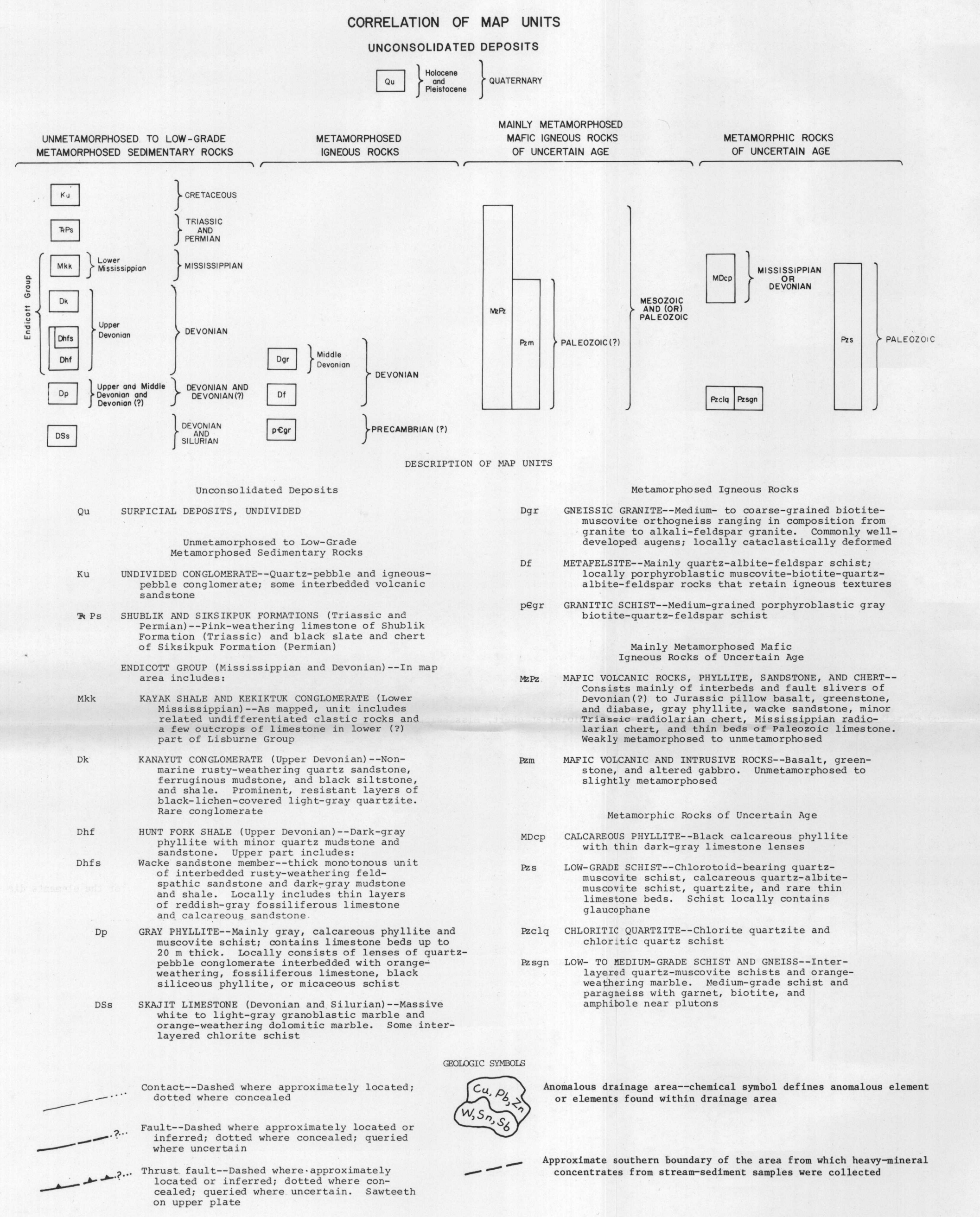


MAP A--MINUS-80-MESH STREAM-SEDIMENT ANOMALOUS DRAINAGE AREAS.



INTRODUCTION

These two maps summarize the analytical results for copper, zinc, lead, barium, thorium, uranium, niobium, antimony, arsenic, molybdenum, bismuth, tellurium, and silver. The map of minus-80-mesh stream-sediment anomalies (specific gravity >2.86) passed concentrates from stream-sediment samples collected in the Survey Pass quadrangle, Alaska, during the summer of 1977 and 1978. The work is part of the Survey Pass Alaska Mineral Resource Assessment Program (ASMAP), which collectively assesses the mineral resources of the Survey Pass quadrangle. It should be emphasized that the stream-sediment survey was in the Survey Pass quadrangle and of reconnaissance nature and is neither detailed nor exhaustive, particularly in respect to searching for mineralized rock. The purpose of this reconnaissance geological investigation is to:

- (1) furnish background trace-element data for the interpretation of analytical data from stream-sediment and related samples that may be collected in the future;
- (2) identify areas likely to have mineralized rocks; and
- (3) to aid in the interpretation of the geology of the quadrangle and of the Brooks Range.

(4) To establish geochemical associations of the known mineral occurrences and to suggest the possibilities for undetected types of mineral occurrences.

The elements plotted on these maps were judged to be the most informative and relevant to a regional mineral-resource appraisal of the Survey Pass quadrangle, and they adequately reflect the economic potential of the area within the limits of this reconnaissance evaluation.

A discussion on the technique of sampling, sample preparation, analytical and statistical methods, analytical results, and sample locations used in the report is included in Cahill, O'Leary, Billings, and McNeal (1979), and Cahill, O'Leary, and Billings (1979).

ANOMALOUS DRAINAGE AREAS

Geological maps and data from O'Leary's Report 79-837 and series (Cahill and others, 1979) were used to produce these composite maps of anomalous drainage areas. From each of the open-file reports, the sample sites having an anomalous value were selected, and drainage basins contributing materials to these sample sites were outlined. A generalized outline was drawn to encompass the outer perimeters of these anomalous drainage basins that overlapped, join, or are close to one another. These outlined areas are referred to as composite anomalous drainage areas. Only of the composite areas were those that contained and labeled as anomalous drainage areas. Some areas contained single or multielement anomalies.

THRESHOLD

The threshold values for the elements shown on these maps were selected by inspecting histograms of the open-file reports (Cahill and others, 1979) and comparing these values with the median values of the elements in the Survey Pass quadrangle. The threshold values are listed in Table 1. A list of threshold values and a summary of the criteria used for the elements discussed in this report.

ANOMALOUS AREAS

The minus-80-mesh stream-sediment anomalies from this study suggest that the Brooks Range and adjacent areas contain anomalous concentrations of lead, zinc, barium, thorium, and uranium. The west (O'Leary and Williams, 1979) extends eastward into the Brooks Range. This outlier of mineralization has been found in the schist belt along the southern flank of the Brooks Range.

The schist belt, often referred to as the "copper belt," is composed primarily of low-grade metamorphic rocks (metapelites, metagranites, and metachert) that occur in the western part of the Brooks Range. The schist belt is described by O'Leary and others (1980) and is further defined by the stream-sediment anomalies. The schist belt is a tectonic zone that is characterized by the mineralization at the periphery of the schist belt, which is related to the mafic rocks that occur in the schist belt. The schist belt is a tectonic zone that is characterized by the mineralization at the periphery of the schist belt, which is related to the mafic rocks that occur in the schist belt.



MAP B--NONMAGNETIC HEAVY-MINERAL-CONCENTRATE DRAINAGE AREAS.

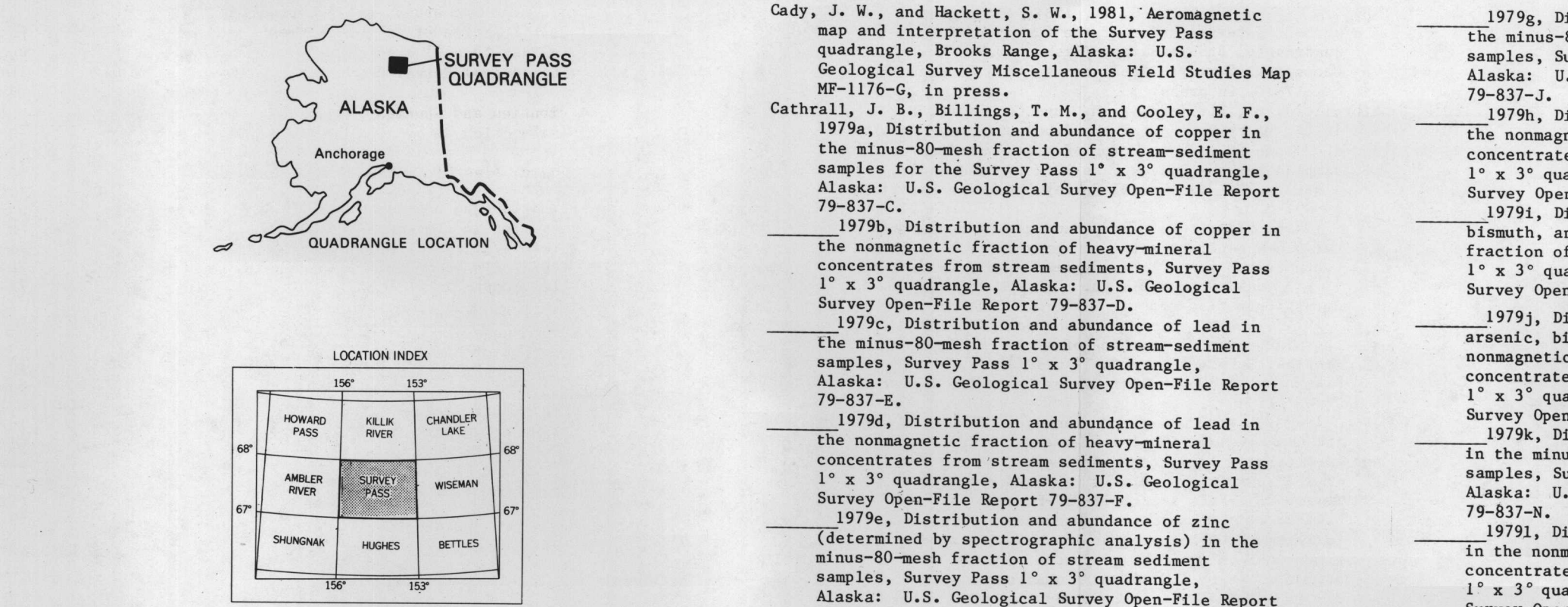
Table 1.—Threshold values and statistical summary of the analytical results for stream-sediments, heavy-mineral concentrates, and rock samples, Survey Pass quadrangle.

(Values are reported in parts per million. Leaders (—), no data or insignificant data. A, detected, but below value listed. Analytical by F. F. O'Leary.)

Element	Sample media	Threshold value	Number of values	Range of values	Geometric mean	Geometric standard deviation	Standard deviation	Percentile distribution
				min	max			25th 50th 75th 90th 95th 98th
Copper	Stream sediment	150	1,492	<5-1,500	35	1.2	39	22 39 52 66 109 150
	Concentrate	700	623	<10-10,000	104	2.8	112	564 45 102 203 400 613 1,117
	Rock	200	1,434	<5-20,000	32	3.1	143	890
Lead	Stream sediment	70	1,470	<10-500	27	1.7	33	29 20 24 38 52 72 107
	Concentrate	300	521	<20-7,000	66	2.4	130	322 38 51 100 201 506 645
	Rock	150	1,286	<5-20,000	28	2.5	103	788
Zinc	Stream sediment	300	1,497	5-1,500	81	1.7	96	75 57 84 111 154 196 302
	Concentrate	300	171	<500-729	118	1.8	162	1,039
	Rock	200	1,252	<5-100,000	45	2.4	206	1,213 3,457
Barium	Stream sediment	1,500	1,477	20-25,000	513	1.9	613	444 394 491 753 1,063 1,180 1,785
	Concentrate	3,000	861	<5,000-274	174	2.1	907	874 435 682 1,092 2,065 4,452 9,452
	Rock	3,000	1,114	<20-10,000	364	2.8	1,137	737
Silver	Stream sediment	<5	33	<0.5-10	1.3	2.4	1.9	2.2
	Concentrate	1,000	661	<5-20,000	274	2.1	907	874 435 682 1,092 2,065 4,452 9,452
	Rock	<5	79	<0.5-500	6.5	5.2	3.1	75
Tungsten	Stream sediment	50	8	5-100	64	1.4	69	26
	Concentrate	250	36	<50-2,000	189	2.3	302	448
	Rock	100	23	<50-1,000	218	1.4	281	263
Mercury	Stream sediment	<50	5	<50-50	—	—	—	—
	Concentrate	<20	9	<20-500	84.4	—	—	—
	Rock	<10	49	<10-1,000	76	3.6	178	261
Antimony	Stream sediment	200	103	100-300	103	1.2	105	22
	Concentrate	200	15	<100-7,000	192	3.2	684	1,899
	Rock	<200	10	<100-7,000	1,267	4.3	2,714	2,852

Table 1.—Threshold values and statistical summary of the analytical results for stream-sediments, heavy-mineral concentrates, and rock samples, Survey Pass quadrangle.—Continued.

Element	Sample media	Threshold value	Number of values	Range of values	Geometric mean	Geometric standard deviation	Standard deviation	Percentile distribution
				min	max			25th 50th 75th 90th 95th 98th
Molybdenum	Stream sediment	15	715	0-70	7.8	1.6	9.5	8.2
	Concentrate	100	26	<20-100	16	1.9	21	24
	Rock	50	98	<20-700	30	2.5	50	80
Tin	Stream sediment	10	212	<5-300	38	1.9	34	23
	Concentrate	50	89	<20-1,000	76	2.7	138	189
	Rock	20	96	<20-1,000	67	4.1	196	314
Neyllium	Stream sediment	—	1,358	0-300	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.3
	Concentrate	5	621	<20-100	2.3	1.5	3.3	109
	Rock	100	1,404	<20-1,000	1.9	2.5	7	55
Thorium	Stream sediment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Concentrate	200	17	<20-1,000	304	1.8	371	298
	Rock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lanthanum	Stream sediment	—	733	<20-700	61	1.5	69	54
	Concentrate	>1,000	623	<20-1,000	170	2.1	240	243
	Rock	—	1,378	<20-2,000	30	2.5	54	93
Boron	Stream sediment	300	1,287	<20-3,000	64	2.2	87	80
	Concentrate	—	623	<20-1,000	104	1.9	131	245
	Rock	—	1,497	<20-2,000	44	3	85	133
Cobalt	Stream sediment	100	1,479	0-300	32	1.9	39	27
	Concentrate	—	623	>10-100	12	1.7	27	20
	Rock	—	1,408	<20-700	28	2.1	38	40
Nickel	Stream sediment	200	1,489	0-1,000	42	2.3	58	55
	Concentrate	—	623	<20-300	2	1.1	37	23
	Rock	—	1,493	<20-2,000	40	2.3	55	43
Chromium	Stream sediment	300	1,473	<50-500	10.3	2	126	73
	Concentrate	—	623	<20-100	165	1.8	200	139
	Rock	—	1,434	<20-2,000	104	2.3	145	147



MAPS SHOWING ANOMALOUS DRAINAGE AREAS OF SELECTED ELEMENTS IN THE SURVEY PASS QUADRANGLE, BROOKS RANGE, ALASKA

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