



United States Geological Survey Certificate of Analysis

Manganese Nodule, NOD-A-1

NOD-A-1 is a reference material which can be used to establish analytical accuracy in the analysis of manganese nodules or other geologic samples with elevated manganese concentrations. Material used in the preparation of the standard was collected from the Atlantic ocean along the Blake Plateau (31° 02' N, 78° 22' W) at a depth of 788 meters (Flanagan and Gottfried, 1980).

Recommended concentrations for elements and oxides are reported when results from USGS interlaboratory studies (Flanagan and Gottfried, 1980) using independent methods of analysis are in statistical agreement. Supplemental information derived from international data compilations (Abbey, 1983, Govindaraju, 1994) is also provided.

Information concentrations are given when results are based on analyses obtained using a single technique or when data from different procedures are not in statistical agreement.

Recommended values

Oxide	Wt %	±	Oxide	Wt %	±
SiO ₂	3.81	0.047	MnO	23.9	0.065
Al ₂ O ₃	3.87	0.060	Na ₂ O	1.0	0.008
Fe ₂ O _{3 tot}	15.6	0.060	K ₂ O	0.6	0.010
CaO	15.4	0.054	TiO ₂	0.53	0.007
MgO	4.76	0.016	P ₂ O ₅	1.40	0.016

Element	µg/g	±	Element	µg/g	±
Ba	1670	31	Pb	846	8
Co	3110	11	Sr	1750	14
Cu	1100	10	V	770	6
Mo	448	9	Zn	590	5
Ni	6360	24			

Information values

Element	µg/g	Element	µg/g
Ce	730	La	120
Dy	23	Lu	2.2
Er	12	Nd	94
Eu	5	Sm	21
Gd	26	Yb	14

Bibliography

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Glossary

Fe ₂ O ₃ T	Total iron expressed as Fe ₂ O ₃
C _{tot}	Total concentration of carbon
S _{tot}	Total concentration of sulfur
Wt %	Percent of total element concentration
µg/g	Total element concentration expressed as micrograms of element per gram of solid sample
±-	One standard deviation

Notes

Drying instructions

Prior to analysis samples of NOD-A-1 should be dried at 110 °C for 24 hours. Samples should be stored in a desiccator if not used immediately. Reports indicate that NOD-A-1 can absorb up to 10% by weight of moisture when exposed overnight to air.

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