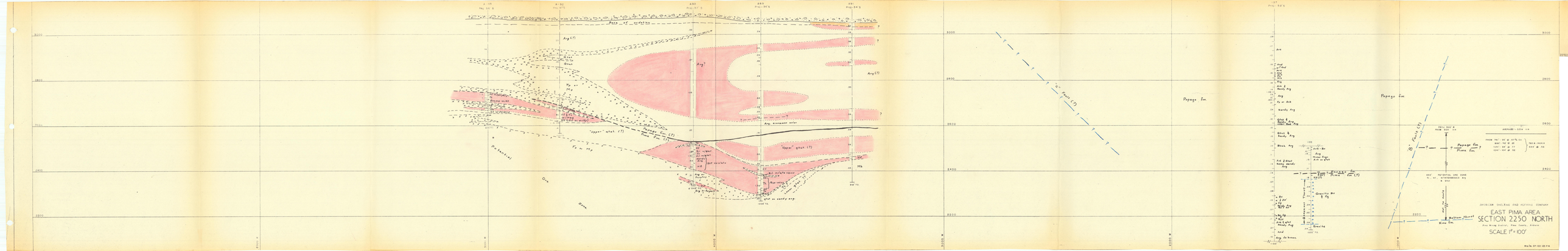
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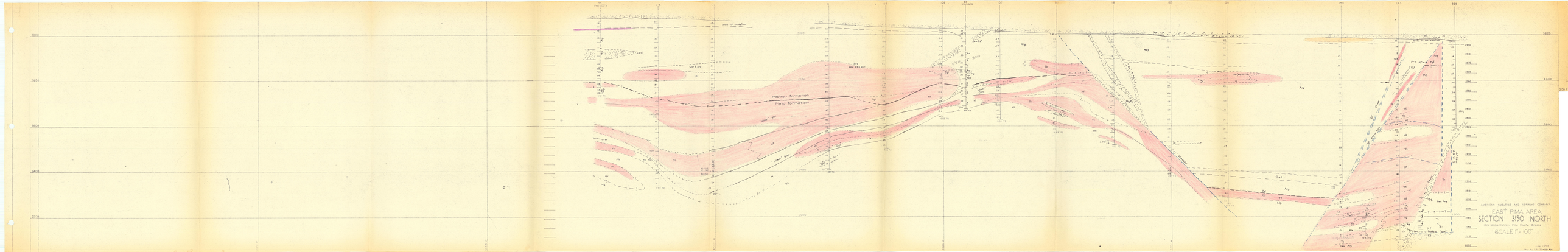
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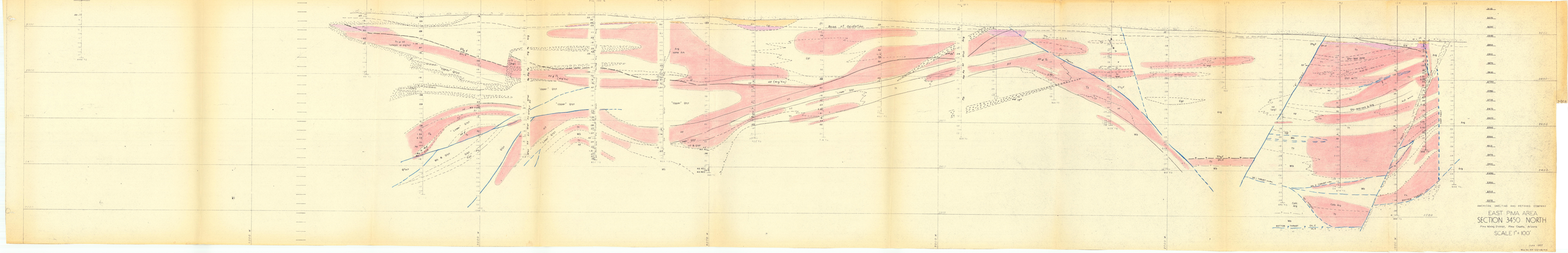
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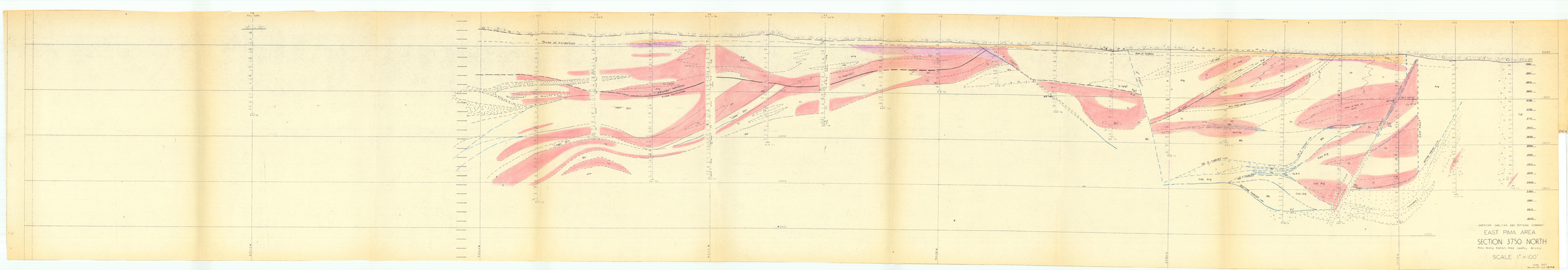
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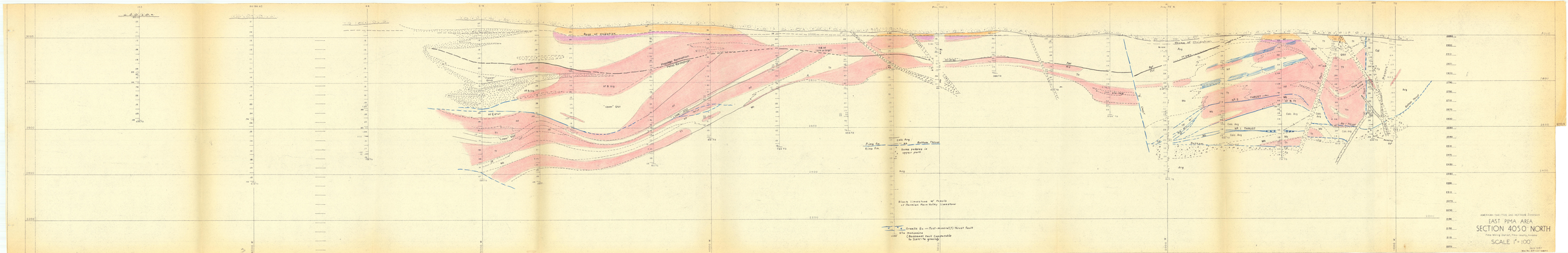
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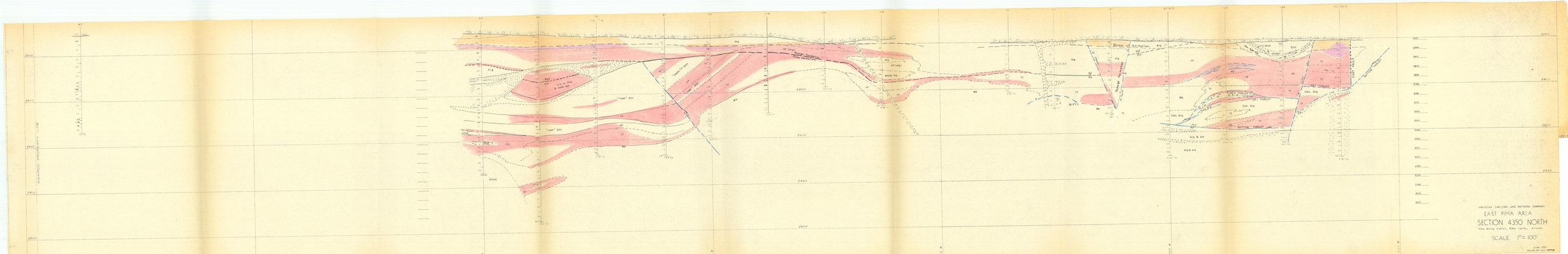
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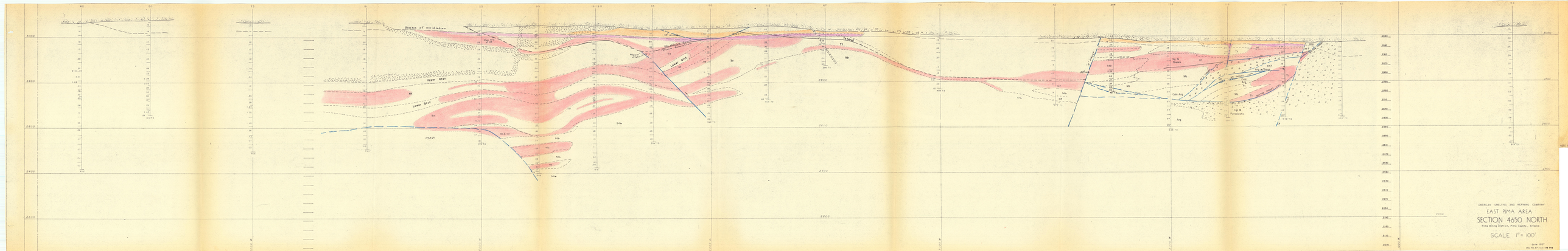
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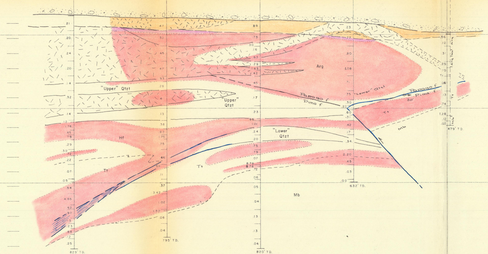
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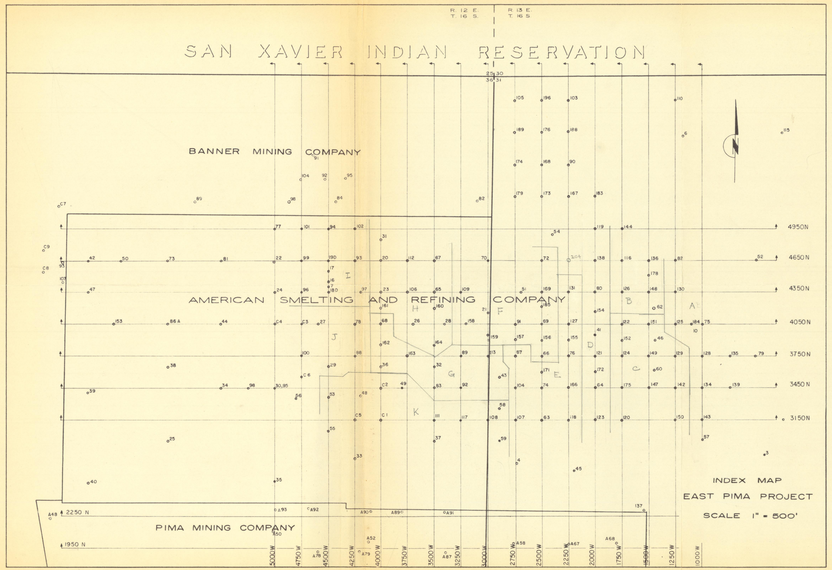

DESCRIPTION OF STRATIGRAPHY AND ROCK TYPES

EAST PIMA ORE BODY

The rocks penetrated to date by drilling at East Pima represent (1) originally chemical (limy or gypsiferous) sediments, (2) clastic sediments, and (3) igneous.

The sedimentary rocks have been grouped into three stratigraphic units which occur structurally from top to bottom as follows:

1. Papago formation – Cretaceous or Tertiary. Principally massive argillite with varying amounts of conglomerate, arkose and quartzite. The rocks are altered and locally recrystallized in the ore zone. Thin lenses of tactite have resulted from silication of original sedimentary limy zones and/or areas of hydrothermally introduced carbonate.

2. Pima formation – Upper Paleozoic. An originally limy series, in part gypsiferous, now consisting principally of lime silicate minerals, with interbedded quartzite and argillite, and a thick unit/bed of marble.

3. Kino formation – Tertiary (?) – A clastic-volcanic unit consisting of conglomerate, arkose, argillite, minor graywacke, volcanic flows or welded tuffs, and pyroclastics.

CLASTIC ROCKS

1. Arkose – A granular-textured rock similar to quartzite but containing enough feldspar grains to be readily recognizable as such. The arkose can be further described as (1) fine grained- 1/4-1 mm., (2) medium grained 1-2 mm., and (3) coarse-grained 2-4 mm. 1/4 mm. is approximately the minimum limit of identification with the hand lens.

2. Quartzite – A pure quartzite with grains large enough to be distinguished with a hand lens. The same grain size limits as for arkose apply here.

3. Argillite – A hard, dense, massive rock in which no grains can be identified with a hand lens. Petrographic work shows this type to be a siltstone or sandy siltstone and in field use includes those rocks with some quartz grains in an argillite matrix.

4. Conglomerate – A rock containing 25 % or more of fragments greater than 4 mm.

5. Graywacke – These rocks, which to date have been verified petrographically only in the Kino formation, consist of numerous small fragments of volcanics and dark argillite, and a small percentage of ferro-magnesian minerals.

METAMORPHOSED AND/OR METASOMATIZED LIMY SEDIMENTS

1. Tactite – A coarse-grained to massive lime silicate rock of which garnet is the principal constituent.

2. Hornfels – A hard or soft, slightly greenish to white, generally fine-grained lime silicate rock with minor garnet.

3. Feldspathic-rocks – These rocks vary from extremely fine to coarse grained, and are characterized by quartz and feldspar which vary from a few per cent to 100 per cent of the rock mass. The fine-grained variety is hard and slightly pinkish with a conchoidal fracture. Tactite is commonly intermixed with the feldspathic areas.

4. Marble – Fine to coarse-grained recrystallized limestone.

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Pre-ore:

1. Meta-porphyry – A quartz monzonite porphyry, the composition and texture of which is due in part to introduced quartz and and orthoclase. This rock intrudes as sill-like bodies into the area of unconformable contact between the Pima and Papago formations in the western part of the ore body. (Previous maps term this rock Q f p.)

2. Felsite porphyry – Volcanic-textured acid porphyry rocks generally near latite or quartz-latite in composition. This compositional group may include both intrusive and extrusive rocks.

Post-ore:

1. Andesite – Dark grey to greenish black, commonly porphyritic and frequently magnetic.

Basement Rock

The East Pima area is bottomed between 1100 and 1500 feet below surface by a post-ore (?) thrust fault, below which is coarse-grained granitic rock.

GEOLOGIC SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ROCKS

FORMATIONS

Papago formation — Pgf
Pima formation — Pif
Kino formation — Kf

META-SEDIMENTS

Clastic
- Arkose - Ark
- Argillite - Arg
- Quartzite - Qtzt
- Conglomerate - Cgl
- Graywacke Gwk

Limey
- Tactite - Tt
- Hornfels - Hf
- Marble - Mb

Principally East Ore body
- Calcareous Argillite - Calc Arg
- Feldspathic alteration of limey or clastic rocks — Qtz feld or feld rock
- Overburden and bedrock contact

IGNEOUS

Pre-ore
- Meta-porphyry - Mp
- Felsite porphyry - Fp

Post-ore
- Andesite - And

Geology projected horizontally to section

Geology projected along structural dip of section. Log of DDH showing actual penetration plotted beside hole.

ABBREVIATIONS

MINERALS

Quartz - Qtz
Feldspar - Fld
Gypsum - Gyp
Wollastonite - Woll
Garnet - Grnt
Diopside - Diop

Magnetite - Mag
Pyrite — Py
Chalcopyrite - Cpy
Chalcocite - Cc
Molybdenite - Mo
Sphalerite - Sph

OTHERS

Gauge - Gg
Breccia - Bx
Massive - Mass
Siliceous - Sil
Silicified - Silf

Silicated - Silct
Gypsiferous - Gyp
Argillitic - Arg
Altered - alt

STRUCTURES

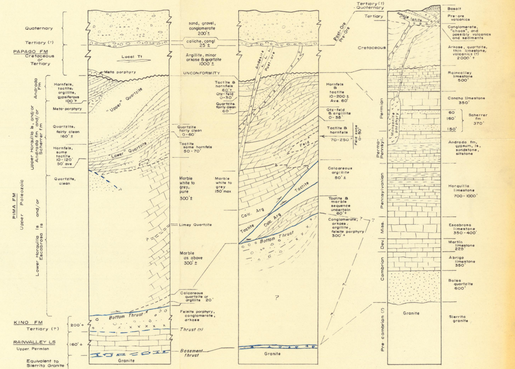
- Contact
- Unconformity between Pgf - Pif
- Fault
- 60° S — Any structure line approximately parallel to section, showing amount and direction of dip
- 20° — Any structural line crossing section at an angle showing direction of "dip" into section and angle of horizontal deviation

Above structures dashed where approximately located, and questioned where location or existence is speculative

- Fault breccia
- Breccia containing fragments and large and small horses of Kino formation
- Ore (> 0.40 % Cu)
- Waste (< 0.40 % Cu)

STRATIGRAPHIC COLUMN

EAST PIMA AREA



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EXPLANATION