## **MAGNESIOFOITITE**

 $\square(Mg_2Al)_{\Sigma_3}Al_6(BO_3)_3[Si_6O_{18}](OH)_4$ 

Magnesiofoitite is member of the tourmaline group and Mg analogue of foitite (q.v.). It forms a series with dravite, and like foitite, maintains charge balance by incorporating Al<sup>3+</sup> in substitution for Mg<sup>2+</sup>. Magnesiofoitite appears to be less common than foitite, and is found predominantly in hydrothermal veins. Northern Peninsula.

**Marquette County:** Champion iron mine: Wavelength dispersion electron microprobe analyses of some tourmaline specimens from the Champion mine have shown that some are magnesiofoitite.

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