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(48)

ITEM 83

Mack Forbes

Question: How much would it cost to set up and mine 10,000 tons of Leaching ore.

Process it, drill well 150 ft., build cement leach tanks (or others if a more economical way. To point of Reduction to cement copper.

Place Contact Nevada.

Roughly lay out steps.

Including your supervision.

Dec. 18, 1978.

Carson City, Nevada.

Frank Lewis.

A sample of ore marked 9-2-1 was crushed to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, mixed and a Head Sample cut out for analysis.

A portion was Static Leached for 72 hours using a dilution ratio of one part of water containing 40 grams of Sulfuric Acid per liter to two parts of ore. After 72 hours the Pregnant Solution was decanted and the Leached Residue washed with water until the sample was neutral. A sample was cut from the Leached Residue for analysis. The Pregnant Solution was assayed for Copper, Iron and Silver.

An analysis of the Head Sample is listed below.

Total Copper	1.4%
Oxide Copper	1.3%
Iron	2.7%
CaO(Lime)	.60
SiO ₂	62.50%
Silver	0.55 Oz/Ton.

From the analysis, this ore could be amenable to Heap Leaching with dilute Sulfuric Acid.

The following table sets forth the data obtained from Static Leaching with dilute Sulfuric Acid.

Product	% Cu.	Lbs. of Cu. recovered per/ton of ore.	Lbs. of Sulfuric Acid consumed per lb. of Copper recovered.
Pregnant Solution.	---	16.5	1.94
Leached Residue.	0.812	----	----
Calculated Heads.	1.636	----	----

% Extraction of Copper = 50.37.

This preliminary test looks encouraging. A test is now in progress using Static Leaching for the Copper followed by Heap Leaching for Silver.

Edward S. Shedd

10,000
25
\$2500.00

$$12.5' \div 6 = 2.08\bar{3}$$

$$40 \div 6 = 6.6\bar{6} \times 132 =$$

Cat 1

Possible Costs.

b Bulldozer, over all 5 days 1500

Free-lead

Surface samples plus assaying
for oxide or acid soluble Cu

These may be composites { Total Cu
{ Per Ag } 50 = 500.00
@ 10.00

Drill holes for rubbleizing

blast. as per Margrat's

5134 approximation

5000' @ \$5.00/ft

\$5000.00

includes sampling etc

Power costs

to ~~be~~ ~~leaching~~

192 Drill Holes to be sampled

individually and composited

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± 750 samples @ \$10.00

\$7500.00

→ Powder cost of blast

→ 10,000 Tons of
Moving & Leach material to
Leach pad @ \$0.25/T

\$2500.00

proper leach material

if the 10,000 Tons leached contains

@ .05% soluble Cu that will be
100,000 lb Cu present and at

@ .60% recovery = 60,000 lb Cu recovered which at

@ \$0.60/lb = \$36,000. recoverable Cu

70 - \$42,000.00

75 - \$45,000.00

Cementation launders wood on
Concrete

2,100

Cost 2

Preparation of
leach pad of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre
@ \$11,000 per acre \$ 5,500

H₂SO₄ for ^{60,000}~~100,000~~ lb
recoverable Cu @
3 lb acid / lb Cu
or 150 Tons Acid @ \$30/Ton 4,500

^{1.5}
Iron 3 lb Fe per lb of
~~recoverable~~ Cu cemented ^{125%}
or 10 Tons Fe @ \$130/Ton 1,300

Solution make up
Water @ \$0.10 per 1000
gallons @ 60 gal/minute
or \$ 8.60/day or 860
100 days @ —

Smelter & refining costs \$0.22
0.29/lb Cu produced
Generator or power supply ?

Well 150' deep
water pump, ^{power} pipe &
storage tank, distribution system \$ 5,000

1 or 2 acid proof pumps @ 100 gpm - ? 5,000 ?

Smelter ^{refining} and selling
charges @ \$0.30/lb
for 60,000 lbs Cu \$ 9,000

Sub total

\$ 45,160

Temporary

Simple lab set up
for wet coppers

chipmunk crusher	} garden house 500	1173	
pulverizer or		1780	5000 3000 ⁰⁰
bucketing board or		2953	3418
screens	Hot plate	240	4000 ⁰⁰
glass ware and	Sample splitter	125	
reagents	Balance	100	
		<u>3</u>	100 00

Trailer for office
and lab used —

3000⁰⁰

Change room with water supply
+ First aid - especially for
possible acid burns

3000⁰⁰
1000⁰⁰

Pick up truck

3000⁰⁰

Staff -

Supervisor 10 part time \$200/day -
10 to 20 days/month

Assistant sampler lab

man etc - Recent graduates

± 1600⁰⁰/month

or advanced student

capable of running

wet assays and setting up

and running sample met. tests on
its property.

Helper

days labor 1 or 2 —

@ \$32⁰⁰/day

watch pads - help sampler -

clean prep tanks

dry ppt. to sack.

~~Past operations~~

The most important part of the whole program will be the correct determination of grade, and recovery as well as the maximum fragment size that should be ~~leached~~ ^{leached} and amount of copper ~~recovered~~ ^{recovered}. Without this information it will be impossible to make a justified evaluation of the probable success of a leaching operation, either in place or in heaps.

Alternatives

Make several small pads and

Crush to various sizes and for each - with portable crusher plant - No screening

1. Run of mill - 6"

2. - 4"

3. - 2"

4. - 1"

This will depend upon ^{continuing} ~~not~~ met. testing

Drive a decline under rathbun test area and collect leach solutions from in place (in situ) leaching

main thrust of ~~program~~ ^{program} appears to be

Introduction - Since final drive is for possible in place leaching testing to find ~~best~~ the largest fragments possible

2 1/2 lb / yard

$$40 \times 30 \times 100 \div 27$$

4500 yds

± 10,000 lb -

dull 6x6

3- 3 1/2" inch holes

$$6 \times 6 = 36 \times 30 =$$

40 yds per hole

100 holes -

\$10000

\$6500 - \$7000 ⁰⁰

about \$100

10,000 Tons
2000

2000,000 lbs Cu
1.05

10 300 0.00
.6

2000

60,000.6 16 Cms

60,000 / 6 cu

3
120.000 16 Fe

$$\begin{array}{r} 90 \text{ Tons} \\ 2000 \overline{) 180,000} \\ \underline{180,000} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

90 x 130 Tm

11,700

Recovery of Cu

55 %

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650,000 \quad .02 \\ \hline 33,000.00 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650,000 \quad .0 \\ \hline 113,000.00 \\ 115.5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650,000 \quad .006 \\ \hline 10,000.000 \\ 990 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,650,000 \quad .05 \\ \hline 82,500.00 \\ 8250000 \end{array}$$

.60 @ .05 % =

6.00 / Ton

@

60 % Recovery

$6.00 \times .60 = \$3.60$

$$\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ 60 \\ \hline 360 \end{array}$$

1 Ton recovery	@ 100%	10 lb
1 " "	" 60%	6 lb cu

$\$3.951 \div 6lb = \$0.6585 / lb \text{ cu}$
 or $\$0.659 / lb \text{ cu}$

Ant. @ 3lb / lb cu

$60,000 \text{ cu} \times 3 = 180,000 \text{ lb H}_2\text{SO}_4$

90 % H₂SO₄ acid
 $2000 \times 180,000 = 360,000,000$
 $90 \times 30 = 2700$

$$\begin{array}{r} 60,000.0 \\ .30 \\ \hline 18,000.00 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 232,000.0}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 320,000.0}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 6,523,000}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 63,000.00}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 1,650,000.0}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 285,000.0}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 23,000.00}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 112,000.0}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 2376,000}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 1485,000.0}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 63,000.00}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 10,000.000}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 23,000.00}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 19,000.000}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 19,000.00}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 165,000.0}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 285,000.0}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 728,000.0}$$

$$\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \overline{) 48,000.00}$$

$$1,650,000 \overline{) 2376,000}$$

See p 14 refining cost

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Dump calculations

Tare Trucks

Taggart: ^{weight of} Broken rock in dump or bins
95-100 lb / cu ft. or ^{a weight of} 1.6-1.9 tons
volume in place

Use 100 lb / cu ft.

1.6

1.9

3.5

1.75

12.5 cu ft / ton unbroken ore

@ 1.6 X = 20.0 cu ft / Ton
1.9 X = 23.75 cu ft / Ton

broken ore on pad 43.75

21.875

use 22 cu ft / ton for dump

which equals \pm 90 lb per cu ft
of dump.

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Reel Or-Various 100-140 lb / cu ft.

@ 100 cu ft / Ton 1 T = 10' x 10' x 1'

@ 140 cu ft / " 1 T = 14' x 10' x 1'

@

100 cu ft / Ton \cdot 10,000 T = 1,000,000 cu ft
for a 20' high heap

1 ft² lit = 50,000 sq ft.

10,000
100

1,000,000
10,000
100,000

Dimensions for 50,000 sq ft
could be $\pm 223.6' \times 223.6'$

heap base 225' x 225' for
vertical sides 20' high

For a frustum of a pyramid
Volume = $\frac{1}{3}h (B + b + \sqrt{Bb})$

1.

12.5 cu ft / Ton

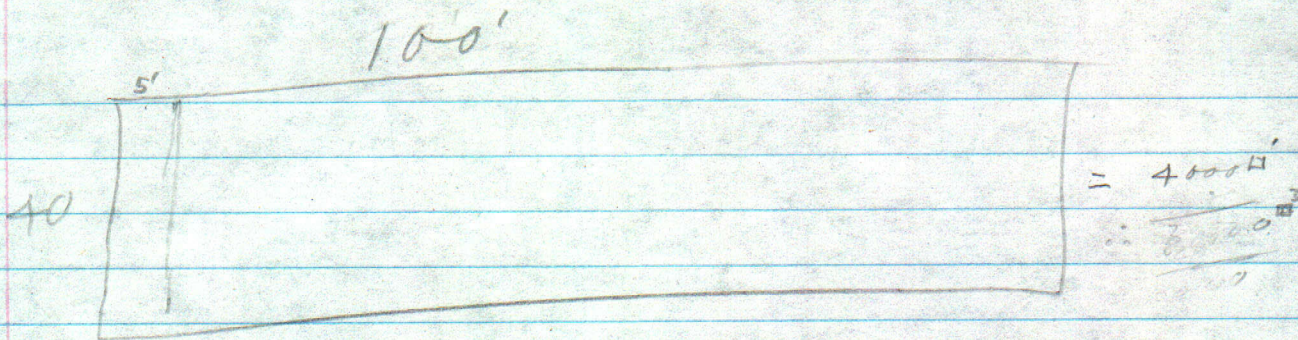
10,000 Tons =

125,000.0 cu ft of unbroken oil

22 cu ft / Ton

10,000

220,000 cu ft / Ton



$$40 \times 5 = 200 \div 12.5 = 16 \text{ T/Vol ft}^2$$

$$160 \div 5 = 20$$

$$16 \times 20 = 320'$$

$$40' \times 5' \times 20' = 4000 \text{ ft}^3 = 320 \text{ Tons/Vol ft}^3$$

$$4000' \times 31' = 124,000 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$1.6 \times 124,000 = 198,400 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$1.9 \times 124,000 = 235,600 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$434,000 \div 2 = 217,000 \text{ ft}^3$$

$$\frac{235}{300}$$

$$\frac{20}{3} \left(\underline{55225} + \underline{90,000} + \sqrt{4970250000} \right)$$

$$\frac{20}{15} (145,225 + 70500)$$

$$\frac{20}{3} (215725) =$$

$$6.7 (215725 = 1,445,357.5$$

$$1,445,357.5 \div 22 = 65,698 \text{ Tons}$$

160
much

10,000

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.6 \\ 1.9 \\ \hline 3.5 \\ 10.75 \end{array}$$

are
208.7'
on a side

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$$129,000 \text{ ft}^3 \times 1.75 = \text{swell} \quad 217,000 \text{ ft}^3$$

start with 200,000 ft³ and 20' lift

Too much

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{B} \quad 130' \quad 16,900 \text{ ft}^3 \\ \text{A} \quad 200' \quad 40,000 \text{ ft}^3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{20}{3} (16,900 + 40,000) + \sqrt{48} \quad 6,26,000,000 = 9,210$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8000 \\ 2000 \\ \hline 6000000 \end{array}$$

$$6.7 \times 56,900 + 26,000$$

$$6.7 \times 82,900 = 555,430 \text{ ft}^3 \div 22 = 25,245.8 \text{ T}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 84' \quad 7056 \text{ ft}^3 \\ 150' \quad 22,500 \text{ ft}^3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{20}{3} (7,056 + 22,500) + \sqrt{48} \quad 1,587,500,000$$

$$6.7 \times 29,556 + 12,600$$

$$6.7 \times 42,156 = 282,445.2 \text{ ft}^3 \div 22 = 12,838 \text{ T}$$

1985

$$\begin{array}{c} 110' \quad 12,100 \text{ ft}^3 \\ 175' \quad 30,625 \text{ ft}^3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{20}{3} (12,100 + 30,625) + \sqrt{48} \quad 3,70,562,500$$

$$6.7 \times 42,725 + 19,250$$

$$6.7 \times 61,975 = 415,232.5 \div 22 = 18,874 \text{ T}$$

$$6400.9937$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 114' \quad 12,996 \text{ ft}^3 \\ 180' \quad 32,400 \text{ ft}^3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{20}{3} (12,996 + 32,400) + \sqrt{48} \quad 4,210,704,000$$

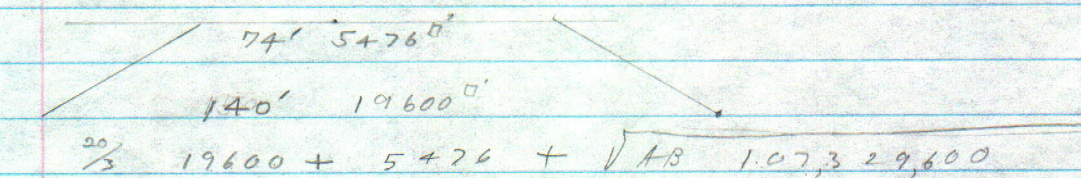
$$6.7 \times 45,396 + 20,520$$

$$6.7 \times 65,916 = 441,637 \div 22 = 20,074$$

4-repose
hard up-slope - 45°
loose gravel
+ clay — 37°

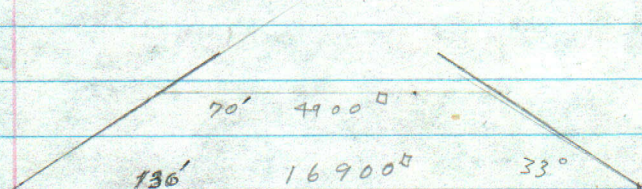
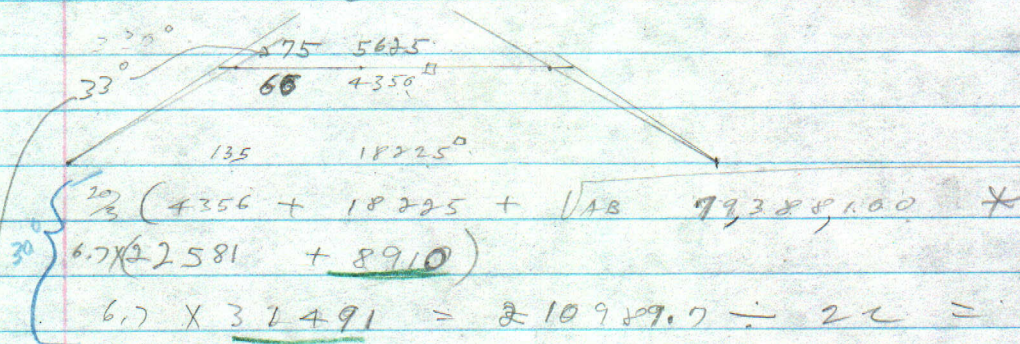
ore - 38° - 42° strike
in line
100-140 lb/cu ft.
no 12 1/2 lb / cu ft.

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$$6.7 \times (25076 + 10360)$$

$$6.7 \times 35436 = 237421.2 \div 22 = 10792 T$$

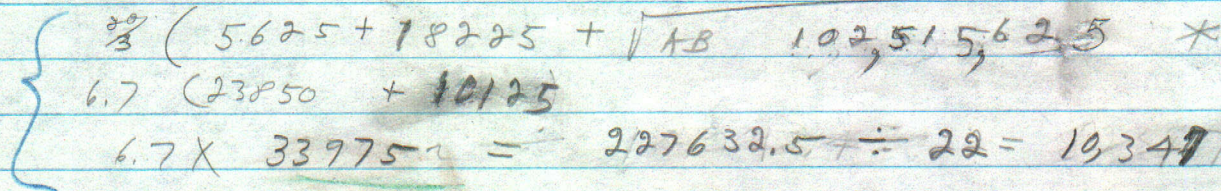


$$\frac{20}{3} (4900 + 16900 + \sqrt{AB}) 82810000$$

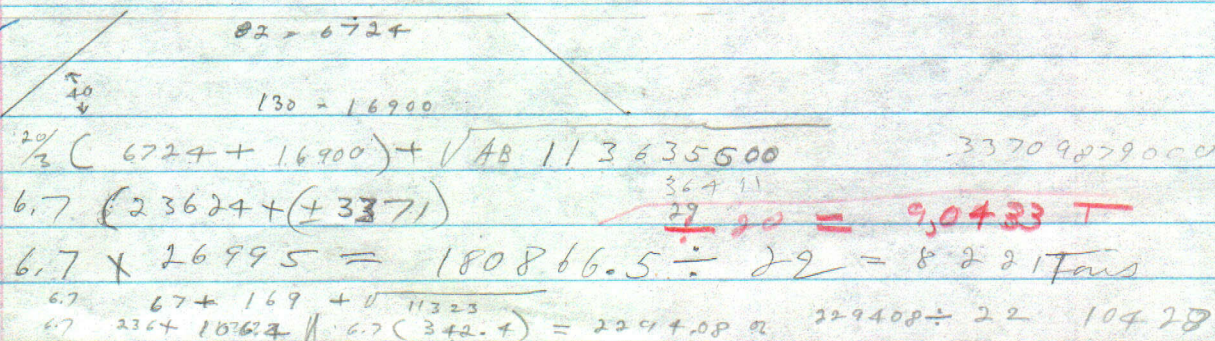
$$6.7 (21800 + 2878)$$

$$6.7 \times 24678 = 165343 \div 22 = 7516 T$$

33°
Top 75'
Base 135'
3301806



40°



30°

$$\frac{20}{3} (4356 + 18225) + \sqrt{179,388,100}$$

66

135

$$6.7 (22581 + 8910)$$

$$6.7 \times 31491 = 210989.7 \div 22 = 9590 T$$

33°

75'

135'

$$\frac{20}{3} (5625 + 18225) + \sqrt{10,2515,625}$$

$$6.7 (23850 + 10125)$$

$$6.7 \times 33975 = 227632.5 \text{ ft}^3 \div 22 = 10,347 T$$

Pad - Floor 135' X 135' 18225'

angle of repose 33°

height 20'

Pad Top 75' X 75' = 5625'

Volume 227633 ft³

Tonnage factor for dumps 22 square feet
per ton . :

$$227633 \text{ ft}^3 \div 22 \text{ ft}^3 = 10,347 \text{ Tons}$$

a

40°

82'

130'

Pad Floor 130 X 130 = 16900'

& repose 40°

height 20'

Pad Top 82 X 82 = 6724'

Volume 180867 ft³

82221 Tons

1 acre = $43,560 \text{ ft}^2$ or $208.7'$
on a side

\therefore a pad with X of riprap
of $330'$ for $\pm 10,000 \text{ T}$ and
 $135'$ square at base (18225 ft^2) and
 $\pm 0 \frac{18,225}{43,560} = 0.42$ of an acre.
 $135'$ or $10.11'$

$43,560 \text{ ft}^2 \div 2 = 21,780 \text{ ft}^2 = 148'$ on a
side for $\frac{1}{2}$ acre

Per footing $150'$ square =
 $+ \frac{1}{2}$ acre.

In 1975 cost per acre
for pads $\$11,000$

TABLE 2. - Test blast summary

Quantity	Value
Number of blastholes	13
Blasthole diameter, in	9-7/8
Blasthole spacing, ft	14
Range of blasthole depths, ft	185 to 224
Average blasthole depth, ft	209
Average subdrilling, ft	7
Total drilling, ft	2,717
Explosive	ANFO
Average powder column depth, ft	202
Average stemming, ft	56
Average powder column length, ft	146
Average explosive/hole, lb	3,960
Average loading density, lb/ft	27.2
Total explosive, lb	51,500
Powder factor, lb/ton	2.2
Assumed overbreak, ft	4
Ore volume, yd ³	9,850
Ore weight, tons	19,700

Rubblizer a slot 100 x 40 x 30 deep

± 3" or 4"

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Johnson Camp - W.M. Aug 1976 : p 48

0.8% Cu (0.50% acid soluble Chalcocite + chrysocolla)
leach 20' lifts 60-90 days

LIX plant 2,500 gal/min of feed 1.1 gm/liter Cu Ph 2.0-2.2

leaching sol. stored in plastic lined ponds

PT leaching sol 8 to 9 gm/l H₂SO₄
now 6 gm/l

Drill Hole spacing 18' x 24' 6 3/4" bit.

Recover LIX + Electro winning

Your figure of \$1⁰⁰ / Ton -
what does it include.

John Piscovich

Lewis

Assays

12-13-78

8:15 PM phone

Assay on cut sample

9-2-1 - 1.40

total
Cu
oxide
Cu

1.30

@ $\pm 1/4$ "

2 day leach tails assayed

$\pm 0.05\%$ Ag

assayed

0.81 oxide Cu

Shed calculates 3 lb H_2SO_4 to

recover

1 lb Cu

or $\pm \$0.10 / 1 \text{ lb } \#0.0525$

for 1 lb of Cu recovered - acid at

RF

$\$35$ per ton. = $\$0.0175 / 1 \text{ lb}$

$\$35 \div 2000 = \0.0175 then $3 \text{ lb Cu} \times \$0.0175 = \0.0525

This sample (shen) low lime

MEMO

Telephone Conversation with Hugh C. Ingle Jr. 707-987-3180

Conference - Those present were _____

Date 12-2-78 Time 8 A.M.

Place _____

Subject _____

will call tomorrow
morning (1 minute)

$\pm \# \pm 0.28$
102
0.29

#5 / Fair

#.80⁰² plus extra



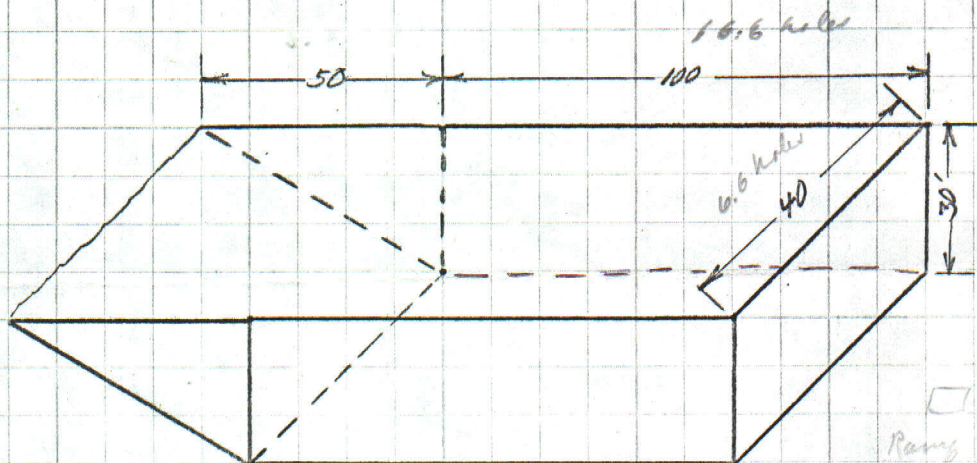
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explosives

Location Elko, NevadaDate 12/15/78

Representative _____

64 x 16h



10,000'
 Ramp - $\frac{2500}{12,500 T}$

$\frac{27 \div 12.5}{yd} = 2.16 T$

Spacing - 6 ft
 Burden 6 ft
 Depth 30 ft - (Drill 33 ft)

$$\frac{6 \times 6 \times 30}{27} = 40 yd^3$$

Torex 800 - density 1.2 - Loads 3.7 lb/ft borehole

Load $\pm 27-28'$ - 104 lb/hole - $\approx 2.5 lb/yd^3$

Total # holes - 192 - 64 in ramp

$2.5 \div 2.16 = 1.16 lb$
 per Ton

$$\begin{array}{r} 136 \times 33 = 4488 \\ (56 \div 2) 33 = 924 \\ \hline 5412 \end{array}$$

136 hole @ 100 lb/hole $\approx 13,600 lbs$
 56 hole @ 40 lb/hole $\approx 2,240$
 (average) 15,840 lbs total

Timing: Shot opened at ramp - Timed to center.

50 lb / 16.

STATE MINERAL PROFILES

- Minerals in the Economy of Connecticut, by William A. Bonin and Hugo F. Thomas. 1979. 10 pp. 2 figs.
- Minerals in the Economy of New Hampshire, by William A. Bonin and Glenn W. Stewart. 1979. 9 pp. 2 figs.
- Minerals in the Economy of New York, by William R. Barton and Robert H. Fickies. 1979. 13 pp. 1 fig.
- Minerals in the Economy of Utah, by William A. McKinney and Carlton H. Stowe. 1979. 17 pp. 2 figs.

PERIODIC REPORTS

Periodic reports dealing with various mineral commodities will be forwarded regularly if application stating in detail the need for certain reports is made to—

Branch of Editorial Services
Bureau of Mines
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20241

Some of these reports are issued weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. The following annual reports were issued during September.

- Bromine in 1978 (Annual Advance Summary). 7 pp.
- Iodine in 1978 (Annual Advance Summary). 5 pp.
- Perlite in 1978 (Annual Advance Summary). 4 pp.
- Potash in Crop Year 1979. 10 pp.
- Stone in 1978 (Annual Advance Summary). 12 pp.
- Pumice and Volcanic Cinder in 1978 (Annual Advance Summary). 6 pp.

III. Open File Report—NTIS

An open file report is an unpublished Bureau of Mines report that has been made available as reference material. Any open file report may be inspected during working hours at the locations indicated but may not be removed. If a number prefixed with PB is given, the report may be purchased from—

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Springfield, Va. 22161

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- OFR 82-79. Analysis of the Economic Feasibility for Development of Coal Resources in the Narragansett Basin of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, by Charles River Associates Inc. January 1979. 144 pp. 7 figs. This study assesses whether Narragansett Basin coal deposits could be developed commercially in the near future. To accomplish this, the potential market for the coal was identified, the price users would be willing to pay for Narragansett coal was assessed, and this price was compared with the expected costs of producing the coal. The study concluded that the major market, New England utilities, could burn bituminous coal from Pennsylvania or West Virginia at a lower total cost than Nar-

ragansett Basin coal, assuming expected mining conditions and emission policies. Therefore, the study concluded that Narragansett Basin coal resources could not be developed economically in the next 10 years. Research done under Contract No. J0188043 by Charles River Associates Inc. Available for reference at Bureau of Mines facilities in Denver, Colo., Twin Cities, Minn., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Spokane, Wash.; U.S. Department of Energy facilities in Carbondale, Ill., and Morgantown, W. Va.; National Mine Health and Safety Academy, Beckley, W. Va.; and National Library of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. Order ONLY from NTIS: PB 298 165/AS; paper copy, \$7.25.

IV. Journal Articles by Bureau Authors

The following articles have appeared in the outside press. Copies of these articles are NOT available.

- OP 62-79. Tungsten Recovery From Searles Lake Brines by Ion Exchange, by P. B. Altringer, P. T. Brooks, R. O. Dannenberg, and W. N. Marchant. Min. Eng., August 1979, pp. 1220-1225. The Bureau of Mines conducted laboratory tests to devise a process for recovering a marketable grade of tungsten from the brine of Searles Lake, Calif. The brine contains only 56 ppm W (70 ppm WO_3). Using ion exchange resins synthesized by Bureau chemists, 98 pct of the tungsten was extracted from the brine and 92 pct of the tungsten was recovered as a marketable iron-tungsten concentrate containing 44 pct tungsten as tungsten trioxide. Although major technical problems have largely been resolved, research is progressing to escalate testing in a process research unit to provide more reliable data for an economic appraisal.

- OP 63-79. Evaluating Ore Bodies for Leaching With Permeability Measurements, by Peter G. Chamberlain. Pres. at Ann. Meeting Soc. Min. Eng., AIME, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18-22, 1979, SME Preprint 79-27, 14 pp. Many mining engineers considering in-place leaching for the first time are uncertain as to how to evaluate ore bodies for potential leachability. Evidence presented in this report emphasizes the critical role of permeability in such evaluations. Whether an engineer is considering leaching "tight" formations typified by the porphyry copper deposits of the southwest or the permeable uraniferous sandstones of Texas and Wyoming, permeability measurements are the key-stone of any testing program. Permeability tests range from cheap and easy to highly expensive and sophisticated operations. Constant head, variable head, and pumping tests all have application in evaluating ore bodies for in-place leaching. Costs of these tests will not unduly deflate the pocketbooks of most mining companies. The basic procedures for selecting and running these field tests—including preparing suitable wells—are reviewed for the benefit of newcomers to in-place leaching.

- OP 64-79. Formation of Silicon Carbide From Silica Residues and Carbon, by Bing W. Jong. Am. Ceram. Soc. Bull., v. 58, No. 8, 1979, pp. 788-789. Recovery of alumina from abundant domestic alumina-bearing resources such as clay, anorthosite, alunite, shale, and dawsonite by leaching is currently undergoing miniplant testing by the Bureau of Mines. As a result of leaching the alumina

minerals contained in these resources, a silica-rich residue becomes available.

OP 65-79. Borehole (Slurry) Mining of Coal and Uraniferous Sandstone, by George A. Savanick. Pres. at Ann. Meeting Soc. Min. Eng., AIME, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18-22, 1979, SME Preprint 79-53, 11 pp. The objective of this paper is to review advances in the art of borehole (slurry) mining made by the Bureau of Mines. Historical and general background information on borehole mining is given. The borehole mining concept is defined and justified in terms of economics, health and safety, the environment, and resource conservation. This is followed by a description of the design of a prototype borehole mining tool (BMT) developed by the Bureau of Mines. Next, the application of the BMT in the extraction of metallurgical coal from steeply pitching seams near Wilkeson, Wash., during 1975-76 is described. Finally, the Bureau efforts in applying borehole mining to the extraction of uraniumiferous sandstone is described. BMT design changes appropriate to uranium mining are described along with production, reliability, and reclamation data taken during 1977-78.

OP 66-79. Geochemical Changes During In Situ Uranium Leaching With Acid, by Daryl R. Tweeton, Gregory R. Anderson, Jon K. Ahlness, Orin M. Peterson, and William H. Engelmann. Pres. at Ann. Meeting Soc. Min. Eng., AIME, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18-22, 1979, SME Preprint 79-43, 27 pp. The Bureau of Mines measured the geochemical changes as H_2SO_4 was used for in situ uranium leaching by Rocky Mountain Energy Co. near Casper, Wyo. Cores and ground water were analyzed before leaching. Water samples were taken from observation wells located between injection and production wells as the leach solution was brought up to full strength in several steps. Measurements were made of pH, Eh, temperature, conductivity, total dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen, HCO_3 , U, V, Na, K, Ca, Mg, SO_4 , Cl, Mo, Mn, Fe, Al, Si, F, P, As, and Se. The data were gathered to assist in geochemical modeling of leaching and to study the potential environmental effects of acid leaching. Environmental considerations appear favorable. For example, the concentration of Se, a toxic element found in uranium deposits, stayed below the Environmental Protection Agency standard for drinking water.

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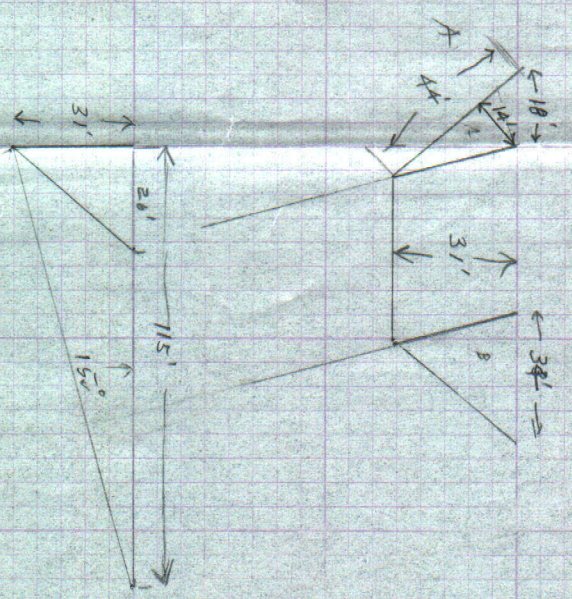
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40' X

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End C'



∴ 20 X 16 Tons per

a slot 40' long X 5' wide = 200 ft²

1 ft deep @ 18 1/2 ft² / Ton = 16 Tons / 18 1/2 ft²
(200' ÷ 18.5)

100' long ÷ 5' wide = 20 slots ∴ 20 X 16 Tons

100' long = 320' / 1600 ft

10' deep = 3200 Ton

20' deep = 6400 Ton

30' deep = 9600 Ton

∴ 31' deep = 10,000 Tons

$A = \frac{4}{2} \times 14 = 308 \text{ ft}^2 \div 12.5 = 24.6 \text{ T/long. ft}$

100' long = 2400 Tons

$B = \frac{3}{2} \times 31 = 527 \text{ ft}^2 \div 12.5 = 42.2 \text{ T/long. ft}$

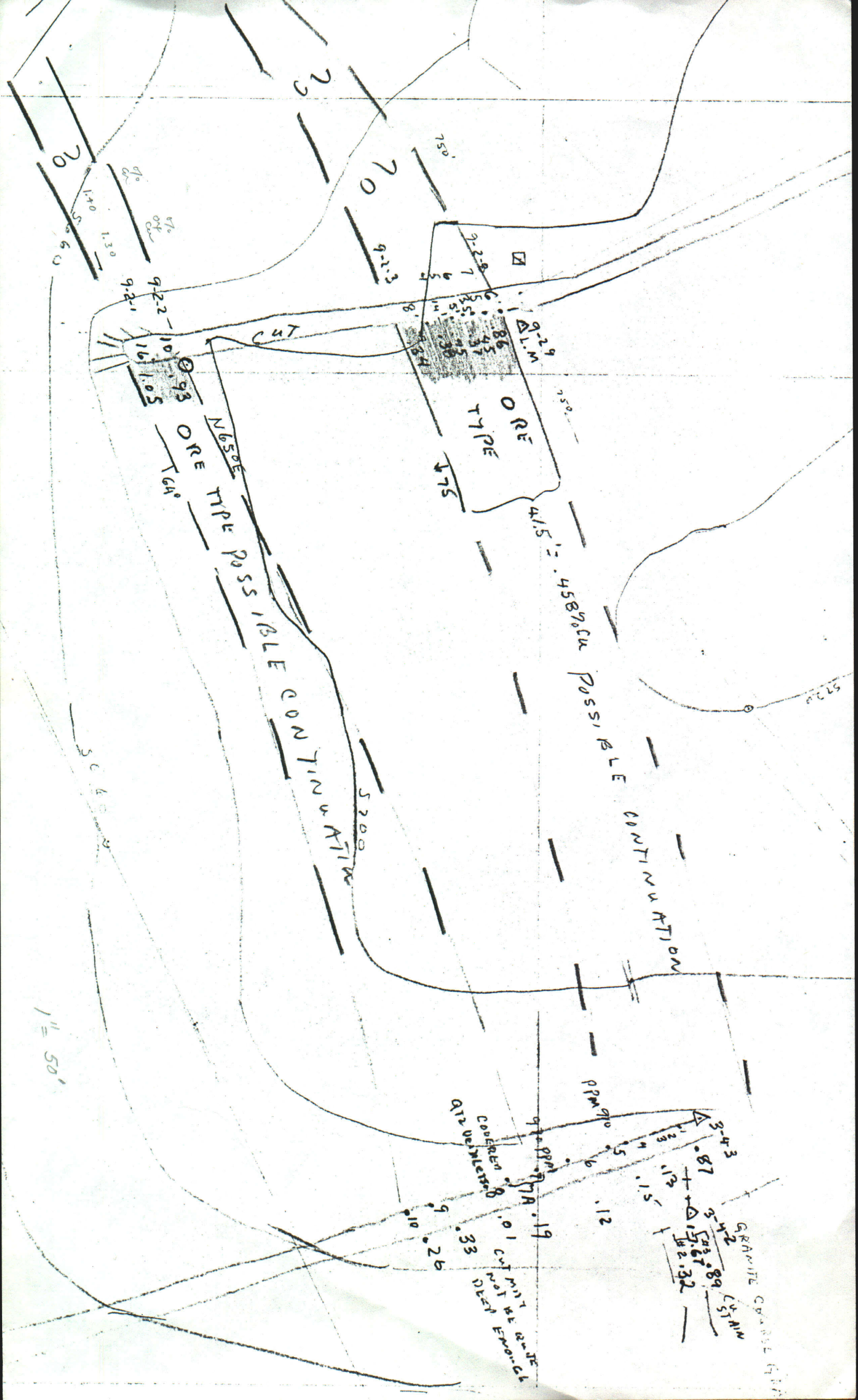
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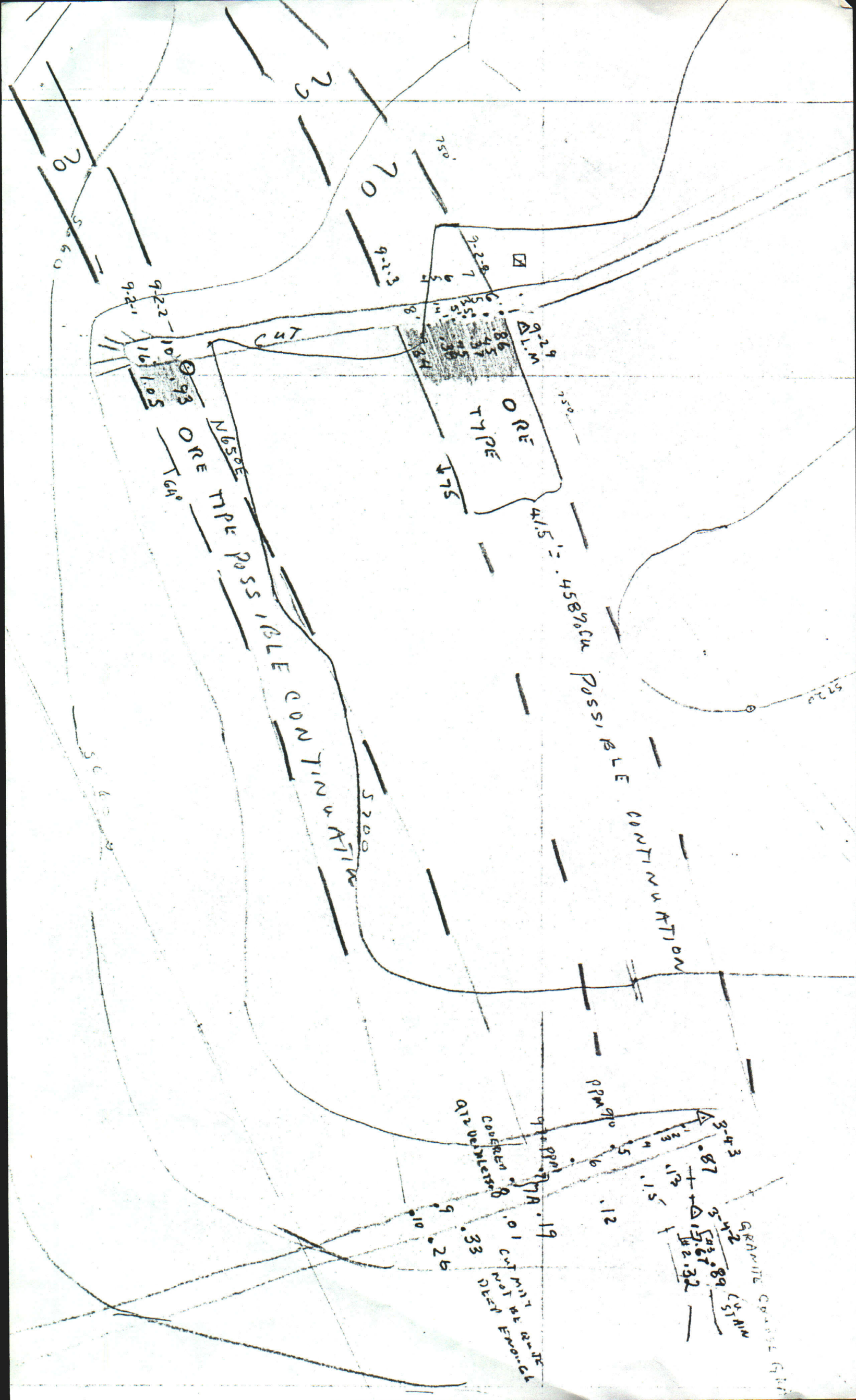
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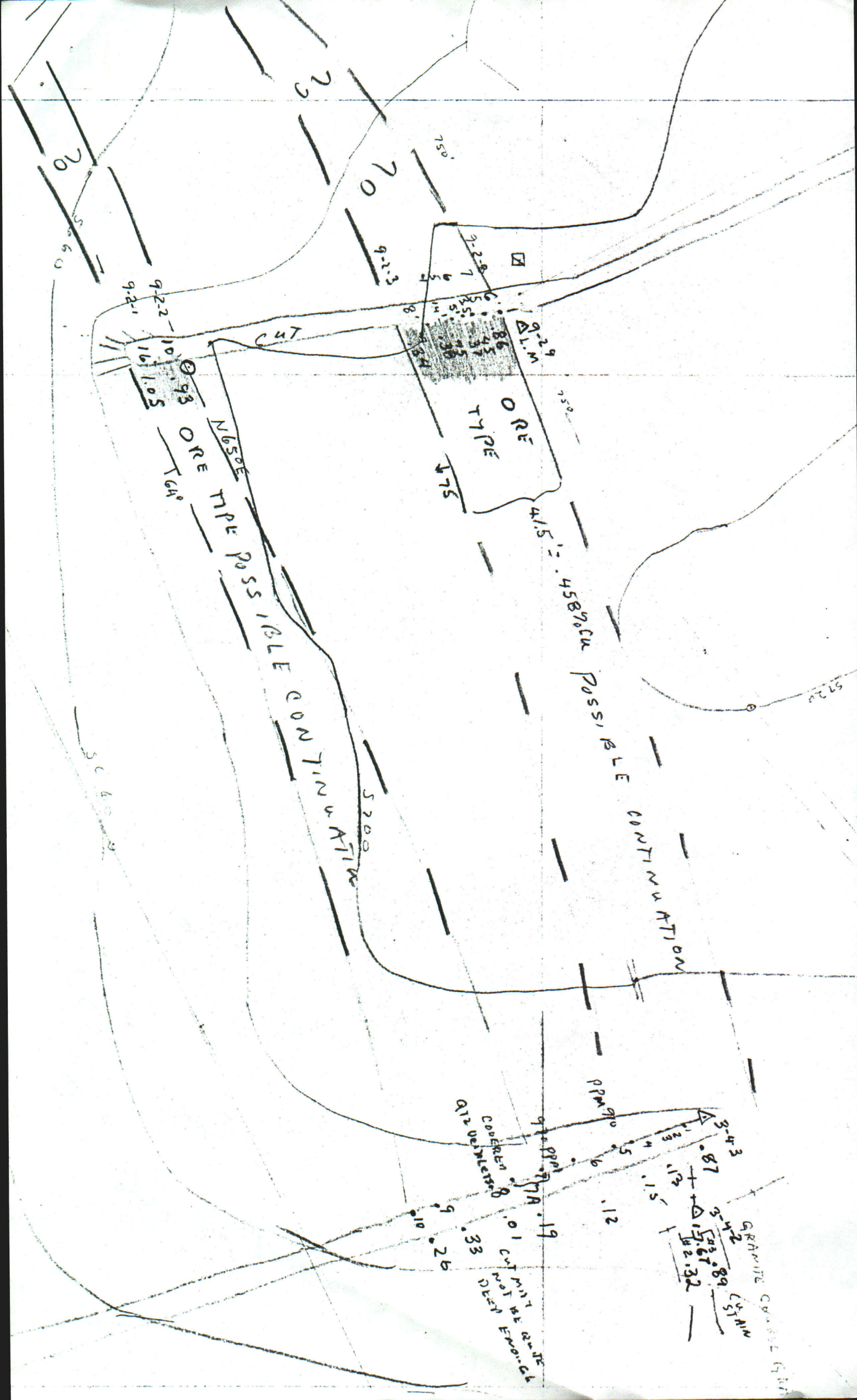
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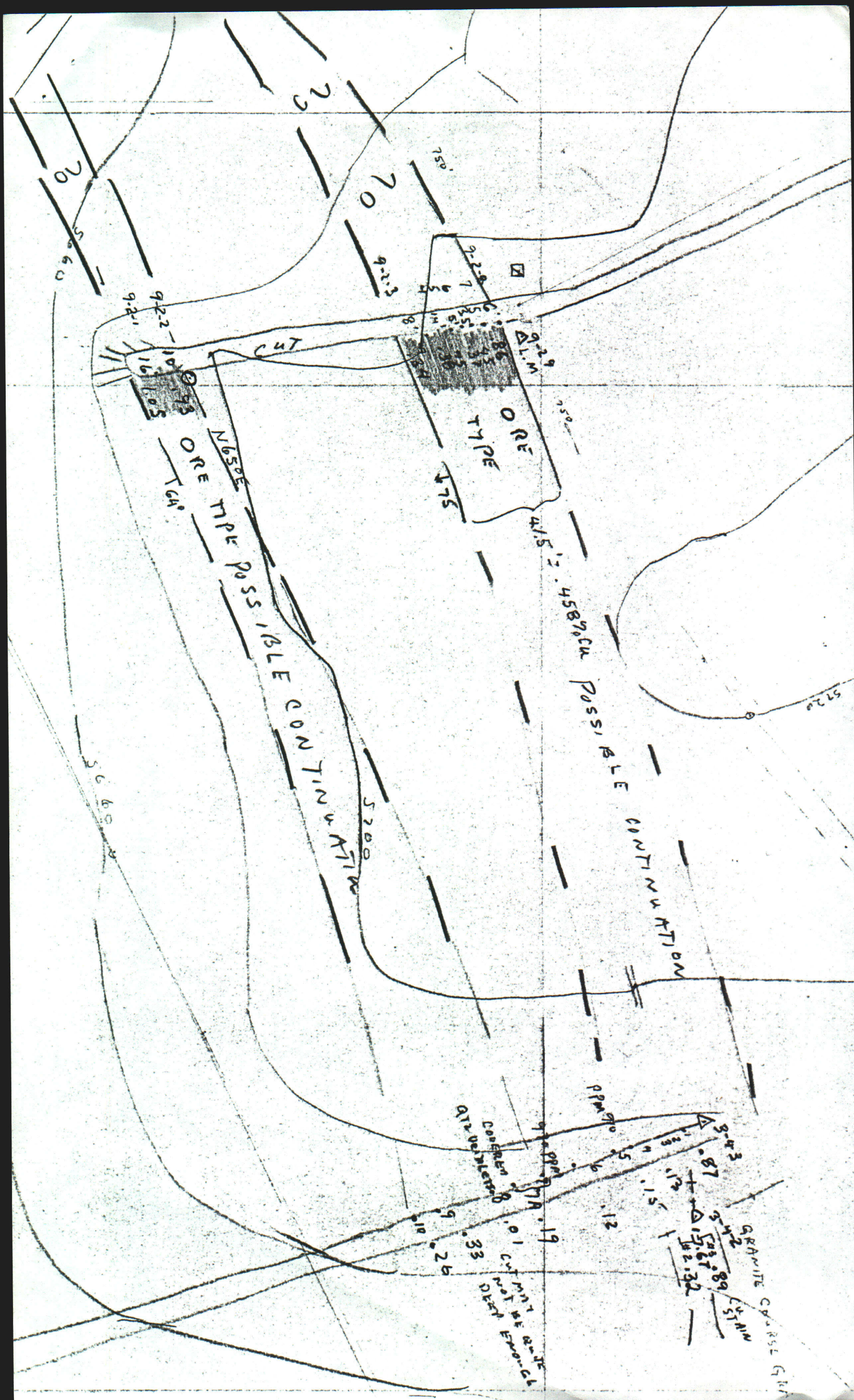
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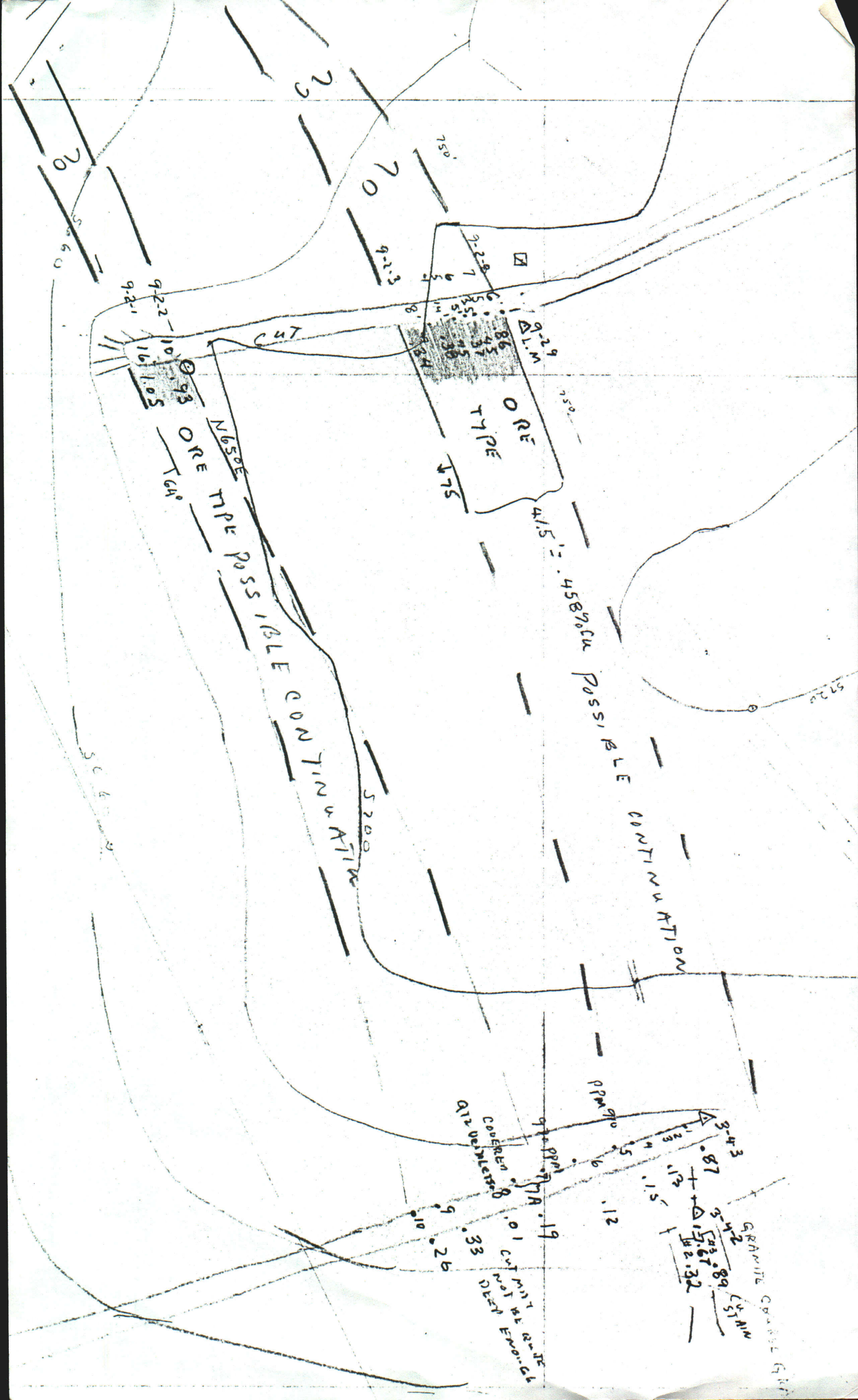
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Separate reg;

Piles +

regis -

Do not
screen

Relatively large
test pads to
get ^{some} heating
+ temperatures test hole

Spunkless
tubes on
pandemic

also reliable
400 g/m

8 PZ evaporation
P 3

1 6 g/m / 59 ft.

1 5 g/m / 59 ft

No attempt
made to go
into chemistry

Reck + gargar.

Ls on ???

Pyruvic
acid

Assumes most of
work by lease
or contract - or
at least bears
~~equipment leases~~

for 4 month period

Decline under
teaching area

Call Price

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