

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Summary Hydrogeochemistry from McCoy Borehole 66-8      DATE: April 11, 1980

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Four water samples were collected and analyzed from the 66-8 wellbore at McCoy, Nevada (864). The drilling depths from which the samples were collected were 1630, 2050 (two samples), and 2410 feet (494, 620, and 730 meters). No temperature data was provided.

Geothermometry was performed on the analytical results and projected subsurface temperatures are reasonably consistent. Silica temperatures (quartz conducting) range from a low of 112°C at 2,410 feet (730 meters) to a high of 148°C at 1,630 feet (494 meters). The Na-K-Ca alkali thermometer yields subsurface temperature values ranging from 194°C at 2,050 feet (620 meters) to 205°C at 1,630 feet (494 meters). The Na-K geothermometer ranges from 214°C to 230°C.

The consistency of the data seems to indicate that although a number of distinct (?) water entries may have been encountered, all waters are similar in chemistry (bicarbonate). The entry at 1,630 feet (494 meters) appears to have a slightly greater component of "thermal water" than the other samples based on higher values of both silica and Na. The subsurface temperature data further suggest that the sampled waters are mixed. This hypothesis is based on the variation between silica and alkali geothermometers (generally differing by 60-80°C). Attempts at employing the "mixing model" failed because the chemical-temperature parameters in the samples under consideration fall out of bounds of the program (i.e., the curve generated does not cross the theoretical curve for silica vs. temperature).

Also of note are the moly values recorded from samples W13453-W13455 (moly for W13456 is not yet available). Moly was run both by colorimetry and atomic absorption and are real. Since contamination by moly grease is possible, assays of selected drill cuttings are suggested to confirm or refute these anomalous values.

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Complete chemical analyses follows:

	<u>W13453</u> <u>1630'</u>	<u>W13454</u> <u>2050'</u>	<u>W13455</u> <u>2050'</u>	<u>W13456</u> <u>2410'</u>
pH	9.4	9.1	9.0	9.0
Cl	38.	31.	32.	31.
F	5.6	3.0	4.4	4.1
SO <sub>4</sub>	100.	100.	87.	80.
HCO <sub>3</sub>	144.	142.	154.	204.
CO <sub>3</sub>	72.	24.	44.	20.
SiO <sub>2</sub>	120.	75.	65.	62.
Na	160.	98.	110.	110.
K	21.	14.	14.	14.
Ca	6.6	9.6	8.	6.
Mg	2.6	16.	14.	18.
Li	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5
TDS	670.	513.	454.	550.
T <sup>OC</sup> SiO <sub>2</sub>	148.	121.	115.	112.
T <sup>OC</sup> Na/K	218.	230.	214.	214.
T <sup>OC</sup> Na/K/Ca	205.	197.	194.	197.
Cu	6.	2.	<2.	n.a.
Mo	710.	1400.	210.	n.a.



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W13453 MCCOY 1630FT

CONCENTRATION UNITS = PPM

CONC. OF ' CA ' = 6.600  
CONC. OF ' K ' = 21.000

CONC. OF ' NA ' = 160.000  
CONC. OF ' SI02 ' = 120.000

DENSITY = 1.00000

TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS = 400.000

LOG(NA/K) + 1/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) = 1.201E+00  
LOG(NA/K) + 4/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) = 1.467E+00

SUBSURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG. C) FROM CHEMICAL DATA

QTZ TEMP. (CONDUCTIVE) = 147.6

QTZ TEMP. (ADIABATIC) = 141.5

AM. SILICA TEMP. = 26.3

CHALCEDONT TEMP. = 122.1

CRISTOBALITE TEMP. = 97.1

LOG(NA/K) TEMP. = 217.8

LOG(NA/K) + 1/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) TEMP. = 205.5

LOG(NA/K) + 4/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) TEMP. = 171.2

W13454 MCCOY 2050 FT

CONCENTRATION UNITS = PPM

CONC. OF ' CA ' = 9.600  
CONC. OF ' K ' = 14.000

CONC. OF ' NA ' = 98.000  
CONC. OF ' SI02 ' = 75.000

DENSITY = 1.00000

TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS = 350.000

LOG(NA/K) + 1/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) = 1.262E+00  
LOG(NA/K) + 4/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) = 1.822E+00

SUBSURFACE TEMPERATURE (DEG. C) FROM CHEMICAL DATA

QTZ TEMP. (CONDUCTIVE) = 121.7

QTZ TEMP. (ADIABATIC) = 119.6

AM. SILICA TEMP. = 3.2

CHALCEDONT TEMP. = 93.5

CRISTOBALITE TEMP. = 71.1

LOG(NA/K) TEMP. = 229.5

LOG(NA/K) + 1/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) TEMP. = 197.1

LOG(NA/K) + 4/3LOG(SQRT(CA)/NA) TEMP. = 132.3



**TYPE OF SAMPLE**

W=Water, S=Soil  
 SS=Stream Sediment  
 V=Vegetation  
 R=Rock  
 DR=Dump Rock  
 DF=Dump Fines  
 CR=Core  
 CM=Composite  
 P=Pulp

**ABBREVIATIONS**

Alk=K<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>O, CaO  
 T.E=Trace Elements (Standard elements unless defined otherwise.)  
 t=Total; tMo, tS ox=Oxide  
 s=Sulfide; as sNi  
 ns=Non-Sulfide; as nsCu  
 5=Cu, Mo, Pb, Zn, Ag  
 10=5 + Co, Ni, Fe, Mn, Cd  
 Org=Organic Extraction Cu Zn

**Nº 5099**

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Project #

SAMPLE NUMBERS  
864 A 64601 to 64618  
860 A 64619 to 64620  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Type	ASSAYS (%)						GEOCHEMICAL (ppm)						OTHER					
		tMo	MoS <sub>2</sub>	Cu	nsCu			Mo	Cu	W	Ni	pH			Alk	T.E.	5	10	Org
								X	X										
								X	X										

TOTAL SAMPLES

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SAMPLES MISSING \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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REQUESTED BY Dean Pilkington  
 DATE 7/1/78

LAB AMAX-DENVER

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ANALYTICAL REPORT

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PROJECT 864(64601-618); 860(64619-620)

TYPE SAMPLES R

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	SAMPLE	Mo PPM	Cu PPM						SAMPLE					
01	A64601	<1	2						31					
02	602	<1	4						32					
03	603	1	4						33					
04	604	1	8						34					
05	605	<1	2						35					
06	606	<1	3						36					
07	607	1	2						37					
08	608	<1	16						38					
09	609	2	2						39					
10	610	<1	4						40					
11	A64611	<1	3						41					
12	612	1	4						42					
13	613	<1	4						43					
14	614	2	4						44					
15	615	<1	5						45					
16	616	1	6						46					
17	617	<1	3						47					
18	618	<1	2						48					
19	619	<1	12						49					
20	620	<1	14						50					
21									51					
22	G-25	13	400						52					
23	G-28	35	150						53					
24									54					
25									55					
26									56					
27									57					
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29									59					
30									60					

METHODS: Digestion-  $HClO_4: HNO_3$       Sample Weight- 1.5g

Determination- Cu - AA  
 Mo: <15PPM - COLORIMETRIC

REMARKS: Mo: >15PPM - AA

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