## **CHERALITE**

(Ca<sub>0.5</sub>Th<sub>0.5</sub>)PO<sub>4</sub>

Cheralite is a member of the monazite group, and the Ca- and Th-dominant analog of monazite-(Ce). It is a relatively rare mineral, known predominantly from a few granitic pegmatite occurrences. Northern Peninsula.

**Marquette County:** Grizzly pegmatite, exposed in road cut along highway M-95, SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> section 21, T47N, R29W, north of Republic: Occurs as resinous to dull, anhedral, gray-brown grains disseminated in pegmatite. Verified by X-ray diffraction and energy dispersion X-ray spectrometry (Simmons, 2009).

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