REGIONAL LAKE SEDIMENT AND WATER GEOCHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE DATA, LABRADOR 1982. GSC-OF 904, NGR 57-1982, PARTS OF NTS 231,J,O

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OPEN FILE 904 IS ONE OF FOUR OPEN FILES 901,902,903, AND 904 COVERING THE WEST LABRADOR SURVEY, COMPRISING RESPECTIVELY OF NTS 13E;22P,23A,23B;23G,23H; AND 231,23J,23O. OPEN FILES 903 AND 904 CONTAIN AREAS RESPECTIVELY IN 23G,23H,23I AND 23J WHICH ARE OUTLINED ON EACH MAP BY A DISCONTINUOUS LINE BOUNDARY, THAT SHOWS DATA FROM SURVEYS CONDUCTED IN 1978 AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HG WERE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN THE GSC OPEN FILE 560.

THE RECONNAISSANCE SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEWFOUNDLAND DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY UNDER THE CANADA-NEWFOUNDLAND COOPERATIVE MINERAL PROGRAM (1982-84).

E.H.W. HORNBROOK DIRECTED GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA ACTIVITIES.

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- ACME ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES LTD, TORONTO. (1982)

- BARRINGER MAGENTA LIMITED, TORONTO. (1978)

- J.J. LYNCH

AT THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA, N.G. LUND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPEN FILE PRODUCTION; A.C.GALLETTA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DATA MANAGEMENT; AND F. WILLIAMS OF THE CARTOGRAPHIC SECTION SUPERVISED MAP PREPERATION.PLOTTING FACILITIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMPUTER SCIENCE CENTRE OF E.M.R.

LAKE SEDIMENT AND WATER SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED AT AN AVERAGE DENSITY OF ONE SAMPLE PER 13 SOUARE KILOMETRES THROUGHOUT THE 53,000 SOUARE KILOMETRE WEST LABRADOR SURVEY AREA SAMPLED IN 1982.

THE HELICOPTER SUPPORTED SAMPLE COLLECTION WAS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JULY 8 AND AUGUST 20,1982.

SAMPLE SITE DUPLICATE SAMPLES WERE ROUTINELY COLLECTED IN EACH ANALYTICAL BLOCK OF TWENTY SAMPLES.

IN OTTAWA, FIELD DRIED SAMPLES WERE AIR-DRIED, CRUSHED, BALL MILLED AND SEIVED. THE MINUS 80 MESH (177 MICRONS) FRACTION WAS USED FOR SUBSEQUENT ANALYSES. AS REQUIRED, AT THIS TIME, CONTROL REFERENCE AND BLIND DUPLICATE SAMPLES WERE INSERTED INTO EACH ANALYTICAL BLOCK OF TWENTY SEDIMENT AND WATER SAMPLES. NO OTHER SAMPLE PROCESSING IN OTTAWA WAS CARRIED OUT ON THE WATER SAMPLES.

THE DETERMINATION OF ZN, CU, PB, NI, CO, AG, MN, AS, MO, FE, HG, LOSS ON IGNITION, U, F, V, CD IN LAKE SEDIMENTS WAS CARRIED OUT BY CHEMEX LABS LIMITED.

THE DETERMINATION OF U, F AND PH IN 1978 LAKE WATERS WAS CARRIED OUT BY BARRINGER MAGENTA LIMITED.

THE DETERMINATION OF U, F AND PH IN 1982 LAKE WATERS WAS CARRIED OUT BY ACME LABORATORIES LIMITED.

## NOTE:

IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF ANALYTICAL METHODOLOGY, THE YEAR IN BRACKETS AFTER THE ELEMENT SERVES, WHERE REQUIRED, TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN DIFFERENT ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED FOR 1978 AND 1982 SAMPLES.

FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ZN, CU, PB, NI, CO, AG, MN FE AND CD, A 1 GRAM SAMPLE WAS REACTED WITH 6 ML OF A MIXTURE OF 4M HCL AND M HNO3 IN A TEST-TUBE OVERNIGHT AT ROOM TEMPERATURE.

AFTER DIGESTION, THE TEST-TUBE WAS IMMERSED IN A HOT WATER BATH AT ROOM TEMPERATURE AND BROUGHT UP TO 90C AND HELD AT THIS TEMPERATURE FOR 2 HOURS WITH PERIODIC SHAKING.

THE SAMPLE SOLUTION WAS THEN DILUTED TO 20 ML WITH METAL FREE WATER AND MIXED. ZN, CU, PB, NI, CO, AG, MN FE AND CD WERE DETERMINED BY ATOMIC ABSORTION SPECTROSCOPY USING AN AIR-ACETYLENE FLAME.

BACKGROUND CORRECTIONS WERE MADE FOR PB, NI, CO, AG AND CD.

ARSENIC WAS DETERMINED BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION USING A HYDRIDE EVOLUTION METHOD WHEREIN THE ARSENIC IS EVOLVED AS ASH3, PASSED THROUGH A HEATED QUARTZ TUBE IN THE LIGHT PATH OF AN ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER. THE METHOD IS DESCRIBED BY ASLIN (1976).

MOLYBDENUM AND VANADIUM WERE DETERMINED BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCPY USING A NITROUS OXIDE ACETYLENE FLAME.

A 0.5 GRAM SAMPLE WAS REACTED WITH 1.5 ML CONCENTRATED HN03 AT 90C FOR 30 MINUTES

AT THIS POINT 0.5 ML CONCENTRATED HCL WAS ADDED AND THE DIGESTION WAS CONTINUED AT 90C FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 MINUTES.

AFTER COOLING,  $8\,$  ML of 1250 PPM AL SOLUTION WERE ADDED AND THE SAMPLE SOLUTION WAS DILUTED TO  $10\,$  ML BEFORE ASPIRATION.

MERCURY WAS DETERMINED BY THE HATCH AND OTT PROCEDURE WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS. THE METHOD IS DESCRIBED BY JONASSON ET AL. (1973).

A 0.5 GRAM SAMPLE WAS REACTED WITH 20 ML CONCENTRATED HNO3 AND 1 ML CONCENTRATED HCL IN A TEST-TUBE FOR 10 MINUTES AT ROOM TEMPERATURE PRIOR TO 2 HOURS OF DIGESTION WITH MIXING AT 90C IN A HOT WATER BATH.

AFTER DIGESTION, THE SAMPLE SOLUTIONS WERE COOLED AND DILUTED TO 100 ML WITH METAL FREE WATER.

THE HG PRESENT WAS REDUCED TO THE ELEMENTAL STATE BY THE ADDITION OF 10 ML W/V SNSO4 IN M H2SO4.

THE HG VAPOUR WAS THEN FLUSHED BY A STREAM OF AIR INTO AN ABSORTION CELL MOUNTED IN THE LIGHT PATH OF AN ATOMIC ABSORTION SPECTROPHOTOMETER. ABSORTION MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE AT 253.7 NM.

LOSS ON IGNITION WAS DETERMINED USING A 500 MG SAMPLE. THE SAMPLE, WEIGHED INTO 30 ML BEAKER, WAS PLACED IN A COLD MUFFLE FURNACE AND BROUGHT UP TO 500C OVER A PERIOD OF 2-3 HOURS. THE SAMPLE WAS LEFT AT THIS TEMPERATURE FOR 4 HOURS, THEN ALLOWED TO COOL TO ROOM TEMPERATURE FOR WEIGHING.

URANIUM (1978) WAS DETERMINED USING A NEUTRON ACTIVATION METHOD WITH DELAYED NEUTRON COUNTING.

A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD IS PROVIDED BY BOULANGER ET AL. (1975). IN BRIEF, A 1 GRAM SAMPLE IS WEIGHED INTO A 7 DRAM POLYETHYLENE VIAL, CAPPED AND SEALED.

THE IRRADIATION IS PROVIDED BY THE SLOWPOKE REACTOR WITH AN OPERATING FLUX OF 10\*\*12 NEUTRONS/SO. CM./SEC.

THE SAMPLES ARE PNEUMATICALLY TRANSFERRED FROM AN AUTOMATIC LOADER TO THE REACTOR, WHERE EACH SAMPLE IS IRRADIATED FOR 60 SECONDS.

AFTER IRRADIATION, THE SAMPLE IS AGAIN TRANSFERRED PNEUMATICALLY TO THE COUNTING FACILITY WHERE AFTER A 10 SECOND DELAY THE SAMPLE IS COUNTED FOR 60 SECONDS WITH SIX BF3 DETECTOR TUBES EMBEDDED IN PARRAFIN.

FOLLOWING COUNTING, THE SAMPLES ARE AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED INTO A SHIELDED STORAGE CONTAINER.

CALIBRATION IS CARRIED OUT TWICE A DAY AS A MINIMUM USING NATURAL MATERIALS OF KNOWN URANIUM CONCENTRATION.

URANIUM (1982) WAS DETERMINED USING A NEUTRON ACTIVATION METHOD WITH DELAYED NEUTRON COUNTING.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE IRRADIATION FACILITY, THE METHOD IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY AECL IN PREVIOUS YEARS; A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF WHICH IS PROVIDED BY BOULANGER ET AL (1975).

A TWO GRAM SAMPLE WAS IRRADIATED FOR 10 SECONDS IN THE TRIGA REACTOR LOCATED AT WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY.

THE OPERATING FLUX WAS 8 X 10\*\*13 NEUTRONS/SQUARE CM/SECOND. AFTER A 10 SECOND DELAY, THE SAMPLE WAS COUNTED FOR 10 SECONDS.

THE COUNTING EQUIPMENT WAS OF AECL DESIGN. CALIBRATION WAS DONE TWICE A DAY OR AS REQUIRED.

ONE STANDARD WAS ANALYSED AFTER EVERY 20 SAMPLES.

FLUORINE WAS DETERMINED IN LAKE SEDIMENTS AS DESCRIBED BY FICKLIN (1970). A 250 MG SAMPLE IS SINTERED WITH 1 GRAM OF A FLUX CONSISTING OF TWO PARTS BY WEIGHT SODIUM CARBONATE AND 1 PART BY WEIGHT POTASSIUM NITRATE. THE RESIDUE IS THEN LEACHED WITH WATER, THE SODIUM CARBONATE IS NEUTRALIZED WITH 10 ML 10% (W/V) CITRIC ACID AND THE RESULTING SOLUTION IS DILUTED TO 100 ML WITH WATER.

THE PH OF THE RESULTING SOLUTION SHOULD BE FROM 5.5 TO 6.5.

THE FLUORIDE CONTENT OF THE TEST SOLUTION IS THEN MEASURED USING A FLUORIDE ION ELECTRODE.

STANDARD SOLUTIONS CONTAIN SODIUM CARBONATE AND CITRIC ACID IN THE SAME OUANTITIES AS THE SAMPLE SOLUTION.

A DETECTION LIMIT OF 40 PPM IS ACHIEVED.

URANIUM, FLUORIDE AND PH WERE DETERMINED IN LAKE WATER SAMPLES.

UPON RECEIVING A BATCH OF SAMPLES, FLUORIDE AND PH WERE DETERMINED BY SPECIFIC ION ELECTRODE AND GLASS-CALOMEL COMBINATION ELECTRODE RESPECTIVELY.

## URANIUM (1978)

TWO WEEKS AFTER ACIDIFICATION, A 5 MICROLITRE ALIQUOT OF THE SAMPLE WAS THEN REMOVED FOR THE DETERMINATION OF URANIUM BY FISSION TRACK ANALYSES. THE TWO WEEK WAITING PERIOD WAS TO INSURE THAT ALL PRECIPITATED URANIUM WAS REDISOLVED.

TO DETERMINE URANIUM, SAMPLE ALIQUOTS WERE PLACED ON A POLYCARBONATE TAPE AND DRIED.

THE TAPE WAS THEN IRRADIATED IN A NUCLEAR REACTOR AT MCMASTER UNIVERSITY FOR 1 HOUR IN A FLUX OF 10\*\*13 NEUTRONS/SQ. CM./SEC.

THE TAPE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ETCHED WITH 25% NAOH SOLUTION AND THE FISSION TRACKS WERE COUNTED WITH AN OPTICAL COUNTER FITTED TO A MICROSCOPE.

THE NUMBER OF TRACKS WAS PROPORTIONAL TO THE URANIUM CONCENTRATION.

EACH TAPE CONTAINED ITS OWN CALIBRATION STANDARDS, BLANKS AND SAMPLE DUPLICATES.

FLUORIDE IN LAKE WATER SAMPLES WAS DETERMINED USING AN ORION FLUORIDE ELECTRODE AND A MODEL 401 (1978), 404 (1982) ORION SPECIFIC ION METER.
PRIOR TO MEASUREMENT AN ALIQUOT OF THE SAMPLE WAS MIXED WITH AN EQUAL VOLUME OF A MODIFIED TISAB SOLUTION (TOTAL IONIC STRENGTH ADJUSTMENT BUFFER).
THE MODIFICATION CONSISTED OF ADDING 60 ML 8M KOH SOLUTION TO THE BUFFER.
THIS PERMITTED THE RE-ANALYSIS OF FLUORIDE IN ACIDIFIED WATER SAMPLES WHEN REQUIRED.

WHEN THIS ANALYSIS WAS REQUIRED , ACIDIFIED STANDARD SOLUTIONS WERE USED FOR CALIBRATION.

HYDROGEN ION ACTIVITY (PH) (1978) WAS MEASURED WITH A BECKMAN COMBINATION ELECTRODE AND A MODEL 401 ORION SPECIFIC ION METER. IN (1982) PH WAS MEASURED WITH A BROADLEY-JAMES COMBINATION ELECTRODE AND A MODEL 404 ORION SPECIFIC ION METER.

URANIUM IN WATERS (1982) WAS DETERMINED BY A LASER-INDUCED FLUOROMETRIC METHOD USING A SCINTREX UA-3 URANIUM ANALYSER.

A COMPLEXING AGENT, KNOWN COMMERCIALLY AS FLURAN AND COMPOSED OF SODIUM PYROPHOSPHATE AND SODIUM MONOPHOSPHATE, (HALL, G.E.M., 1979) IS ADDED TO PRODUCE THE URANYL PYROPHOSATE SPECIES WHICH FLUORESCES WHEN EXPOSED TO THE LASER

SINCE ORGANIC MATTER IN THE SAMPLE CAN CAUSE UNPREDICABLE BEHAVIOUR, A STANDARD ADDITION METHOD WAS USED.

FURTHER, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES AT THE G.S.C. WHERE THE REACTION OF URANIUM WITH FLURAN IS EITHER DELAYED OR SLUGGISH; FOR THIS REASON AN ARBITRARY 24 HOUR TIME DELEAY BETWEEN THE ADDITION OF THE FLURAN AND THE ACTUAL READING WAS INCORPORATED INTO THIS METHOD.

IN PRACTICE, 500UL FLURAN SOLUTION WAS ADDED TO A 5ML SAMPLE AND ALLOWED TO STAND FOR 24 HOURS. AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD FLUORESCENCE READINGS WERE MADE WITH THE ADDITION OF 0.0, 0.2 AND 0.4 PPB U.

FOR HIGH SAMPLES THE ADDITIONS WERE 0.0, 2.0 AND 4.0 (20UL ALIQUOTS OF 55 OR 550 PPB U WERE USED).

ALL READINGS WERE TAKEN AGAINST A SAMPLE BLANK.

ON RECEIPT, FIELD AND ANALYTICAL DATA WERE PUNCHED ONTO 80 COLUMN CARDS AND ALL SUBSEQUENT PROCESSING WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE AID OF COMPUTERS.

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THE SAMPLE SITE POSITIONS WERE MARKED ON APPROPRIATE 1/250,000 SCALE NTS MAPS IN THE FIELD.

THESE MAPS WERE DIGITIZED AT THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN OTTAWA TO OBTAIN THE SAMPLE SITE UTM (UNIVERSAL TRANVERSE MERCATOR) COORDINATES.

THE DOMINANT ROCK TYPES IN THE LAKE CATCHMENT BASINS WERE IDENTIFIED ON APPROPRIATE GEOLOGICAL MAPS USED AS THE BEDROCK GEOLOGICAL BASE ON NGR MAPS.

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## DATA LEGEND

- MAP- NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SYSTEM(NTS) LETTERED QUADRANGLE (SCALE 1:250000). PART OF SAMPLE NUMBER
- UTM COORDINATES- UNIVERSAL TRANVERSE MERCATOR (UTM) COORDINATE SYSTEM- SAMPLE COORDINATES

ZN- ZONE

EAST- EASTING (METERS)

NORTH- NORTHING (METERS)

ROCK TYPE- MAJOR ROCK TYPE OF LAKE CATCHMENT AREA

LAKE AREA- AREA OF LAKE SAMPLED

SMP DTH- SAMPLE DEPTH MEASURED TO THE NEAREST FOOT

- RP ST- REPLICATE STATUS- RELATIONSHIP OF SAMPLE WITH RESPECT TO OTHERS WITHIN THE SURVEY
- RELF- RELIEF OF THE SURROUNDING LAKE CATCHMENT BASIN
- CONT- CONTAMINATION- HUMAN OR NATURAL (WORK-DRILL/TRENCH, CAMP, FUEL, OR GOSSAN)
- SAMPL COLOR- SEDIMENT COLOUR
  - SUSP- SUSPENDED MATTER
    - ZN- ZINC BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - CU- COPPER BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - PB- LEAD BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - NI- NICKEL BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - CO- COBALT BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - AG- SILVER BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - MN- MANGANESE BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - AS- ARSENIC BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - MO- MOLYBDENUM BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
    - FE- IRON BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (%)
    - HG- MERCURY BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPB)
  - LOI- LOSS ON IGNITION BY WEIGHT DIFFERENCE(%)
  - U- URANIUM BY DELAYED NEUTRON ACTIVATION (PPM)
  - F- FLOURINE BY SPECIFIC ION ELECTRODE (PPM)
  - V- VANADIUM BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
  - CD- CADMIUM BY ATOMIC ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (PPM)
  - F-W- FLOURINE IN WATERS BY FISSION TRACK (PPB)
  - PH- PH BY COMBINATION GLASS CALOMEL ELECTRODE
- (1978) U-W- URANIUM IN WATERS BY FISSION TRACK (PPB)
- (1982) U-W- URANIUM IN WATERS BY SCINTREX (PPB)

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AUG ARC	L- RED CONGLOMERATE, ARKOSE, AND SILTSTONE P- METASEDIMENTARY GRANITOID GNEISSES, MINOR AMPHIBOLITE, SILLIMANITE GNEISS METAQUARTZITE, MARBLE S- PYROXENE GRANULITE, UNSEPARATED ACIDIC INTRUSIVES: ASHUANIPI COMPLEX		L'	г 1- 1-5-	POND 1/4 TO 1 SQ KM 1 TO 5 SQ KM GREATER THAN 5 SQ KM
РНА	W- GREYWACKE,QUARTZITE,ARKOSE,SLATE, PHYLLITE,BASIC TO INTERMEDIATE VOLCANIC ROCKS,DERIVED SCHISTS AND GNEISSES	RP			ROUTINE SAMPLE FIRST OF FIELD DUPLICATE
VAW	2- BASALTIC FLOWS AND PYROCLASTICS, QUARTZITE, GREYWACKE, SLATE (BASIC VOLCANIC ROCKS)			20-	SECOND OF FIELD DUPLICATE
APW	1- GRIT, ARKOSE, CONGLOMERATE, QUARTZITE, GREYWACKE SLATE, ACIDIC TO BASIC VOLCANICS	RI	ELF:	L-	LOW
AW1	S- FERRUGINOUS SLATE AND IRON FORMATION RUTH AND COKOMAN FORMATIONS OF KNOB LAKE GROUP				MEDIUM HIGH
AUW	R- GRANULITE, PYROXENE GNEISS, CHARNOCKITE; MINOR GRANITIC GNEISS, MYLONITIC GNEISS				
AUW	G- GRANITIC GNEISS, GRANODIORITIC GNEISS, MIGMATITE, AGMATITE, AMPHIBOLITE	CC	ONT:	1-	PRESENT
AUW	B- AMPHIBOLITE, PYROXENE AMPHIBOLITE, CHLORITE SCHIST, GARNET- AND BIOTITE-RICH GNEISS		BLANK- No		NONE
PH1	4- GRANITE, QUARTZ, MONZONITE, GRANODIORITE, QUARTZ CIORITE, SYENITE				
PH1	3- ADAMELLITE SUITE: ADAMELLITE, MONZONITE, AGENITE, GRANODIORITE, GRANITE AND THEIR HYPERTHENE	SAMPL COI		YL-	TAN YELLOW GREEN
PH1	1- ANORTHOSITE SUITE: ANORTHOSITE, ANORTHOSITIC GABBRO, LEUCOTROCTOLITE				GREY BROWN
	O- GABBRO, NORITE, ANORTHOSITE GABBRO, TROCTOLITE, DIORITE, DERIVED BASIC GNEISSES AND AMPHIBOLITE			BK-	BLACK
AP6	W- GABBRO- WAKUACH GABBRO- GABBRO,METAGABBRO, GLOMEROPORPHYRITIC GABBRO AND DIORITE				
	2- MASSIVE GRANITE AND QUARTZ MONZONITE 1- MASSIVE TO POORLY FOLIATED PYROXENE-BEARING GRANODIORITE AND SYENODIORITE	JS	JSP: BLA	Н-	LIGHT HEAVY NONE