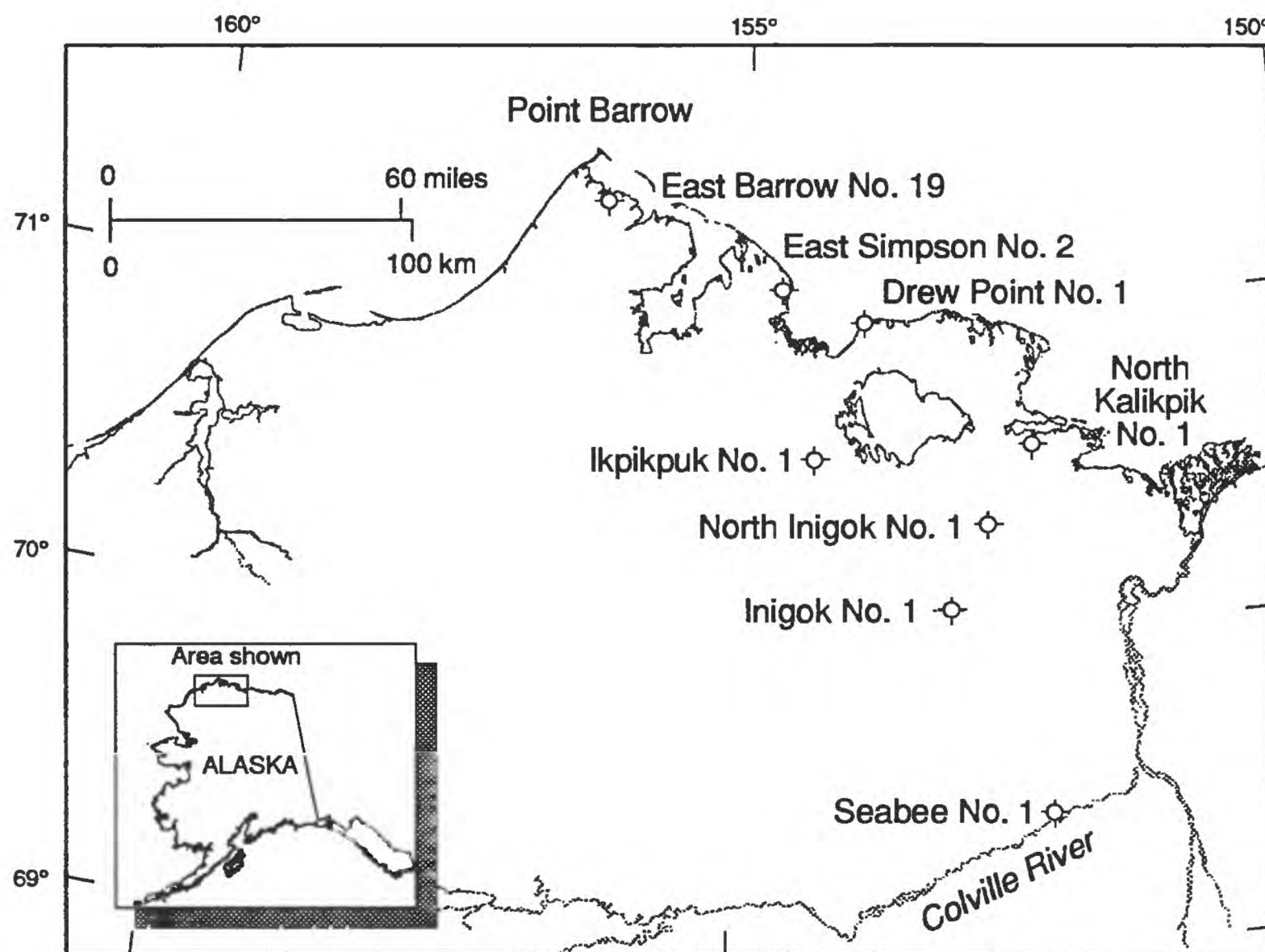


Figure 1. Index map of part of the North Slope of Alaska showing locations of wells sampled.

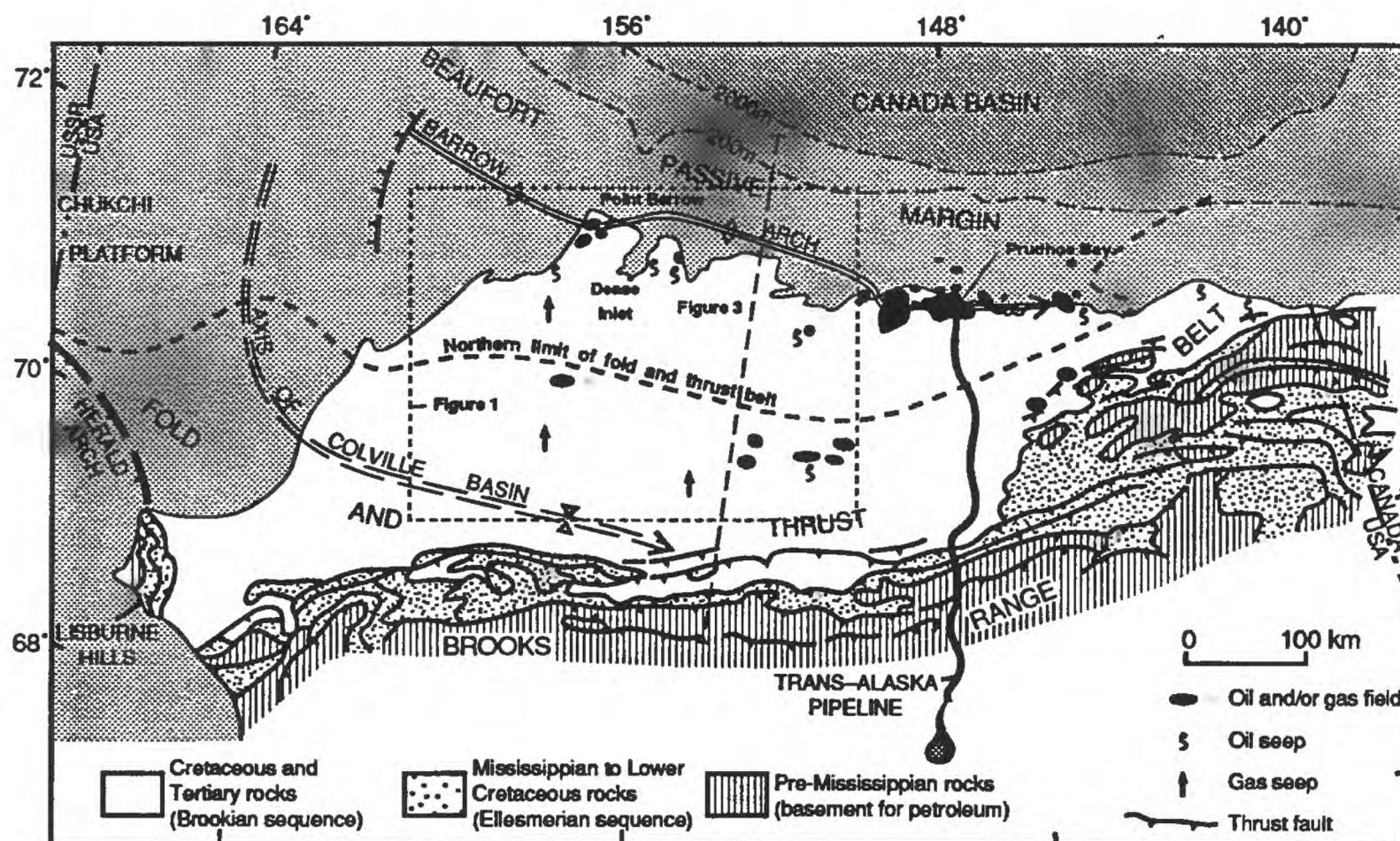
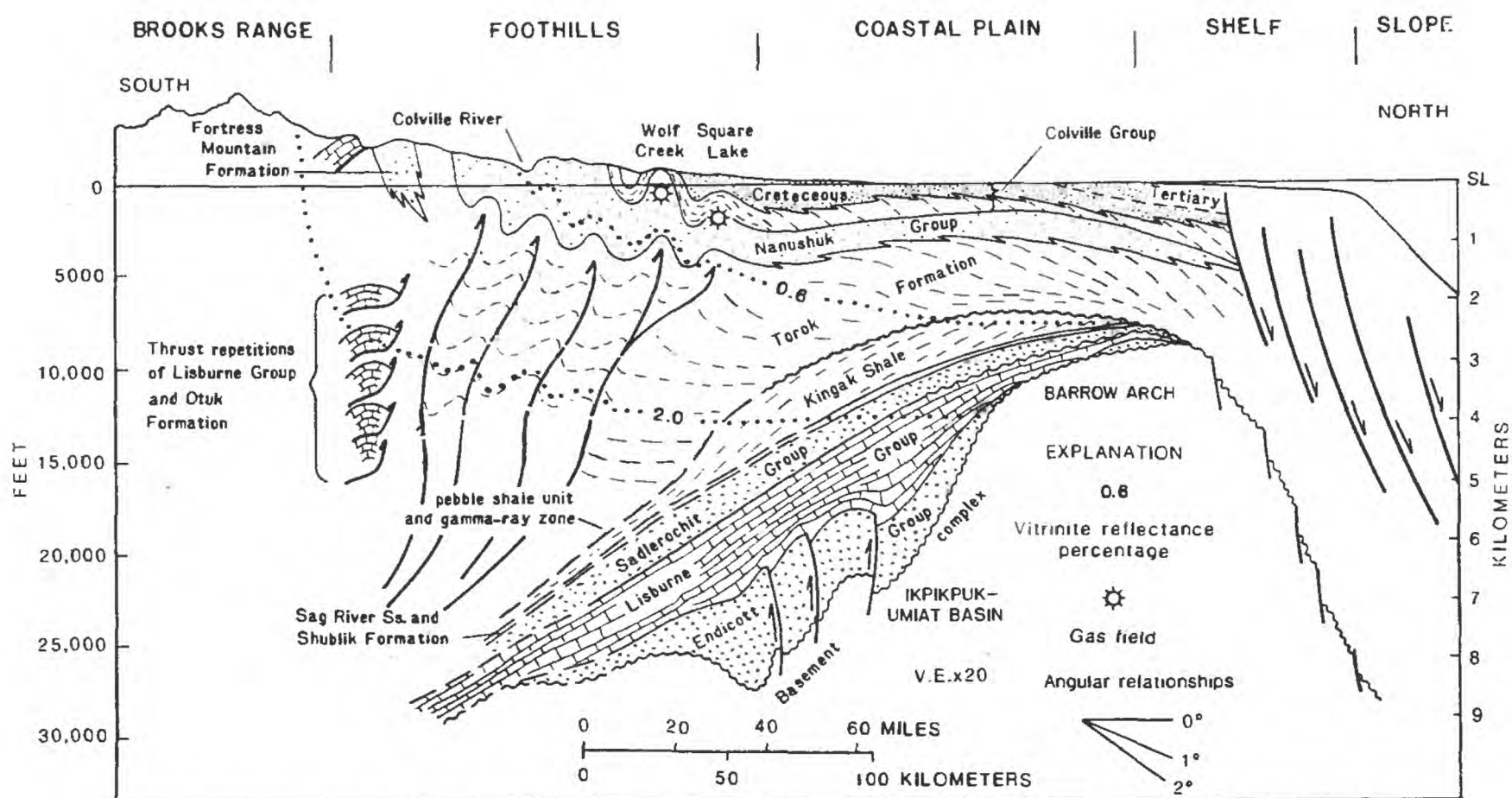


Figure 2. Generalized geologic map of the North Slope, showing locations of oil and gas fields, hydrocarbon seepages, major tectonic elements, and cross section (Figure 3). Modified from Bird (1991) and Bird and Molenaar (1992).



**FIGURE 3.** Schematic structural and stratigraphic cross section across the central North Slope (from Bird, 1987). Shaded zone between Torok Formation and Kingak Shale is the pebble shale unit and gamma-ray zone. See Figure 2 for location of section.

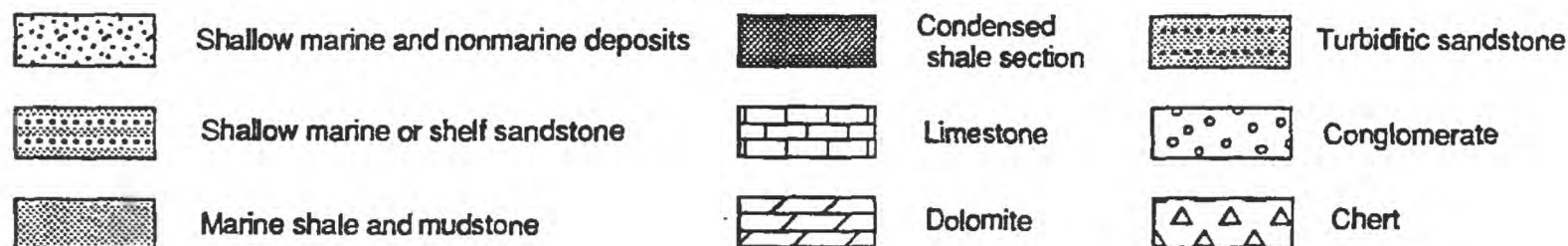
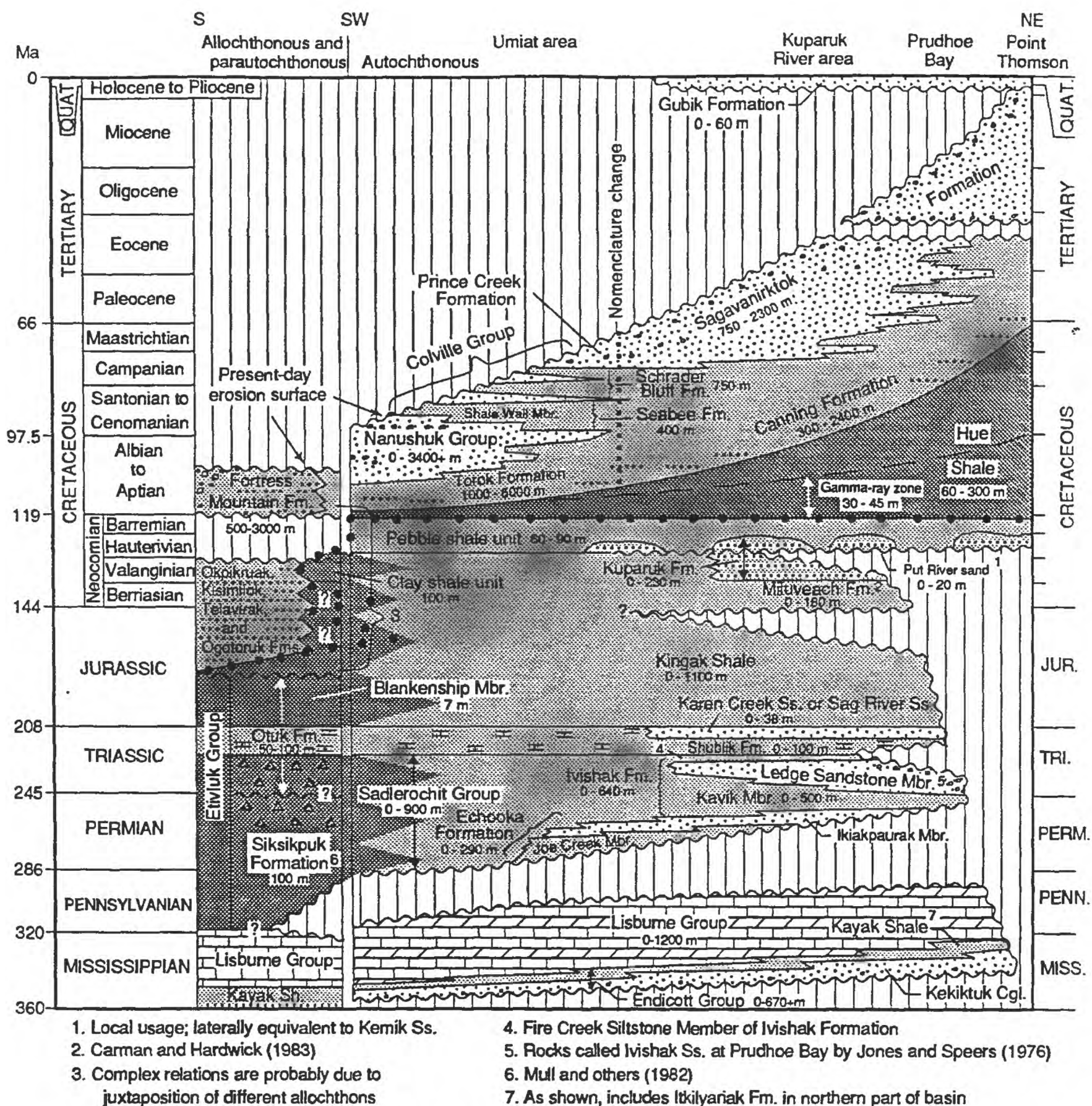


Figure 4. Chronostratigraphic chart of post-Devonian rocks across the North Slope basin. Heavy dotted line at top of pebble shale unit and extending down section into the Jurassic in allochthonous rocks separates Brookian sequence (foreland basin) rocks above from Ellesmerian sequence rocks (passive margin) below. Absolute time scale modified from Palmer (1983). Vertical time scale changes by a factor of 2 at 144 Ma.

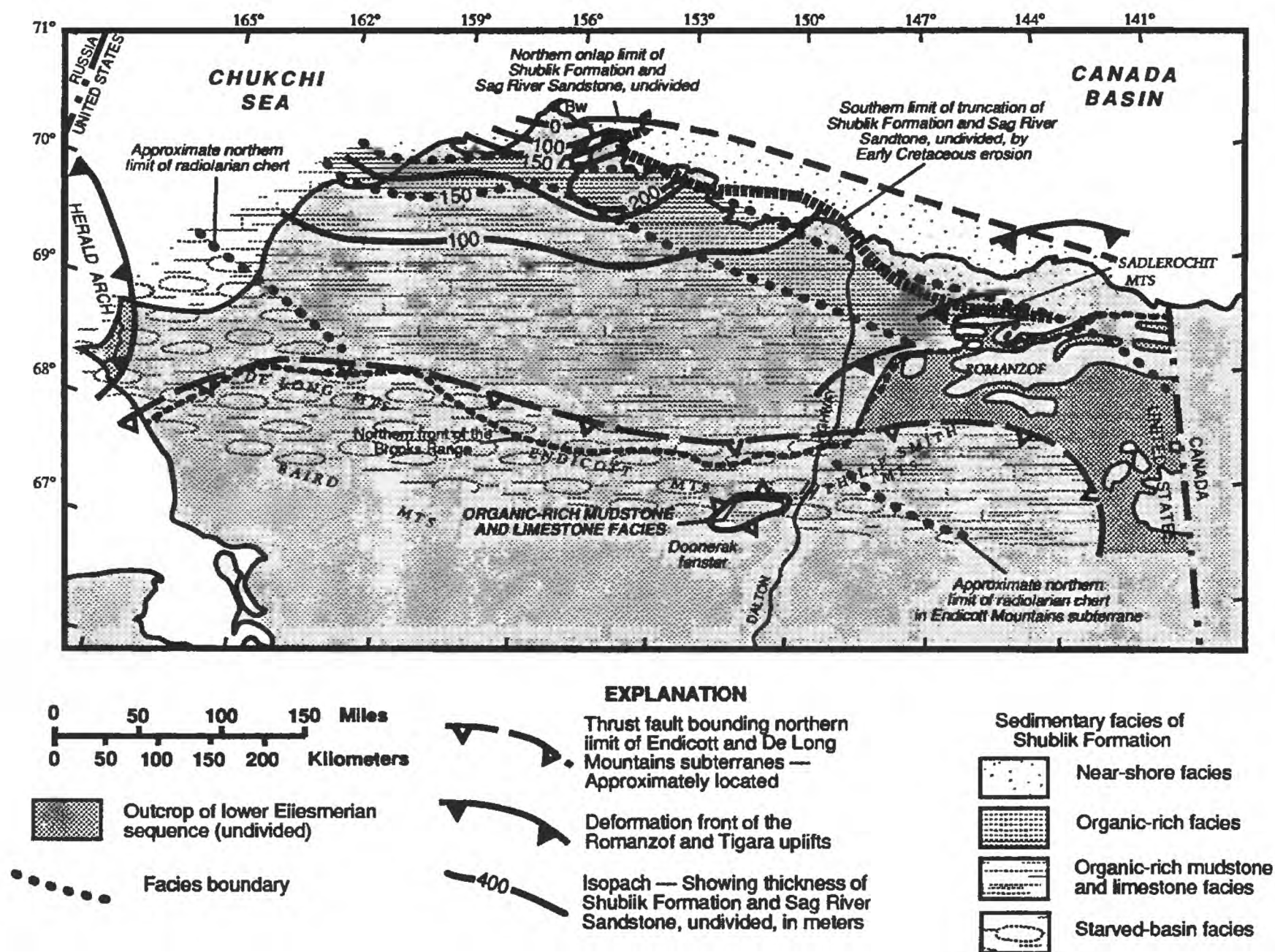


Figure 5. Facies distribution of the Shublik Formation and isopachs for the undivided Shublik Formation and Sag River Sandstone. From Moore and others (1992) based on summaries of Parrish (1987) and Hubbard and others (1987).

Methods and reproducibility of previously reported NAA analyses are detailed by Isaacs (1992), and reproducibility of XRF and ICP analyses by Piper and Isaacs (1995, in press). For previously reported samples analyzed using both NAA and ICP methods at XRAL Laboratories, common elements (Fe, Ca, Na, Co, Cr, Mo, Sc, and Zn) agreed better than  $\pm 3\%$  at one standard deviation. Intermethod comparison with XRF results at XRAL Laboratories and interlaboratory comparison of XRF and ICP results for the same samples at U.S. Geological Survey laboratories also showed excellent agreement for all elements except Ba. For Ba, different analytical methods (and for ICP, different chemical digestion procedures) yield significantly different results, probably because of incomplete extraction of Ba during chemical digestion (Piper and Isaacs, 1995, in press).

For the batch including the 33 North Slope samples reported here, duplicate analyses and a system standard duplicate analysis are given in Table 3. Relative standard deviations, grouped by abundance class, are shown in Table 4. For all major oxides and LOI, relative standard deviations are in the range 0.0–1.2%. For minor elements, relative standard deviations are in the range 0.0–3.2% for abundances greater than 100 times the detection limit, and 0.4–6% for abundances 10–100 times the detection limit. Only a few elements with mean abundances <10 times their detection limit have relative standard deviations exceeding 10% (Table 4).

## DATA TABLES

Table 5 gives abundances of major oxides and minor elements for the 33 North Slope core samples reported here. Listed first are major oxides ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{MnO}$ ) and LOI (loss on ignition). Following in alphabetical order are minor elements (Ag, As, Au, B, Ba, Be, Br, Cd, Ce, Co, Cr, Cs, Cu, Eu, Ge, Hf, Ir, La, Lu, Mo, Nb, Nd, Ni, Pb, Rb, Sb, Sc, Se, Sm, Sr, Ta, Tb, Th, U, V, W, Y, Yb, Zn, Zr).

For samples analyzed in duplicate, only one of the two analyses is listed. For comparison of duplicate analyses, see Table 3.

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Table 1. Well identifications, sample depths, and stratigraphic units of core samples analyzed from the North Slope of Alaska.

WELL	API Number	Sample Depth (ft)	Stratigraphic Unit
Seabee No. 1	50-287-20007	14589	Kingak Shale
		14593.8	Kingak Shale
		14599	Kingak Shale
		14604	Kingak Shale
Inigok No. 1	50-279-20003	8849.5-51.5	Torok Formation
		8849.5	Torok Formation
		9457.5	Kingak Shale
		10299	Kingak Shale
		12273.5	Shublik Formation
		12275.5	Shublik Formation
North Inigok No. 1	50-103-20017	10160	Shublik Formation
		10165.3	Shublik Formation
North Kalikpik No. 1	50-103-20011	7131.4	Pebble shale unit
		7136	Pebble shale unit
		7148.5	Pebble shale unit
		7149.5	Pebble shale unit
Ikpikpuk No. 1	50-279-20004	7369	Hue Shale
		7372.3	Hue Shale
		7376	Hue Shale
		7491	Kingak Shale
		7500	Kingak Shale
		10277	Shublik Formation
		10283	Shublik Formation
		10288	Shublik Formation
Drew Point No. 1	50-279-20002	6927	Kingak Shale
		6941	Kingak Shale
		7544	Shublik Formation.
		7568.5	Shublik Formation
East Simpson No. 2	50-279-20007	6344.3	Hue Shale
		6354	Hue Shale
		6367	Hue Shale
South Barrow No. 19	50-023-20012	1354	Hue Shale/Torok Formation
		1359.3	Hue Shale/Torok Formation

Table 2. Methods of analysis and detection limits. Methods are X-ray fluorescence spectrometry (XRF), inductively coupled plasma spectrometry (ICP), and neutron activation analysis (NAA).

Oxide or element	Method	Detection limit
SiO <sub>2</sub>	XRF	0.01%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	XRF	0.01%
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	XRF	0.01%
MgO	XRF	0.01%
CaO	XRF	0.01%
Na <sub>2</sub> O	XRF	0.01%
K <sub>2</sub> O	XRF	0.01%
TiO <sub>2</sub>	XRF	0.01%
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	XRF	0.01%
MnO	XRF	0.01%
LOI	XRF	0.01%
Ag	ICP	0.1 ppm
As	NAA	1 ppm
Au	NAA	2 ppb
B	ICP	10 ppm
Ba	XRF	10 ppm
Be	ICP	1 ppm
Br	NAA	0.5 ppm
Cd	ICP	1 ppm
Ce	NAA	1 ppm
Co	NAA	0.5 ppm
Cr	NAA	0.5 ppm
Cs	NAA	0.5 ppm
Cu	ICP	0.5 ppm
Eu	NAA	0.05 ppm
Ge	ICP	10 ppm
Hf	NAA	0.2 ppm
Ir	NAA	5 ppb

Table 2. continued

Oxide or element	Method	Detection limit
La	NAA	0.1 ppm
Lu	NAA	0.01 ppm
Mo	NAA	2 ppm
Nb	XRF	10 ppm
Nd	NAA	3 ppm
Ni	ICP	1 ppm
Pb	ICP	2 ppm
Rb	XRF	10 ppm
Sb	NAA	0.1 ppm
Sc	NAA	0.01 ppm
Se	NAA	1 ppm
Sm	NAA	0.01 ppm
Sr	XRF	10 ppm
Ta	NAA	0.5 ppm
Tb	NAA	0.1 ppm
Th	NAA	0.2 ppm
U	NAA	0.1 ppm
V	ICP	2 ppm
W	NAA	1 ppm
Y	XRF	10 ppm
Yb	NAA	0.05 ppm
Zn	ICP	0.5 ppm
Zr	XRF	10 ppm

Table 3. Duplicate analyses of rocks and standards analyzed in the same batch with samples from the North Slope of Alaska reported here. The system standard is not included in sample averages.

Sample ID	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	MgO (%)	CaO (%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	55.2	16.1	8.21	1.70	1.04	0.63	2.39
Run 2	55.2	16.1	8.24	1.69	1.05	0.70	2.40
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Run 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	49.4	18.5	10.5	1.75	0.59	0.71	2.83
Run 2	49.3	18.5	10.4	1.75	0.60	0.73	2.85
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Run 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	60.1	18.5	4.13	1.80	0.54	0.90	3.45
Run 2	60.2	18.7	4.11	1.79	0.55	0.91	3.46
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Run 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	38.1	9.85	4.65	2.40	17.4	2.72	1.71
Run 2	38.0	9.84	4.64	2.38	17.4	2.74	1.72
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Run 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Run 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run 1	60.1	11.9	6.21	2.69	7.99	4.19	4.32
Run 2	59.6	11.9	6.22	2.70	7.95	4.19	4.32
Sample averages	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	MgO (%)	CaO (%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)
Number (N)	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Standard deviation	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.005	0.004	0.02	0.006
Relative std. dev.	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	1.2%	0.2%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	MnO (%)	LOI (%)	Ag (ppm)	As (ppm)	Au (ppb)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	0.914	0.16	0.08	13.8	---	---	---
Run 2	0.910	0.16	0.08	13.8	---	---	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	--	--	--	---	1.6	28	21
Run 2	--	--	--	---	1.6	30	23
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	0.935	0.12	0.02	15.1	0.9	35	5
Run 2	0.926	0.12	0.02	15.1	0.9	34	3
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	--	--	---	---	<0.1	---	---
Run 2	--	--	--	---	0.3	---	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	0.905	0.19	0.02	9.65	---	---	---
Run 2	0.915	0.19	0.02	9.60	---	---	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	--	--	---	---	1.3	---	---
Run 2	--	--	--	---	1.5	---	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	0.510	0.39	0.04	22.5	---	---	---
Run 2	0.531	0.39	0.04	22.6	---	---	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	--	--		---	0.7	---	---
Run 2	--	--		---	1.0	---	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	--	--	--	---	---	<1	<2
Run 2	--	--	--	---	---	<1	<2
System Standard (Sy-2)			--				
Run 1	0.143	0.43	0.32	1.20	0.2	---	---
Run 2	0.139	0.43	0.32	1.20	<0.1	---	---

Sample averages	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	MnO (%)	LOI (%)	Ag (ppm)	As (ppm)	Au (ppb)
Number (N)	4	4	4	4	4	2	2
Standard deviation	0.006	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.8	1.0
Relative std. dev.	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	5.3%	1.6%	4.2%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	B (ppm)	Ba (ppm)	Be (ppm)	Br (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Ce (ppm)	Co (ppm)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	---	414	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	425	---	---	---	---	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	130	---	2	4.5	25	36	7.8
Run 2	135	---	2	5.0	22	35	8.1
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7369							
Run 1	190	765	2	3.8	6	90	16
Run 2	205	745	4	3.4	6	91	15
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	182	---	5	---	<1	---	---
Run 2	198	---	5	---	<1	---	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	---	700	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	711	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	86	---	<1	---	1	---	---
Run 2	95	---	1	---	<1	---	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	---	1350	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	1360	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	114	---	<1	---	<1	---	---
Run 2	120	---	<1	---	<1	---	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	---	---	---	560	---	28	24
Run 2	---	---	---	560	---	29	20
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run 1	91	446	24	---	<1	---	---
Run 2	103	425	25	---	<1	---	---

Sample averages	B (ppm)	Ba (ppm)	Be (ppm)	Br (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Ce (ppm)	Co (ppm)
Number (N)	5	4	3	3	2	3	3
Standard deviation	4.5	6.5	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.7
Relative std. dev.	2.7%	0.8%	10%	0.08%	2.8%	1.0%	5.8%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	Cr (ppm)	Cs (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Eu (ppm)	Ge (ppm)	Hf (ppm)	Ir (ppb)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	200	5.5	82.9	0.55	<10	4.4	<5
Run 2	210	5.8	79.0	0.65	<10	4.5	<5
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	120	9.5	62.1	1.73	<10	4.7	<5
Run 2	120	9.6	62.4	1.63	<10	4.8	<5
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	---	---	128	---	<10	---	---
Run 2	---	---	136	---	<10	---	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	---	---	54.4	---	<10	---	---
Run 2	---	---	51.9	---	<10	---	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	---	---	57.4	---	<10	---	---
Run 2	---	---	54.8	---	<10	---	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	56	4.6	---	0.66	---	1.6	<5
Run 2	52	4.1	---	0.65	---	1.5	<5
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run 1	---	---	4.0	---	<10	---	---
Run 2	---	---	3.8	---	<10	---	---

Sample averages	Cr (ppm)	Cs (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Eu (ppm)	Ge (ppm)	Hf (ppm)	Ir (ppb)
Number (N)	3	3	5	3	---	3	---
Standard deviation	1.8	0.1	1.5	0.03	---	0.04	---
Relative std. dev.	1.8%	2.3%	1.7%	3.6%	---	1.4%	---

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	La (ppm)	Lu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Nb (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Pb (ppm)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	---	---	---	28	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	28	---	---	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	19.0	0.33	67	---	14	126	8
Run 2	19.2	0.34	70	---	15	117	4
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	45.7	0.46	16	18	40	78	13
Run 2	45.5	0.46	18	17	40	80	15
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	44	4
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	48	2
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	---	---	---	22	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	21	---	---	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	53	<2
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	52	<2
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	---	---	---	<10	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	<10	---	---	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run1	---	---	---	---	---	53	<2
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	52	<2
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	14.9	0.24	<2	---	---	---	---
Run 2	15.0	0.24	<2	---	---	---	---
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run1	---	---	---	27	---	5	70
Run 2	---	---	---	27	---	4	72

Sample averages	La (ppm)	Lu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Nb (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Pb (ppm)
Number (N)	3	3	2	3	2	5	3
Standard deviation	0.06	0.001	1.3	0.3	0.3	1.6	1.0
Relative std. dev.	0.3%	0.5%	1.6%	1.5%	0.7%	2.0%	17%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	Rb (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Sc (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Sm (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	Ta (ppm)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	92	---	---	---	---	186	---
Run 2	93	---	---	---	---	190	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	---	4.3	9.22	28	2.50	---	<0.5
Run 2	---	4.5	9.46	29	2.54	---	<0.5
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	114	2.7	18.7	15	7.20	157	1.0
Run 2	108	2.7	18.1	16	7.22	159	0.9
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	151	---	---	---	---	218	---
Run 2	157	---	---	---	---	221	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	54	---	---	---	---	689	---
Run 2	56	---	---	---	---	687	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	---	1.6	6.68	8	2.42	---	<0.5
Run 2	---	1.3	6.68	8	2.43	---	<0.5
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run 1	214	---	---	---	---	263	---
Run 2	211	---	---	---	---	266	---

Sample averages	Rb (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Sc (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Sm (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	Ta (ppm)
Number (N)	4	3	3	3	3	4	1
Standard deviation	1.9	0.06	0.1	0.3	0.01	1.4	0.03
Relative std. dev.	1.8%	2.9%	1.2%	1.9%	0.3%	0.4%	5.3%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	Tb (ppm)	Th (ppm)	U (ppm)	V (ppm)	W (ppm)	Y (ppm)	Yb (ppm)
Seabee No.1 14,599							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	30	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	29	---
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3							
Run 1	0.3	7.6	5.2	489	2	---	2.04
Run 2	0.3	7.9	5.4	430	1	---	2.07
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7,369							
Run 1	0.9	13.0	5.4	302	2	35	3.16
Run 2	0.8	13.0	5.2	310	3	31	3.15
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3							
Run 1	---	---	---	163	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	167	---	---	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	36	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	41	---
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)							
Run 1	---	---	---	71	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	72	---	---	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)							
Run 1	---	---	---	---	---	27	---
Run 2	---	---	---	---	---	25	---
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)							
Run 1	---	---	---	57	---	---	---
Run 2	---	---	---	57	---	---	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)							
Run 1	0.3	4.2	2.6	---	<1	---	1.34
Run 2	0.3	3.9	2.9	---	<1	---	1.33
System Standard (Sy-2)							
Run 1	---	---	---	49	---	125	---
Run 2	---	---	---	47	---	125	---

Sample averages	Tb (ppm)	Th (ppm)	U (ppm)	V (ppm)	W (ppm)	Y (ppm)	Yb (ppm)
Number (N)	3	3	3	5	2	4	3
Standard deviation	0.01	0.08	0.09	7.2	0.5	1.5	0.006
Relative std. dev.	3.4%	1.2%	2.6%	3.2%	18%	4.7%	0.4%

Table 3. continued

Sample ID	Zn (ppm)	Zr (ppm)
Seabee No.1 14,599		
Run 1	---	240
Run 2	---	238
North Inigok No. 1 10,165.3		
Run 1	745	---
Run 2	694	---
Ikpikpuk No. 1 7369		
Run 1	213	181
Run 2	216	179
East Simpson No. 2 6,344.3		
Run 1	179	---
Run 2	215	---
East Simpson No. 2 6,354		
Run 1	---	181
Run 2	---	181
Other sample #1 (TBP10613-55)		
Run 1	117	---
Run 2	112	---
Other sample #2 (TBP10613-435)		
Run 1	---	108
Run 2	---	105
Other sample #3 (TBB 26001-11)		
Run 1	124	---
Run 2	121	---
Other sample #4 (TBB 26022-1)		
Run 1	---	---
Run 2	---	---
System Standard (Sy-2)		
Run 1	240	284
Run 2	241	287

Sample averages	Zn (ppm)	Zr (ppm)
Number (N)	5	4
Standard deviation	9.5	0.9
Relative std. dev.	3.2%	0.5%

Table 4. Relative standard deviations for duplicate analyses, grouped by mean abundance relative to the detection limit for each element. For CaO and Br, standard deviations for single samples with specially high abundances are listed separately. Data are detailed in Table 3.

Element	1-10X	10-100X	100-1,000X	1,000-10,000X
SiO <sub>2</sub>				0.07%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>				0.2%
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>			0.3%	
MgO			0.3%	
CaO		0.7%	0.0%	
Na <sub>2</sub> O			1.2%	
K <sub>2</sub> O			0.2%	
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.7%		
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		0.0%		
MnO	0.0%			
LOI				0.1%
Ag		5.3%		
As		1.6%		
Au		4.2%		
B		2.7%		
Ba		0.8%		
Be	10%			
Br		3.4%	0.0%	
Cd		2.8%		
Ce		1.0%		
Co		5.8%		
Cr			1.8%	
Cs		2.3%		
Cu			1.7%	
Eu		3.6%		
Hf		1.4%		
La			0.3%	
Lu		0.5%		
Mo		1.6%		
Nb	1.5%			
Nd		0.7%		

Table 4. continued

Element	1-10X	10-100X	100-1,000X	1,000-10,000X
Ni		2.0%		
Pb	17%			
Rb		1.8%		
Sb		2.9%		
Sc			1.2%	
Se		1.9%		
Sm			0.3%	
Sr		0.4%		
Ta	5.3%			
Tb	3.4%			
Th		1.2%		
U		2.6%		
V			3.2%	
W	18%			
Y	4.7%			
Yb		0.4%		
Zn			3.2%	
Zr		0.5%		

Table 5. Abundances of major and minor elements for samples analyzed from the North Slope of Alaska.

Well	Depth (ft)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	MgO (%)	CaO (%)	Na <sub>2</sub> O (%)	K <sub>2</sub> O (%)
Seabee No. 1	14589	56.8	18.5	5.01	1.24	0.80	0.74	2.52
	14593.8	52.2	19.3	5.31	1.09	0.94	0.78	2.75
	14599	55.2	16.1	8.21	1.70	1.04	0.63	2.39
	14604	55.8	17.2	6.66	1.50	1.14	0.67	2.54
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	50.5	20.6	8.15	2.47	1.05	1.33	4.28
	8849.5	51.9	20.3	8.38	2.43	1.08	1.61	4.30
	9457.5	63.5	15.9	5.32	1.21	0.59	0.66	2.59
	10299	72.6	10.8	3.69	1.80	2.17	0.78	2.18
	12273.5	53.1	14.3	4.98	1.20	8.66	0.45	2.83
	12275.5	44.5	10.5	3.48	2.11	17.9	0.52	2.15
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	33.8	7.34	2.42	1.75	27.7	0.39	1.21
	10165.3	47.2	10.3	4.86	1.85	16.2	0.55	1.70
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	57.4	20.5	4.52	1.84	1.26	0.85	3.53
	7136	55.9	20.3	5.26	1.97	0.94	0.80	3.55
	7148.5	67.4	13.5	4.69	1.29	1.80	0.49	2.19
	7149.5	64.4	15.5	4.50	1.40	1.59	0.53	2.58
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	49.4	18.5	10.5	1.75	0.59	0.71	2.83
	7372.3	54.0	20.4	7.34	1.79	0.60	0.86	3.39
	7376	55.2	18.9	7.20	1.93	0.62	0.82	3.11
	7491	62.3	16.7	4.69	1.36	0.80	0.70	2.68
	7500	63.6	16.2	4.46	1.30	0.74	0.67	2.49
	10277	24.9	4.43	1.59	1.45	34.5	0.50	0.69
	10283	20.5	4.20	2.06	1.82	36.4	0.43	0.64
	10288	20.1	4.12	1.29	1.07	38.3	0.50	0.67
Drew Point No. 1	6927	56.3	18.7	8.03	1.91	0.99	0.59	3.22
	6941	60.4	20.3	4.02	1.70	0.65	0.57	3.68
	7544	64.4	9.96	3.61	1.30	7.86	0.48	2.09
	7568.5	79.5	4.81	2.32	1.25	4.93	0.22	0.86
E. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	61.8	17.1	4.89	2.06	0.93	1.06	3.18
	6354	60.1	18.5	4.13	1.80	0.54	0.90	3.45
	6367	55.9	18.1	6.56	2.07	0.81	1.12	3.34
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	44.3	13.9	8.82	1.51	1.42	1.29	2.33
	1359.3	37.6	14.3	11.1	1.59	0.79	1.10	2.47

Table 5. continued.

Well	Depth (ft)	TiO <sub>2</sub> (%)	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	MnO (%)	LOI (%)	Ag (ppm)	As (ppm)	Au (ppb)
Seabee No. 1	14589	1.00	0.17	0.05	13.6	0.1	7	<2
	14593.8	1.03	0.15	0.03	16.4	0.4	88	5
	14599	0.914	0.16	0.08	13.8	<0.1	3	<2
	14604	0.934	0.15	0.06	13.8	<0.1	6	<2
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	1.04	0.21	0.05	10.5	<0.1	26	<2
	8849.5	1.02	0.21	0.06	8.90	0.6	17	<2
	9457.5	0.940	0.18	0.03	9.15	0.4	12	<2
	10299	0.725	0.17	0.02	5.30	0.2	10	<2
	12273.5	0.722	0.09	<0.01	13.3	0.4	25	13
	12275.5	0.565	0.10	<0.01	16.2	1.0	16	17
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	0.409	4.16	<0.01	19.9	0.3	13	8
	10165.3	0.630	0.09	<0.01	15.5	1.6	28	21
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	0.882	0.15	<0.01	9.45	0.1	26	<2
	7136	0.913	0.12	0.04	10.4	<0.1	61	3
	7148.5	0.860	0.19	0.03	7.70	<0.1	10	<2
	7149.5	0.942	0.22	0.01	8.30	<0.1	9	2
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	0.935	0.12	0.02	15.1	0.9	35	5
	7372.3	0.963	0.20	0.03	10.6	<0.1	16	5
	7376	0.932	0.12	0.03	11.3	<0.1	22	3
	7491	1.01	0.21	0.04	9.65	0.5	10	<2
	7500	0.961	0.17	0.03	9.60	<0.1	3	<2
	10277	0.251	5.65	<0.01	24.8	<0.1	9	10
	10283	0.219	5.19	<0.01	26.6	0.2	13	5
	10288	0.231	2.91	<0.01	29.4	0.7	12	9
Drew Point No. 1	6927	1.04	0.16	0.06	9.15	<0.1	75	6
	6941	1.19	0.12	0.02	7.35	0.3	11	8
	7544	0.686	0.89	<0.01	9.00	0.4	16	<2
	7568.5	0.434	1.43	0.01	4.20	<0.1	13	<2
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	0.761	0.18	0.02	8.05	<0.1	6	7
	6354	0.905	0.19	0.02	9.65	0.2	9	6
	6367	0.855	0.15	0.02	11.4	0.9	38	8
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	0.777	0.36	0.03	25.7	0.4	150	4
	1359.3	0.750	0.26	0.03	30.3	<0.1	110	8

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	B (ppm)	Ba (ppm)	Be (ppm)	Br (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	Ce (ppm)	Co (ppm)
Seabee No. 1	14589	190	401	2	3.9	<1	95	9.9
	14593.8	191	597	2	5.1	<1	86	45
	14599	179	414	2	4.1	<1	93	11
	14604	178	429	4	3.9	<1	90	13
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	193	921	4	4.9	<1	93	22
	8849.5	183	895	3	5.2	<1	91	19
	9457.5	170	504	2	4.3	<1	87	17
	10299	132	364	1	4.7	<1	65	10
	12273.5	194	1220	1	4.9	3	55	7.7
	12275.5	137	1160	1	3.5	2	46	7.2
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	87	1340	<1	4.2	7	41	4.5
	10165.3	130	906	2	4.5	25	36	7.8
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	232	1050	2	4.0	<1	107	14
	7136	227	1120	3	4.4	<1	108	30
	7148.5	154	701	2	2.4	<1	64	11
	7149.5	187	790	2	2.4	<1	70	12
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	190	765	2	3.8	6	90	16
	7372.3	241	824	3	3.8	<1	115	16
	7376	224	861	3	3.9	<1	112	18
	7491	190	549	2	3.9	<1	105	12
	7500	181	566	4	3.6	<1	98	7.7
	10277	61	455	<1	3.5	3	54	3.0
	10283	59	867	<1	3.1	<1	23	3.2
	10288	49	487	<1	3.5	4	30	3.2
Drew Point No. 1	6927	247	935	3	3.1	<1	99	20
	6941	257	898	2	3.7	<1	103	16
	7544	184	408	1	2.6	<1	78	7.9
	7568.5	99	293	<1	2.0	<1	63	4.1
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	182	742	5	3.1	<1	180	11
	6354	205	700	3	2.9	<1	102	13
	6367	188	747	3	3.0	5	78	19
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	142	684	2	5.0	1	73	35
	1359.3	155	636	3	5.6	4	67	44

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	Cr (ppm)	Cs (ppm)	Cu (ppm)	Eu (ppm)	Ge (ppm)	Hf (ppm)	Ir (ppb)
Seabee No. 1	14589	110	7.8	21.6	1.33	<10	6.9	<5
	14593.8	110	9.5	34.7	1.13	<10	5.9	<5
	14599	100	7.4	19.9	1.19	<10	7.1	<5
	14604	100	7.2	21.5	1.26	<10	6.9	<5
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	120	14.1	55.4	1.49	<10	5.1	<5
	8849.5	120	12.8	47.1	1.29	<10	4.9	<5
	9457.5	88	7.5	20.2	1.30	<10	8.2	<5
	10299	74	5.9	15.7	1.01	<10	9.9	<5
	12273.5	140	7.1	73.4	0.94	<10	3.9	<5
	12275.5	150	5.9	92.2	0.58	<10	4.0	<5
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	160	4.7	55.9	1.36	<10	3.3	<5
	10165.3	200	5.5	82.9	0.55	<10	4.4	<5
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	100	11.4	37.1	1.60	<10	4.9	<5
	7136	110	11.4	34.4	1.58	<10	5.2	<5
	7148.5	90	8.3	18.3	1.00	<10	8.2	<5
	7149.5	96	10.5	19.7	1.01	<10	7.9	<5
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	120	9.5	62.1	1.73	<10	4.7	<5
	7372.3	120	11.2	52.4	2.46	<10	4.9	<5
	7376	100	10.3	44.4	1.84	<10	6.0	<5
	7491	96	7.6	16.4	1.29	<10	8.0	<5
	7500	94	7.4	15.9	1.18	<10	8.6	<5
	10277	110	2.3	53.7	2.11	<10	1.9	<5
	10283	110	2.4	37.9	0.99	<10	1.5	<5
	10288	140	2.1	78.4	1.66	<10	2.1	<5
Drew Point No. 1	6927	120	8.9	37.3	1.60	<10	5.6	<5
	6941	130	7.6	47.9	1.34	<10	8.0	<5
	7544	130	16.8	24.2	1.67	<10	8.0	<5
	7568.5	88	4.9	6.7	1.67	<10	13	<5
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	98	13.1	128	1.84	<10	6.6	<5
	6354	120	11.9	115	1.98	<10	5.0	<5
	6367	120	13.5	80.9	1.48	<10	4.1	<5
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	84	6.1	65.0	1.82	<10	3.9	<5
	1359.3	88	9.0	83.0	1.35	<10	3.5	<5

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	La (ppm)	Lu (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Nb (ppm)	Nd (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Pb (ppm)
Seabee No. 1	14589	50.0	0.46	<2	30	39	30	<2
	14593.8	46.9	0.37	<2	30	32	106	53
	14599	47.9	0.43	3	28	39	32	<2
	14604	47.2	0.44	<2	28	36	32	3
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	49.0	0.49	7	17	38	57	7
	8849.5	47.8	0.49	3	15	38	49	8
	9457.5	45.8	0.40	<2	28	34	35	8
	10299	32.9	0.43	<2	16	27	20	6
	12273.5	31.0	0.33	41	<10	24	84	5
	12275.5	25.6	0.31	36	<10	19	87	<2
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	36.2	0.64	17	19	30	84	3
	10165.3	19.0	0.33	67	17	14	126	8
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	54.3	0.45	2	21	43	34	9
	7136	55.4	0.50	2	24	46	49	18
	7148.5	33.7	0.41	<2	13	26	39	9
	7149.5	37.9	0.46	<2	50	28	35	4
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	45.7	0.46	16	18	40	78	13
	7372.3	56.1	0.50	<2	21	49	52	11
	7376	52.2	0.49	<2	19	44	49	15
	7491	56.2	0.45	<2	36	42	21	<2
	7500	52.0	0.43	<2	36	40	17	<2
	10277	56.3	0.88	21	14	49	67	<2
	10283	24.3	0.44	5	<10	21	60	<2
	10288	33.7	0.46	26	<10	33	106	2
Drew Point No. 1	6927	52.9	0.57	3	17	43	50	16
	6941	56.6	0.51	2	20	41	45	32
	7544	44.5	0.51	10	12	40	40	<2
	7568.5	38.7	0.53	<2	10	36	12	5
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	96.3	0.55	3	24	68	44	4
	6354	52.5	0.53	<2	22	46	41	4
	6367	39.7	0.42	31	17	34	98	6
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	36.1	0.49	51	12	36	77	3
	1359.3	34.6	0.42	48	10	30	117	14

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	Rb (ppm)	Sb (ppm)	Sc (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Sm (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	Ta (ppm)
Seabee No. 1	14589	114	0.6	13.5	<1	6.52	212	1.9
	14593.8	122	1.8	11.3	<1	5.34	203	1.7
	14599	92	0.4	15.0	<1	6.92	186	1.5
	14604	100	0.5	14.9	<1	6.27	186	1.8
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	166	2.0	21.5	1	6.80	162	0.7
	8849.5	164	2.0	19.8	<1	6.48	156	0.9
	9457.5	108	0.6	12.3	<1	5.97	165	1.8
	10299	86	0.6	10.0	<1	5.04	114	0.6
	12273.5	116	2.2	14.8	10	4.27	246	0.5
	12275.5	90	1.3	12.2	10	3.11	413	<0.5
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	72	2.2	9.91	10	5.81	584	<0.5
	10165.3	107	4.3	9.22	28	2.50	352	<0.5
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	157	1.0	18.5	<1	7.85	206	1.2
	7136	157	1.8	18.6	<1	8.32	200	1.7
	7148.5	106	0.7	11.1	<1	4.65	144	0.7
	7149.5	127	0.8	13.0	<1	4.99	148	0.9
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	114	2.7	18.7	15	7.20	157	1.0
	7372.3	143	2.7	21.3	5	9.78	198	1.2
	7376	137	1.3	19.2	<1	8.12	195	1.2
	7491	114	0.5	12.9	<1	7.01	235	2.0
	7500	110	0.4	12.0	<1	6.45	226	2.3
	10277	43	3.1	10.2	15	9.74	813	<0.5
	10283	34	1.3	7.11	7	4.17	733	<0.5
	10288	32	2.1	9.53	10	7.06	783	<0.5
Drew Point No. 1	6927	125	1.9	20.7	<1	8.12	198	1.3
	6941	123	1.9	17.0	<1	6.87	203	0.8
	7544	106	0.9	11.7	2	7.74	236	0.7
	7568.5	37	0.4	7.46	<1	7.33	162	<0.5
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	141	1.3	19.1	<1	11.2	268	0.9
	6354	151	1.1	22.1	5	8.53	218	1.0
	6367	146	3.8	21.7	11	6.55	193	0.8
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	99	3.0	16.5	9	7.17	153	0.6
	1359.3	104	2.6	17.2	15	5.93	130	<0.5

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	Tb (ppm)	Th (ppm)	U (ppm)	V (ppm)	W (ppm)	Y (ppm)	Yb (ppm)
Seabee No. 1	14589	0.7	12	3.1	154	<1	34	2.95
	14593.8	0.5	12	3.0	132	<1	24	2.35
	14599	0.8	12	3.7	136	3	30	2.91
	14604	0.7	12	2.9	140	2	29	2.90
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	0.8	14	4.7	261	3	29	3.29
	8849.5	0.6	13	3.7	227	2	27	3.30
	9457.5	0.7	11	3.2	119	2	34	2.83
	10299	0.6	9.9	2.6	94	2	30	2.73
	12273.5	0.6	9.0	6.6	283	2	24	2.20
	12275.5	0.3	7.3	6.0	210	<1	24	1.87
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	0.7	6.4	22.8	204	<1	82	3.92
	10165.3	0.3	7.6	5.2	489	2	33	2.04
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	0.9	16	4.4	270	2	33	3.11
	7136	0.9	14	4.7	327	2	35	3.44
	7148.5	0.6	9.6	3.4	136	2	28	2.63
	7149.5	0.6	11	3.5	166	2	32	2.91
Ikpikpuk No. 1	7369	0.9	13	5.4	302	2	35	3.16
	7372.3	1.2	16	6.0	336	2	43	3.57
	7376	1.0	14	4.5	277	2	34	3.41
	7491	0.8	13	4.0	138	2	33	3.02
	7500	0.7	13	3.5	129	2	36	2.87
	10277	1.6	4.2	34.3	237	1	137	5.92
	10283	0.6	3.1	13.3	74	<1	52	2.76
	10288	1.1	3.8	26.5	186	1	63	3.19
Drew Point No. 1	6927	0.9	14	4.0	216	1	40	3.79
	6941	0.6	15	4.8	195	2	28	3.30
	7544	1.0	11	4.5	108	2	60	3.51
	7568.5	1.0	9.5	3.5	68	1	54	3.38
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	1.0	16	9.9	163	5	44	3.74
	6354	1.1	13	5.5	290	3	36	3.63
	6367	0.8	12	11.2	430	2	29	2.84
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	1.1	8.5	17.3	295	1	49	3.44
	1359.3	0.6	9.2	15.1	492	1	33	2.67

Table 5. continued

Well	Depth (ft)	Zn (ppm)	Zr (ppm)
Seabee No. 1	14589	93.0	229
	14593.8	109	195
	14599	92.0	240
	14604	107	230
Inigok No. 1	8849.5-51.5	114	182
	8849.5	106	186
	9457.5	86.1	273
	10299	66.9	335
	12273.5	125	142
	12275.5	99.0	142
No. Inigok No. 1	10160	275	138
	10165.3	745	160
No. Kalikpik No. 1	7131.4	170	179
	7136	93.2	186
	7148.5	111	289
	7149.5	109	258
Ikpihpuk No. 1	7369	213	181
	7372.3	142	174
	7376	135	210
	7491	96.8	277
	7500	90.6	293
	10277	110	97
	10283	118	69
	10288	223	90
Drew Point No. 1	6927	88.6	201
	6941	202	242
	7544	127	270
	7568.5	48.7	431
Ea. Simpson No. 2	6344.3	179	259
	6354	113	181
	6367	364	161
So. Barrow No. 19	1354	178	161
	1359.3	294	142

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