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LEGEND

Note: This legend is common to National Geochemical Reconnaissance Map 5-1976, Open File 409; Map 6-1976, Open File 410 and Map 7-1976, Open File 411

QUATERNARY

8	Glacial, lacustrine, and fluviatile gravel, sand, silt and clay

TERTIARY

7	Plateau basalts, olivine basalts
6	Volcanic flow rocks with interbedded sedimentary rocks; 6a, conglomerate, sandstone, shale and tuff
5	CORYELL: alkalic plutonic rocks; porphyritic granite and rhyolite

JURASSIC - CRETACEOUS

4	NELSON and VALHALLA: granitic plutonic rocks

JURASSIC

3	Maffic and ultramafic intrusive rocks, pyroxinite, hornblendite serpentinite

PALEOZOIC (including UPPER PROTEROZOIC and TRIASSIC)

2	Basaltic and andesitic lavas, greenstone, tuff, quartzite, limestone and argillite; 2a, quartzite, argillite, limestone, slate, schist, phyllite, sandstone and conglomerate

PROTEROZOIC (SHUSWAP TERRANE)

1	Gneiss, minor schist, limestone, marble, dolomite, slate, phyllite; 1a, schist, quartzite, limestone, slate, argillite

Geological contact.....
Fault.....
Dyke.....
Mineral occurence.....Zn ×

Legend modified and geology compiled for the geochemical map by T.E. Kalnins from maps 1059A, by H.M.A. Rice 1945, 1946, and A.G. Jones 1947, 1951

Geological cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada

Base-map at the same scale published by the Mapping and Charting Establishment, M.C.E., 1966. Additional drainage obtained from Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, British Columbia Land Use maps, 1:125,000 scale

Mean magnetic declination 1977, 23°07.2' East decreasing 4.9' annually. Readings vary from 21°49.2' in the SE corner to 23°04.2' in the NW corner of the map area

Elevation in feet above mean sea-level

Geochemical Symbol and Data Presentation

The concentration of an element at a sample site is graphically represented as one of 15 symbols, if a sample was collected but there is no data available a dot is plotted. The symbols are symmetrically arranged so that they first increase in size to the eighth symbol and then increase in blackness to the fifteenth. The two small crosses at the low end of the scale are used to respectively denote concentrations below the analytical detection limit, or, in the data group containing the detection limit. The data are grouped on a semi-logarithmic scale, i.e. 1,2,5,10,20,50,100 etc. Five decades can be spanned and this arbitrary division has been chosen for the continuing Canada wide series of maps constituting the National Geochemical Reconnaissance.

The choice of symbols and the data groups they represent for any specific element is based on the histogram and cumulative frequency plot for the total survey data from one, or more contiguous, open file sheets covered in one field season. The eighth symbol is used for the model group as defined by the histogram, this group usually includes the median of the data as defined by the 0.5 (50%) point on the cumulative frequency plot. Some, or all, of the remaining 14 symbols are chosen so as to achieve an appropriate graphical impact. An example of all 15 symbols is given below.

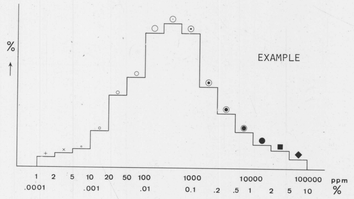
The symbol maps, being based on the total survey data distributions, are unaffected by the availability of ever increasing levels of knowledge in bedrock and surficial geology, and other environmental factors. Therefore, the raw data symbol maps are only intended to assist the rapid inspection of the data for gross regional features. To fulfil the needs of a more specific and thorough interpretation, the raw symbol maps should be modified using the field and analytical data provided in the data listings and any other knowledge available. To assist in the appraisal and modification of the data in terms of the symbol map bedrock geology, a table of summary statistics and proposed threshold values for each mapped bedrock unit, or broad lithologic unit, again based on the total survey data, is presented below the histogram. This table can be used along, or in conjuction, with the sample location map and data listings to indicate above threshold samples where they occur on the map. In many instances, the table will also illustrate, more clearly than the map, the dependence of mean geochemical levels on bedrock type. It may often be also observed that whilst the total data appears to approximate a log-normal distribution the data for individual map or lithologic units appears to approximate a normal distribution. The proposed thresholds presented are believed to be useful in interpreting the data from a mineral exploration viewpoint. Locations of samples with concentrations in excess of the threshold for the rock unit they appear to be derived from, should be studied carefully. The above threshold concentration can be due to a wide range of geological and environmental factors, but one of these could be the presence of abnormal concentrations of the element in a form of interest to the mineral explorationist.

To comprehensively study an area, all available geological, environmental and recorded data should be utilized. The data separation by bedrock type can often be improved by constructing new data subsets and deriving local threshold levels based on the most detailed and up-to-date knowledge available.

The objective of the survey is to outline broad areas of increased mineral potential worthy of further study leading to the identification of exploration targets. Individual samples with high metal contents should not be automatically regarded as finite exploration targets. It is recommended that the data levels vary across the survey area with local geology and surficial environment.

The dispersion of elements in stream sediments is controlled by both mechanical and chemical processes. An insight into the relative importance of these processes can be gained from a study of local topography, bedrock and surficial geology particularly in terms of host minerals and the chemical properties of each element. The field observations on sediment composition and sample site environment recorded in the data listings can yield information on the relative importance of clastic versus chemical dispersion.

The uranium data for stream sediments were obtained by the total analysis method of neutron activation delayed neutron counting. Therefore, where resistate minerals containing uranium, e.g. zircon, allanite, sphene etc. are present these will lead to increased uranium levels relative to both other sediments and data obtained by partial acid digestions. As a result care should be taken in interpreting data where streams could derive part or all of their sediment load from crystalline rocks containing such minerals, which at the present have little economic significance as a uranium resource.



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URANIUM IN STREAM SEDIMENTS

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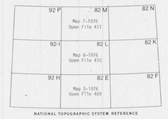
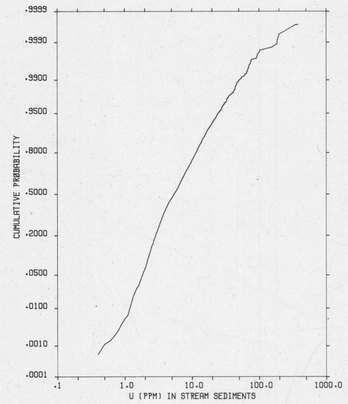
Scale 1:250,000

Kilometres 6 0 6 12 18 Kilometres
Miles 4 0 4 8 Miles

Universal Transverse Mercator Projection





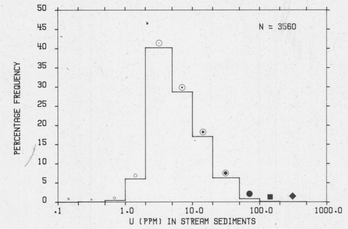


Table of Thresholds for Major Geological Units

	Lithology	No. of Samples	Mean	S.D.	C.V.%	Threshold
8	TILL	405	7.1	6.8	96	35
7	OLVB	197	4.4	10.9	249	15
6a	CGLM	23	5.7	2.7	47	15
6	ANDS	118	7.8	9.7	124	15
5	SYNT	146	17.9	35.7	199	15
4	GRNT	966	11.6	17.4	149	50
3	UMFC	3	1.7	0.6	37	60
2a	QRTZ	50	5.7	5.0	88	25
2	GRNS	321	3.6	3.4	92	13
1a	SCST	241	3.1	1.6	51	15
1	GNSS	1087	9.3	9.5	102	30

Data units are ppm

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The data are also available in digital form. For further information please contact:

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