



# United States Geological Survey

## Certificate of Analysis

### Mica Schist, SDC-1

Material used in the preparation of this standard was collected in 1963 from the Washington D.C. area. The material is probably of late Precambrian age, and examination of hand specimens reveals a dark grey pervasively foliated muscovite-quartz schist with a homogeneous thinly streaked texture (Flanagan, 1976).

Element concentrations were determined by cooperating laboratories using a variety of analytical methods. Certificate values are based primarily on international data compilations (Abbey, 1983, Gladney and Roelandts, 1988, Govindaraju, 1994). Initial USGS studies (Flanagan, 1976) provide limited background information on this reference material.

#### Recommended values

Oxide	Wt %	±	Oxide	Wt %	±
SiO <sub>2</sub>	65.8	0.43	Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.05	0.09
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15.8	0.34	K <sub>2</sub> O	3.28	0.10
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.62	0.15	TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.01	0.04
FeO	3.93	0.15	CaO	1.40	0.07
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> T	6.32	0.23	MgO	1.69	0.10
			P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.16	0.025

  

Element	µg/g	±	Element	µg/g	±	Element	µg/g	±
As	0.22	0.01	Ga	21	1.4	Sc	17	2
Ba	630	60	Gd	7	0.4	Sm	8.2	0.5
Be	3	0.5	Hf	8.3	0.2	Sn	3.0	0.2
Ce	93	7	La	42	3	Sr	180	9
Co	18	1	Li	34	3	Th	12	0.9
Cr	64	7	Mn	880	60	U	3.1	0.2
Cs	4	0.2	Nd	40	4	V	102	12
Cu	30	3	Pb	25	2	Zn	103	8
F	600	30	Rb	127	7	Zr	290	30
			Sb	0.54	0.05			

  

Element	µg/g	Element	µg/g	Element	µg/g
B	13	Hg	0.2	Tb	1.2
Cl	32	Ho	1.5	Tl	0.7
Dy	6.7	Nb	21	Tm	0.65
Er	4.1	Ni	38	W	0.80
Eu	1.7	Ta	1.2	Yb	4

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## Glossary

$\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3\text{T}$	Total iron expressed as $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
$\text{C}_{\text{tot}}$	Total carbon concentration
$\text{S}_{\text{tot}}$	Total sulfur concentration
Wt %	Percent of total element concentration
$\mu\text{g/g}$	Total element concentration expressed as micrograms of element per gram of solid sample
$\pm$	One standard deviation

## Notes

Unless otherwise indicated total element concentrations are reported for material on an as-received basis, i.e., no drying.

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