

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

PERLITE RESOURCES

Meadow Valley Wash Area

Clark and Lincoln Counties, Nevada

Beaver and Millard Counties, Utah

By K. L. Cochran, Geologist August 17, 1951 Only limited discovery work has been done on the property but development is not necessary at this time. There are no facilities of any kind either at or in the immediate vicinity of the property.

Geology at the property is quite simple. Igneous activity has produced a heavy thickness, in excess of 1,000 feet of dacitic, rhyolitic and perlitic flows. The flows have been subsequently distorted, causing flow plane dips from horizontal to 80°.

The perlite occurs as lenticular inclusions between dacite and/or rhyolite. The inclusions vary in thickness from 4 to 50 feet and the length is difficult to determine in most instances. The northern section of the deposit shows perlite in apparent, but not actual, veins, striking N. 10° W. and dipping from 15° to 80° NE. The southern section, for the most part, strikes N. 40° E. and dips horizontally to 25° SE. Variations between a northeast and northwest strike are readily observed on all sections of the property.

The perlite appears to be of good quality although there are innumerable thin stringers of waste in practically every exposure. It is generally jet black in color with graduations toward lighter colors.

In almost every exposure, the perlite, due to dip, is soon covered with considerable overburden. This feature, plus the scattered nature of the perlite inclusions, eliminates this prospect as an immediate, cheap, source of crude perlite.

On the basis of numerous observed exposures, it is safe to say that there is a measured ore reserve of one million tons but at no place is there a sufficient concentration to allow mining of more than a few thousand tons from one operation. Indicated ore reserves are at least 5,000,000 tons.

Searchlight Insulation Products - Clark Co., Nevada

The Searchlight Insulation Products deposit is located two miles west of U. S. Highway No. 95 and six miles north of the town of Searchlight, Nevada. Mr. B. L. Tanner, owner and operator, lives at the deposit and his address is Box 1126, Las Vegas, Nevada. Specifically, the deposit lies in the $S_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$, Section 9 and $N_2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Section 16, T.28S., R.63E. and consists of nine placer claims (180 acres) in Clark County, Nevada.

The deposit consists of two flow lenses and the occurrence is a typical perlite deposit. It is quite free of overburden and includes thin stringers of dacite or andesite. Usually the contamination is not extensive. It is more or less flatlying and covers a wide area.

The deposit from which present production is obtained is 1500 feet long by 240 feet wide by 21 feet thick. The second deposit is 2600 feet long by 500 feet wide by an average of 100 feet thick.

Present workings consist of an open pit which is operated by first drilling and blasting and then loading broken material by hand on a conveyor belt from pit to mill. As production requirements increase, the mining problem will become simpler. (See Plate III)

The property is about 50 miles from Las Vegas and about 35 miles from a loading ramp at Boulder City. Mr. Tanner plans to ship crude material to distributing points in California.

Indicated reserves of good quality granular, gray perlite are estimated at 10,581,000 tons.

The plant is in position to produce both plaster and acoustic aggregate. The latter is a larger bubble product and has been found satisfactory. Some experimental work has been done toward production of a perlite aggregate building block and lightweight wall board or lath.

Leech Perlite Deposit - Lincoln County, Nevada

The Leech Perlite deposit is located 23 miles northeast of Pioche via 7 miles of oiled highway No. 93 and 16 miles of poor to bad desert road. It is situated in the SE1, Section 16 and NE1 Section 21, T.3N., R.68E., Lincoln County, Nevada, on the low foothills of the Wilson Range.

The property consists of two placer claims (40 acres) in an unorganized mining district. It is held by location by Mr. Paul Leech of Pioche, Nevada, and is 23 miles from the Union Pacific Railroad Pioche branch.

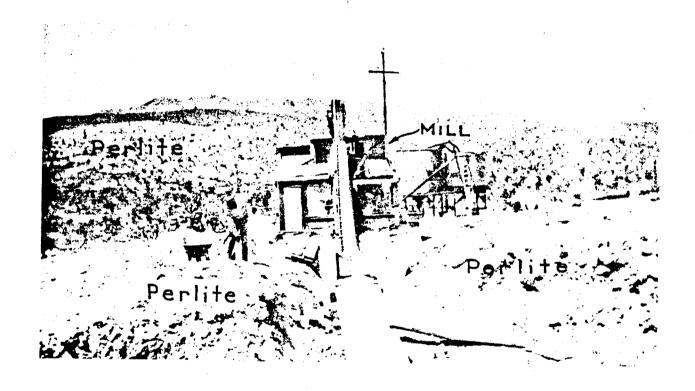
The deposit is, apparently, flat lying over an andesite flow. All of the capping material has been eroded away and there is but a minor amount of overburden. The perlite is dark gray to black, "onion skin" type, glassy and fairly free of contaminating materials. The deposit is 600 feet long by 500 feet wide by 50 feet thick, having an estimated reserve of 1,725,000 tons.

Snow Perlite Deposit - Lincoln County, Nevada

The Snow Perlite deposit consists of two lode claims located in the Goldsprings Mining District, Section 23, T.lN., R.70E., Lincoln County, Nevada. It is owned jointly by Messrs. Wayne Snow, W. Atkin and Gile Hardy, all of St. George, Utah, and is under lease to Canadian Global Investment Company, Toronto, Canada. There are two deposits, one of which is reached via 13 miles of fair desert road northwest of Modena, Utah. By road improvements, the second and larger of the two could be reached by ten miles of road from Modena. There are no excessive grades and both properties are easily accessible.

Of the two deposits, the first is part of a dacite flow and considerable contamination is evident. The perlite is quite glassy, greenish-black in color and covers an area 1320 feet long by 600 feet wide by 50 feet thick. The second is a blackish-gray, granular flow and covers an area some 2640 feet long by 1320 feet

SEARCHLIGHT INSULATION PRODUCTS Searchlight, Nevada



View showing perlite quarry and expanding furnace plant

SUMMARY NEVADA - UTAH PERLITE DEPOSITS

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