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PROPERTY NAME: Cat Claim Block  
OTHER NAMES: Death Valley Clay  
MINERAL COMMODITY(IES): Bentonite  
TYPE OF DEPOSIT: lacustrine  
ACCESSIBILITY: Access by Nev. highway 29, dirt road good  
OWNERSHIP: Placer Amargosa Ventures  
PRODUCTION: steady since 1918, in dollar amount, large  
HISTORY: discovered 1918

*Nye County General*  
County: Nye *Item 50*  
Mining District: Ash Meadows  
AMS Sheet: Death Valley  
Quad Sheet: Lathrop Wells 15'  
Sec: 20, 21, 28, T 16S, R 50E  
29  
Coordinate (UTM):  
North 4 0 4 3 7 5 0 m  
East 0 5 5 6 3 6 0 m  
Zone +11

DEVELOPMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITY AT TIME OF EXAMINATION: Currently being mined

GEOLOGY: At sample site 1051, what is shown to be a group of pits and shafts on the map is now an open pit operation for bentonite. The main pit is 30 feet deep and the size of a football field, while the surrounding work site encompasses approximately a square mile. The bentonite is white, punky, with flecks of hematite. The beds are horizontal showing several periods of deposition. The area is actively being mined with fresh workings and heavy equipment on site. Numerous pits dot the surrounding area.

REMARKS: Sample Site 1051

REFERENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

EXAMINER: Smith

DATE VISITED: 4/24/82