MOTTRAMITE

PbCuVO₄(OH)

A relatively uncommon mineral found in oxide zones of certain mineral deposits containing primary copper and lead minerals. Mottramite forms a solid solution series with its zinc analog, descloizite. Northern Peninsula.

Baraga County: The Huron River uranium prospect, NW ½ NW ¼ section 1, T51N, R30W: As a brownish yellow, powdery coating with minor tyuyamunite on a single specimen of iron-stained quartz. Verified by X-ray diffraction and energy dispersion X-ray spectrometry (Carlson et al., 2007a). This is the first reported occurrence of mottramite from Michigan.



A 4 mm cavity lined with microcrystals of mottramite from the Huron River uranium prospect, Baraga County. A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum specimen DM 27613, John Jaszczak photograph.

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