

WITHERITE



One of the less common minerals found in certain hydrothermal veins and Mississippi Valley Type deposits. Southern Peninsula.

Arenac County: South of Dudley airport: Witherite has been identified as a minor late-stage cementing mineral in a sandstone unit from the Saginaw Formation intersected in a borehole 58 feet below surface in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 6, T18N, R5E. Identification was made on a 40 x 40 x 30 micron crystal by energy dispersion X-ray spectrometry. While observed in only a single grain mount, the mineral is not thought to be rare (Westjohn et al., 1991; D. B. Westjohn, personal communication, 2000).

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