

## PETROGRAPHY

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Rock Name: Gneissic Quartz Monzonite

### Major and Minor Constituents

K feldspar  
quartz  
plagioclase (oligoclase-andesine)  
biotite (altered to chlorite)

### Accessories

muscovite (from K feldspar)  
epidote (from plagioclase)  
carbonate (hydrothermal?)

## PETROGENESIS

The gneissic fabric of this rock is dominantly derived from cataclasis. It may have developed during emplacement....and in that case, it would be more properly called a "protoclastic" fabric.

The chloritization of the biotite, saussuritization of the plagioclase and introduction of carbonate indicates late stage hydrothermal activity.

It would be interesting to compare the recrystallization age of the schist terrane to that of the quartz monzonite to determine whether the hydrothermal alteration is later than these earlier events.

## PETROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

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Rock Name: Phyllitic Schist

### Major and Minor Constituents

quartz  
muscovite (var. sericite)  
albite  
biotite (incipient)

### Accessory Minerals

tourmaline (zoned)  
carbonaceous material

## PETROGENESIS

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Accessory tourmaline grains display some overgrowth textures, but these grains may record a history dating back to clastic source rocks.

The phyllitic schist is a typical product of regional metamorphism.

X-Ray Analysis

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RRGE # 3, 3A, 3B

Sample Depth (ft)	Comments	Montmorillonite	Illite	Kaolinite	Zeolite	Calcite	Other
2805	Core #1	Xs	Xm	Xw	possibly Analcite	X	
2807-8		Xs	Xw	Xw	Possibly Analcite	X	
2809		Xs	Xs	Xw	Analcite	X	
2815		Xs	Xvw	Xw	possibly Analcite	X	
"Top"	Core #2	Xm 1	Xm	Xs 1	possibly Analcite		<u>Penninite</u>
"Bottom"		Xw 1	Xs	Xm 1	Analcite		possibly Penninite
No depth	Core #3	Xs	Xw			X	
3973-4		Xs 1	Xw	Xw 1	Analcite	X	<u>Penninite, &amp; pyrophyllite or hydrobiotite</u>
3979-80		Xs 1	Xvw			X	possibly Penninite
4950-60	Core #3B	Xs	Xm-s	Xm-s		X	
4970-80		Xs	Xm-s	Xm-s		X	possibly Penninite
4990-5000		Xs	Xs	Xm-s		X	possibly Penninite
4259	Core #3A	Xs	Xw	Xm	possibly Analcite	X	possibly Penninite
4980-5000		Xs	Xm	Xw		X	<u>possibly pyrophyllite</u>
5320-5340		Xs	Xw	Xw-m		X	possibly Pyrophyllite & Penninite
5420-5440		Xs	Xs	Xm-s	possibly Analcite	X	
5620-5630		Xs	Xm-s	Xw-m		X	
5760-5770		Xw	Xs 2	Xw			
5860-5870		possibly	Xs	Xm	possibly Analcite	X	

Notes: 1 Could be part penninite  
 2 Mica group; could be muscovite

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*Crushing of xxx. such that no visible openings result.*

*Constituent minerals show crushing action produced by differ. flow before complete consolidation.  
zoisite, epidote, albite, calcite, sericite, & zircon.*

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1890  
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R.R.G.E. #2 Preliminary Results from X-ray Analysis

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Depth in Feet	Montmorillonite	Mixed Layering	Chlorite	Mica	Calcite	Illite	Clinoptilolite
922	X				X		X
1000	X						X
1100	X						X
1200	X				X	X	X
1300	X				X		X
1400	X				X		X
1500							
1600	X	X			X		
1700		X					
1800							
1900		X					
2000		X					
2100			X		X	X	
2200		X					
2300		X	X			X	
2400		X					
2500		X					
2600							
2700							
2800		X					
2900			X				
3000							
3100			X				
3200			X				
3300			X				
3400			X				
3500			X				
3600			X				
3700		X	X				
3800		X	X			?	
3900							
4000							
4100			X				
4200							
4300							
4400			X	X			
4500			X				
4600			X				
4700				X			
4800			X	X			

Depth/Feet	Montmori- lonite	Mixed Layering	Chlorite	Mica	Calcite	Illite	Clinoptilolite
4900			X	X			
5000			X	X			
5100				X			
5200			X	X			
5300				X			
5400			X	X			
5500				X			



RAFT RIVER INT. #3

PRELIMINARY

RESULTS

FROM

DEPTH IN FEET

X-RAY

ANALYSIS

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MONTMORILLONITE

MIXED LAYERING

CHLORITE

MICA

CALCITE

ILLITE

FELDSPAR

HIGH GRAD. CLAYS

CLINOPTILOLITE

DEPTH IN FEET	MONTMORILLONITE	MIXED LAYERING	CHLORITE	MICA	CALCITE	ILLITE	FELDSPAR	HIGH GRAD. CLAYS	CLINOPTILOLITE
263			✓						
331	✓				✓				
382.5	✓								
409	✓								
498	✓					✓		✓	
560.5	✓			✓			✓		
705	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓
731	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓
792	✓				✓				✓
823			✓						
836									
846	✓					✓			
850									
902				✓					
918	✓				✓			✓	
956	✓		✓	✓					
969	✓			✓					
992			✓	✓					
1004	✓	✓	✓		✓				
1067	✓	✓	✓						
1079	✓		✓			✓			
1099									
1107	✓ T.C.		✓			✓			
1128	✓						✓		
1132	✓	✓							
1147		✓	✓					✓	
1156									
1177		✓							
1201					✓				
1219			✓						
1251		✓	✓						
1265		✓	✓			ILLITE DELETED MICA			
1330		✓	✓					✓	
1423		✓	✓			✓		✓	

Bulk

HIGH ORDER CLAY  
 CALCITE  
 CHLORITE  
 FELDSPAR  
 ILLITE  
 KAOLINITE  
 MICA  
 MONTMORILLONITE  
 SEDIMENTARY  
 HEATED  
 GYLCOLATED  
 POWDER

NOTES

263																				
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Chlorite Altering From Biotite  
 No illite??

Extensive amount  
 Altered Biotite  
 PHLOGOPITE 8.9; 6.97 Å

Biotite Rich - Sp. No.  
 3.78 peak, along Clinoptilolite  
 3.75 peaks clinoptilolite  
 3.75 "

31.7 ZEOLITE

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EXPANDING CHLORITE?

CHLORITE PEAK NOT SHARPENED WHEN HEATED

11.62 + 31.7 ZEOLITES

TOO THIN

31.7 EXPANDING CHLORITE

MONT. OR EXPANDING VERMICULITE / CHLORITE

29<sup>o</sup> ZEOLITE (3.09 Å)?

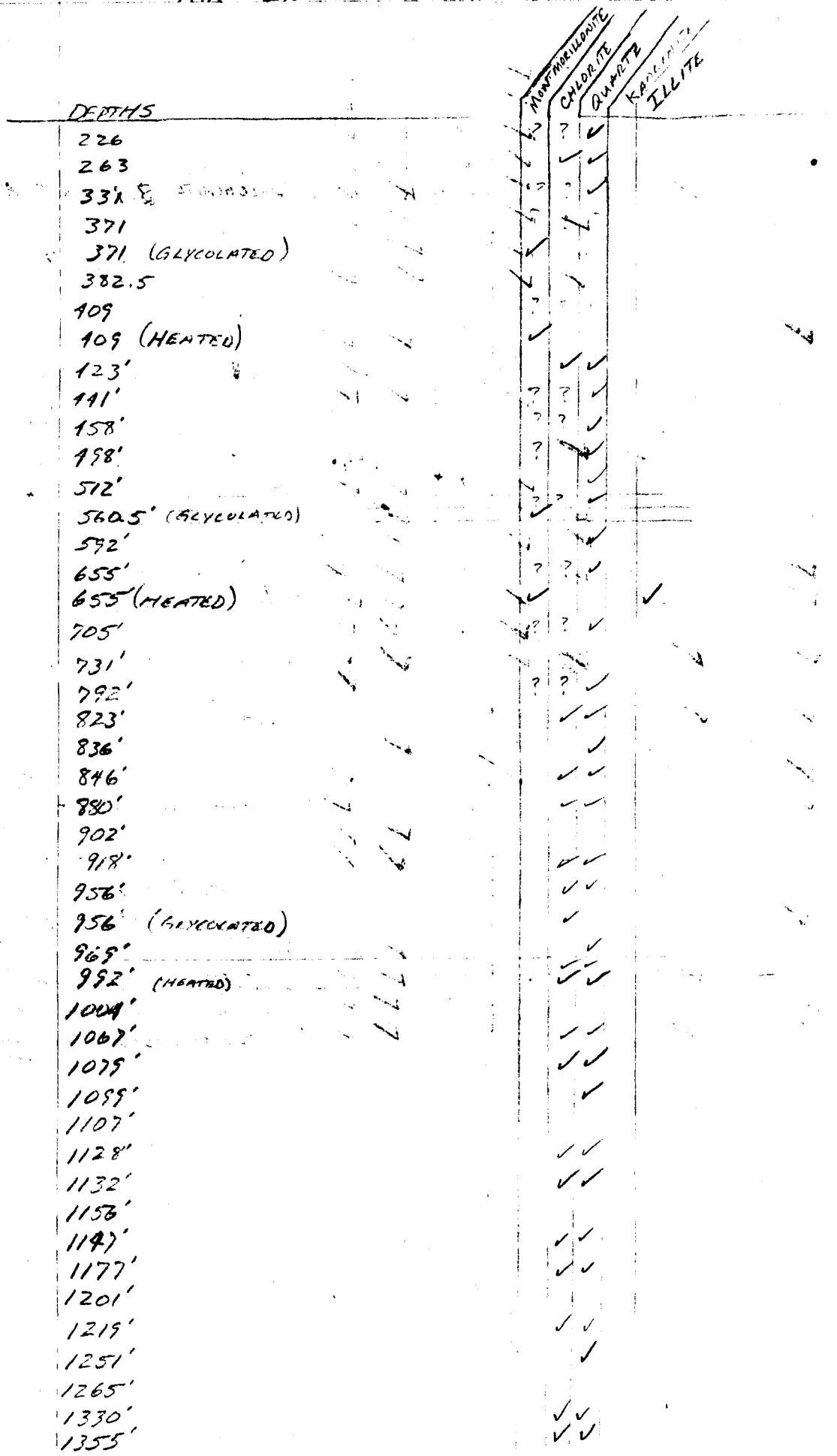
GOOD CHLORITE PATTERN!  
 EXPANDING  
 CHLORITE PEAKS SHIFTED

31.65 ZEOLITE EXPANDING VERMICULITE / CHLORITE

HIGH ORDER OF CLAY; EXPANDING CHLORITE  
 HIGH ORDER CLAY  
 EXPANDING CHLORITE OR VERMICULITE

✓ Thin sections made

Roast River Inter. #3 (USGS)



DEPTHS

- 226
- 263
- 331
- 371
- 371 (GLYCOLATED)
- 382.5
- 409
- 409 (HEATED)
- 423'
- 441'
- 458'
- 498'
- 512'
- 560.5' (GLYCOLATED)
- 592'
- 655'
- 655' (HEATED)
- 705'
- 731'
- 792'
- 823'
- 836'
- 846'
- 880'
- 902'
- 918'
- 956'
- 956' (GLYCOLATED)
- 969'
- 992' (HEATED)
- 1004'
- 1067'
- 1079'
- 1099'
- 1107'
- 1128'
- 1132'
- 1158'
- 1147'
- 1177'
- 1201'
- 1219'
- 1251'
- 1265'
- 1330'
- 1355'

MONTMORILLONITE  
 CHLORITE  
 QUARTZ  
 KALSHILITE  
 ILLITE