

## **THERMONATRITE**



Thermonatrite typically occurs as an efflorescence on soils in arid regions and in certain saline lake deposits. Northern Peninsula.

**Marquette County:** Thermonatrite, mixed with trona (q.v.), has been identified by X-ray diffraction from the Empire open pit mine, near Palmer (Tsu-Ming Han, personal communication, 2002). Both minerals occur as powdery white coatings on certain rocks in the silicate horizon of the Negaunee Iron Formation.

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