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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERAL RESOURCES FILE DATA

PRIMARY NAME: TOLLESON CLAY PIT

ALTERNATE NAMES:

PHOENIX BRICK COMPANY CLAY PIT CLINTON-CAMPBELL CONTRACTING

MARICOPA COUNTY MILS NUMBER: 366

LOCATION: TOWNSHIP 1 N RANGE 1 E SECTION 3 QUARTER SE LATITUDE: N 33DEG 27MIN 22SEC LONGITUDE: W 112DEG 14MIN 38SEC TOPO MAP NAME: FOWLER - 7.5 MIN

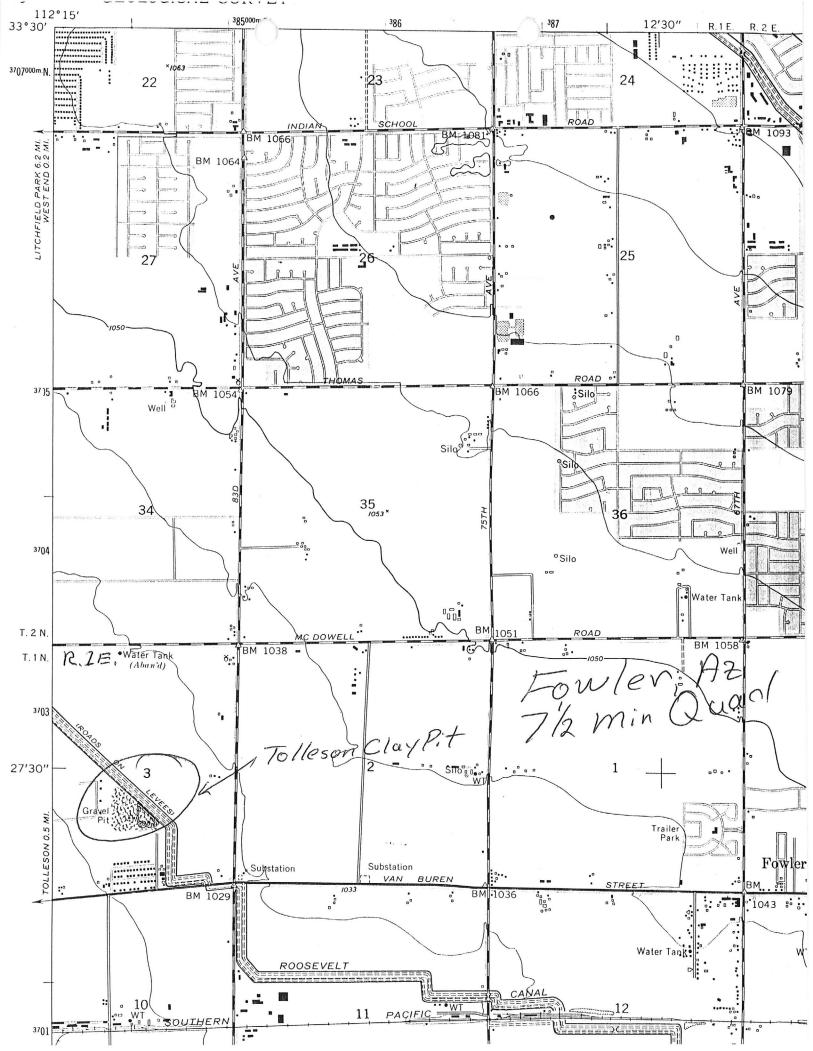
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COMMODITY:

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phone (602) 258-7158

Employees: 96.

President

Frederic Campbell

Plant Superintendent Don Campbell

✓ Tolleson Mine T1N R1E Sec. 3

Clay pit located on 84th Avenue north of Van Buren - Used in manufacture of structural clay products.

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Most cement plants have been faced with the problem of cleaning up airborne particulate emissions. This has been done by covering stockpiles and utilizing dust collection equipment. Nevertheless, many cement quarries and plants would be faced with a serious problem in meeting airborne particulate standards if a single fiber standard is promulgated by OSHA.

Clay

Clay used in structural applications is produced from two widely separated localities in Arizona. The high alumina clays from the Pantano deposit southeast of Tucson are used for making bricks and also as a source of alumina in cement production at the Rillito plant. The kaolinitic clay mined at a deposit near Pinedale is blended with aluminous shales and other mineral additives in the fabrication of vitrified pipe. Geologically, these clays are classified as clastic sedimentary rocks. Though structural clays do not appear in the end use classification, kaolinitic clays used in refractory and ceramic applications are categorized as ball clays which are chemical minerals. Certainly, all of these clays are in fact ceramic raw materials and should be classified as chemical minerals.

The clays being mined near Pantano occur near the base of the Pantano Formation of upper Oligocene' to lower Miocene age.

The clay beds range from a light to dark reddish brown color

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and contain veinlets of satin spar, an fibrous variety of gypsum (Pennebaker, 1959). Experience has shown that the Pantano clays by blending, produce bricks exhibiting a wide range of colors after firing. The Pantano clays are blended with clays from Tolleson for brick manufacturing at the Phoenix Brick Yard. Tolkson Clay Pit

The clays near Pinedale are kaolinitic underclays at the stratigraphic position of coal beds in the Cretaceous rocks (Morris, 1985). These clays do not contain calcite and therefore can be used for manufacture of vitrified pipe.

Vitrified pipe and bricks are both examples of value added by processing crude clays into fired or ceramic clay products. These ceramic products require both high purity raw materials. Thus, the ceramic clays mined at Pinedale and Pantano should not be classified as common clays.

Feldspar

Feldspar production began from a pegmatite deposit in Precambrian granitic rock on the east side of the Cerbat Mountains north of Kingman in 1923. The Taylor mine suspended operations in the late 1970's after over 50 years of operation when the reserves available for surface mining were depleted. The milling facility operated until 1984 by grinding stockpiled quartz, a byproduct of the earlier feldspar mining operation. The geological classifi-