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# INTRODUCTION

Arsenic is widely distributed in nature, though usually in "trace" quantities (100, pp. 3-13).3 According to Clarke and Washington (22, pp. 20-21), arsenic occupies the thirty-eighth position in the order of abundance of the elements in the igneous rocks of the world, and its concentration therein, like that of molybdenum, rubidium, tin, and bromine, falls within the range  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $9 \times 10^{-6}$  percent. Not only is arsenic a common constituent of rocks, minerals, coals, soils, sediments, and waters (see table 13), but it is nearly always present in vegetation (2a, 46, 52, 54, 59, 86, 146), particularly marine growths (18, 43, 85, 146); in the tissues of mammals, fish, and crusta-ceans (12, 13, 18, 45, 46, 52, 54, 59); and in atmospheric dusts, especially those of industrial districts and large cities (36, 49).

Inasmuch as crude sulfuric acid manufactured from pyrite and other sulfide ores, especially by the chamber process, usually con-tains an appreciable quantity of arsenic (1, 16, 28, 58, 88, 127, 130; 149, pp. 337-338), products made either directly or indirectly with such acid often contain notable amounts of this element (1, 15, 16, 39,40, 44, 57, 76, 88, 108, 109, 127, 147). The presence of arsenic in superphosphate was pointed out by Davy. (28) in 1859, and subsequently a few scattered results for this element in fertilizers and

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fertilizer materials have appeared in the literature (2a, 5, 42, 48, 49, 56, 58, 59, 67, 68, 73, 81, 89, 94, 104, 120, 130, 131, 151).

Results are given in this publication for arsenic in 210 samples of mineral phosphates from various deposits of the world, 16 samples of calcined, sintered, nodulized, and defluorinated phosphates, 30 samples of commercial superphosphates, 6 samples of crude phosphoric acid produced by the sulfuric acid process, and 19 samples of other phosphatic materials. The results for arsenic in natural phosphates represent an extension of the studies of this Division on the composition of phosphate rock (60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 80, 81, 82, 97, 98, 110, 111, 118).

# METHOD OF ANALYSIS

The method used for the determination of arsenic is substantially the one developed by Deemer and Schricker (30) for the analysis of plant materials, with the inclusion of certain improvements suggested by Schricker and Dawson (123). The method comprises the digestion of the sample with a mixture of sulfuric and nitric acids, the distillation of the arsenic as the trichloride, essentially by Taber's procedure (133), and its determination by the molybdenum-blue colorimetric method proposed by Denigès (31, 32). Denigès' original procedure has been modified and improved by Truog and Meyer (138) and Zinzadze (152, 153), as well as by Schricker and coworkers (30, 123).

The authors' application of the method to the determination of arsenic in phosphates can be conveniently presented under the subjects: (1) Reagents and glassware, (2) separation of arsenic from the sample, and (3) procedure used.

# REAGENTS AND GLASSWARE

On account of the relatively large quantity of reagents required for the determination of the small quantities of arsenic involved (usually less than 50 parts per million), special attention had to be given to the arsenic content of the reagents. Sodium carbonate, beta-dinitrophenol, molybdenum trioxide, and molybdenum metal are used in such small quantities that they are not likely to introduce significant amounts of arsenic. Hydrochloric, nitric, and sulfuric acids, ammonium oxalate, and potassium bromide of reagent grade, and sodium chloride that had been purified for biological work were very satisfactory. Cuprous chloride that meets the American Chemical Society's specifications for analytical reagent chemicals (10) is not suitable because of the relatively high arsenic tolerance (50 p. p. m.). Cuprous chloride that contains not more than 0.5 p. p. m. of arsenic can, however, be obtained from certain manufacturers of laboratory chemicals.

In 1935, Lockemann (92, 93) pointed out that hot, concentrated sulfuric acid dissolves appreciable quantities of arsenic from Jena glass, and he expressed the opinion that disregard of this factor has caused serious error in many of the older determinations of arsenic. Deckert (29) said the quantity of arsenic dissolved from the glass during the analysis can be greatly decreased by first boiling concentrated sulfuric acid in the flask for at least 2 hours; also, he stated ARSENIC

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that arsenic-free Jena glass is manufactured. Pyrex chemical glassware made prior to about the middle of the year 1934 contained a few tenths of 1 percent of arsenic, but analyses of the glass manufactured since that time show less than 0.3 p. p. m. of arsenic (134, 148).4

Confirming Deckert's results (29), the reagent blank obtained with previously used flasks was practically the same for high-arsonic glass as for low-arsenic glass (table 1). It will be noted that the reagent blank was significantly higher with new flasks of low-arsenic glass that had not been used previously. In the presence of fluorine-bearing materials, however, the quantity of arsenic obtained with flasks made of high-arsenic glass was 1.6 to 9.2 times that found with flasks of low-arsenic glass. As phosphate rock usually contains 3 to 4 percent of fluorine (81, 82, 98, 118) and this element is also an important constituent of superphosphates (63, 82), as well as of certain other phosphatic fertilizers,<sup>5</sup> such materials should be digested in glassware that contains little or no arsenic. Likewise, Rader and Hill (111) found that the use of boron-containing glassware causes large errors in the determination of boron in phosphate rock, superphosphate, and other fluorine-bearing materials. Furthermore, the use of bottles for the storage of superphosphates and other materials that contain active fluorine compounds may also result in serious contamination of the sample with arsenic from the glass (p. 25).

TABLE 1.--Derivation of arsenic from glassware in the analysis of fluorine-bearing materials

Material analyzed	Arsenic found by digestion		
Dastelini Svatškej	Low-arsenic glass <sup>1</sup>	High-arsenic glass 1	
Reagents alone	Milligra ms † 0. 9078 . 1050	Milligrams 0, 0048	
Do. Reagents+0.1 gm. fluorspar. Reagents+0.1 gm. sodium fluorido. Reagents+1 gm. phosphate rock <sup>3</sup> .	.0104 .0096 .0188	. 0832 . 0838 . 0888 . 0299	

1 500-ml, Kjeldahl flasks of Pyrex glass. \* New flasks, not previously used; all other digestions were made in flasks that had been used a number of times. 4 Florida land pebble, standard sample No. 120 of the National Bureau of Standards, contained 3.76 percent of fluorine (73).

By careful selection of the chemicals and the use of low-arsenic glassware, the reagent blanks were kept below 0.006 mg, of arsenic throughout this investigation.

# SEPARATION OF ARSENIC FROM THE SAMPLE

The authors' recovery of arsenic from monopotassium arsenate, alone and in the presence of phosphate rock, is shown in table 2. The results are in good agreement with those reported by Deemer and Schricker (30).

<sup>4</sup>Also, SHETTERLY, F. F. Private communication. Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y. <sup>1</sup>For example, the materials listed in table 17 as Nos. 1885, 1849, 1901, 1902, 1021, 1583, and 1172 contain 8.33, 2.63, 2.41, 1.25, 8.96, 0.83, and 2.06 percent of fluorine, respectively.

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Material or mixture	Present	Recovered		
Monopotassium arsonate (KH1AsO4)	Milligrams 0.005 025 025 025 100 100 026 025	Milligrams 0.0030 .0030 .0255 .0248 4.1017 4.1006 .0246 .0246 .0247	Percent 100, 0 100, 0 102, 0 99, 2 101, 7 100, 6 98, 4 98, 8	

 
 TABLE 2.—Recovery of arsenic from monopolassium arsenate by digestion and distillation

<sup>1</sup> Distillate was made up to a volume of 100 ml., and 25-ml. aliquots were used for development of the molybdenum-blue color. <sup>3</sup> Florida Land pebble, standard sample No. 120 of the National Bureau of Standards.

Experiments by Hoffman and Lundell (74) indicate that boron, germanium, mercury, rhenium, antimony, selenium, and tin, if present in the digested sample, may follow the arsenic, completely or in part, into the distillate. Extensive determinations of these elements in mineral phosphates have been made only in the case of selenium (110) and boron (111). Small quantities of selenium, such as those present in soils and phosphate rocks, do not interfere in the determination of arsenic by the molybdenum-blue method (126). Little or no interference by boron is indicated by the small effect of fluoride additions on determinations made in low-arsenic glass, in comparison with the effect of such additions on those made in high-arsenic glass (table 1), although considerable boron is doubtless dissolved from both kinds of glass in the presence of fluorine.

Small quantities of tin have been reported in double superphosphate and bonemeal (42) and in phosphate rocks from Florida, Tennessee, and Maxville, Mont. (42, 73, 106). Hill, Marshall, and Jacob state that samples of Florida land pebble, Tennessee blue rock, and Idaho phosphates were tested for molybdenum with negative results (68). However, neither of these elements would be expected to interfere in the determination of arsenic. Spectrochemical analyses by Scribner (73) showed no antimony in one sample each of Florida land pebble and Tennessee brown rock; so far as the authors know, these are the only tests that have been made for antimony in natural phosphates. According to Byers and Robinson,<sup>6</sup> small quantities of antimony do not interfere in the determination of arsenic by distillation with hydrobromic acid at 126° C. and subsequent analysis of the distillate by the molybdenum-blue method.

Apparently no tests for rhenium in natural phosphates have been made, and, so far as the authors know, only two samples of phosphate rock have been examined for mercury, both with negative results (73). Likewise, spectrochemical analyses showed no germanium in Florida land pebble, Tennessee brown rock, and Maxville, Mont., phosphates (73, 106). The authors' experiments indicated little or no interference by added germanium in the determination of arsenic.

Silica interferes slightly when the quantity in the final solution exceeds 1 mg. per milliliter (123). In the analysis of fluorine-bearing materials, silica may be present in the solution as a result of volatiliza-

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Phosphorus interferes quantitatively in the molybdenum-blue test for arsenic (123). Hoffman and Lundell (74) found that some phosphorus is volatilized when phosphates are heated at 200° to 220° C. with mixtures of hydrochloric or hydrobromic and sulfuric or perchloric acids in a moderate stream of dry carbon dioxide, and Reynolds (116) reported the presence of phosphorus in certain distillates obtained by heating phosphates with perchloric acid at temperatures not higher than 150°. In the determination of arsenic, the maximum temperature in the distillation mixture is approximately 125°, and the presence of phosphorus in the distillate has not been observed.

Total arsenic, as distinguished from acid-soluble arsenic obtained by direct digestion of the sample, was determined in a few typical phosphate rocks by fusing the sample with 2.2 times its weight of a mixture of sodium carbonate (1 part) and sodium nitrate (0.1 part) prior to the acid digestion (70, p. 209). The results showed little or no increase in the recovered arsenic as a result of fusion of the sample.

# PROCEDURE USED

Add 10 ml. of concentrated nitric acid and 30 ml. of concentrated sulfuric acid to the sample, preferably of such weight that the arsenic content is 0.005 to 0.040 mg.,<sup>7</sup> in a 500-ml. Kjeldahl flask of arsenicfree glass. (Concentrated sulfuric acid should be boiled in new flasks for at least 1 hour before they are placed in use.) Heat the flask until strong fuming sets in, boil the contents for 30 minutes, and then cool to room temperature. Add 20 ml. of distilled water, and mix the contents of the flask by gentle swirling, add 2 gm. of ammonium oxalate, rinse the walls of the flask with 2 to 3 ml. of water, and boil the contents for 30 minutes. Cool the flask, and dilute the contents with 25 ml. of water; if nitrous fumes are evolved add more ammonium oxalate, and repeat the digestion.

Add to the cold digestion mixture 30 gm. of sodium chloride, 2 gm. of cuprous chloride, 0.5 gm. of potassium bromide, and 25 ml. of concentrated hydrochloric acid, and immediately close the flask with a rubber stopper carrying a Hopkins trap fused to a delivery tube (3 mm. inside diameter, constricted to about 1 mm. inside diameter at the exit). Allow the delivery tube to extend within 2 to 3 mm. of the bottom of a 100-ml. graduated cylinder that contains 70 ml. of distilled water and is immersed in an ice bath. Heat the Kjeldahl flask and control the rate of distillation so that 25 ml. of distillate are obtained in about 30 minutes. A resistance unit of the type used in electrically heated Kjeldahl outfits is a very convenient source of heat' for the distillation.

After the distillation is completed, add 10 ml. of concentrated nitric acid to the solution in the graduated cylinder, transfer the contents to a 150-ml. beaker, and evaporate on a steam bath or hot plate to a

<sup>7</sup> Although larger samples can be used, the quantity of arscule in the solution at the time the molybdenumblue color is developed should fall within these limits.

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volume of approximately 10 ml. with the occasional addition of 1 to 2 ml, of concentrated nitric acid, if necessary, to insure complete elimination of chlorine from the solution. Evaporate the colorless solution to dryness on a steam bath, add 1 to 2 ml. of concentrated nitric acid, and again evaporate to dryness. Finally, add 1 ml. of a 1-percent solution of sulfuric acid and evaporate on the steam bath to the consistency of a thick sirup.

Dissolve the sirupy solution in 7 to 10 ml. of hot water, and transfer it to a 50-ml. volumetric flask, taking care that the total volume of the solution is slightly below 40 ml. Add 1 drop of a saturated aqueous solution of beta-dinitrophenol, make slightly alkaline with a 0.36 N aqueous solution of sodium carbonate, and carefully neutralize with 1-percent sulfuric acid solution. Then add exactly 0.5 ml. of molybdenum-blue reagent,<sup>\*</sup> rinse the neck of the flask with a small quantity of distilled water, adjust the volume of the solution to approximately 40 ml., and heat the flask on a steam bath for 1 hour with occasional swirling of the contents. Cool the solution, dilute it with distilled water to a volume of 50 ml., and immediately compare the color with that of similarly treated standard arsenic solutions by means of either a visual or a photoelectric colorimeter. As pointed out by Deemer and Schricker (30), further dilution of the solution after the volume has been adjusted to 50 ml. is not permissible.

A photoelectric colorimeter <sup>9</sup> is preferable to a visual instrument. Its use not only affords greater precision but also eliminates the personal equation from the matching of the colors and the necessity for the continual preparation of fresh standards. According to Schricker and Dawson (123), the precision of the molybdenum-blue method is approximately 0.001 mg, of arsenic in 50 ml. of solution when the color intensity is measured with a photoelectric colorimeter.

With samples of phosphates containing up to 100 p. p. m. of arsenic, the difference between duplicate determinations seldom exceeded 0.5 p. p. m. and was usually less than 0.3 p. p. m. of arsenic. With larger quantities of arsenic the differences were frequently somewhat greater.

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Results for acid-soluble arsenic in mineral phosphates are given in tables 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and are summarized in table 8. Values for phosphorus pentoxide content are also given in these and later tables for purposes of comparison. Except as otherwise indicated, the analytical data in these and other tables are reported on the moisturefree basis (105°C.). For individual samples of all types and sources of phosphate, the results range from 0.4 p. p. m. in a Florida soft phosphate (No. 1091, table 3) to 188.2 p. p. m. in an Arkansas phosphate (No. 1712, table 5). The arsenic contents of the South Carolina river rock (average 68.4 p. p. m.), Arkansas phosphate (average 61.0

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Heat a quantity of molybdenum trioxide in an electric muffle furnace at approximately 500° C. for t hour, and dissolve 48 gm. of the cold, ignited trioxide in 1 liter of hot, concentrated sulfuric acid, stirring frequently (solution 1). Dissolve 4.8 gm. of the ignited trioxide and 0.7 gm. of pure molybdenum metal powder in 100 mJ, of hot, concentrated sulfuric acid, stirring frequently (solution 2). Cool the solutions, and prepare the reagent solution by diluting 100 mJ, of solution 2 to 1 liter with solution 1.
 <sup>4</sup> Fractically all of the results for arcsine given in this publication were obtained with the aid of a photoelectric colorimeter that was copied, with slight modification, from an instrument constructed by John A. Schricker of this Bureau (private communication). The general principle of the colorimeter is similar to that of the instruments described by Zinzadze (164) and Barton and Yoe (9).

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p. p. m.), and Montana phosphate (average 47.6 p. p. m.) are, in general, considerably higher than those of the other phosphates. At the other extreme are Florida hard rock and Virginia apatite, with averages of 5.4 and 5.5 p. p. m., respectively. Florida land pebble and Tennessee brown rock, the most widely used of the domestic phosphates, average 11.9 and 14.6 p. p. m. of arsenic, respectively.

# TABLE 3.—Arsenic in Florida phosphales

# LAND-PEBBLE PHOSPHATE

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Sample No.	Location of deposit	P104	. <b>A</b> 8 .	Sample No.	Location of deposit	P <sub>1</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	As
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#### TECHNICAL BULLETIN 781, U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE Ś TABLE 5 .- Arsenic in Arlanse TABLE 4.-Arsenic in Tennessee phosphates BROWN-ROOK PHOSPHATE Sample No. Sample No. PiOs Location of deposit P1Os Location of deposit As As Sample No. P.p.m 9.2 P.p.mPercent Per cen Mount Pleasant..... Wales Not known Franklin..... 33.73 34.39 34.40 1 1321 1 1922 19.46 22.85 762 7.9 1708 Independence County 906 1861 908 56.1 7.4 7.8 3 24. 2 22, 85 22, 95 28, 38 28, 67 30, 17 31, 28 32, 07 1 1710 1 1712 1918 1916 ÂĂ Mount Pleasant..... Not known 84, 44 34, 52 13.0 ....do \* 1 1705 ......do 1 1482 587 + 56 12.8 25.9 Match Wales 1963 11.9 187 \_\_\_\_do..... 84, 53 34, 84 5.1 6.6 28.9 22.6 13.4 17.9 Not known..... 1899 do. . Centerville. Mount Pleasant..... Wales..... Wales..... 34. 92 34. 96 35. 77 1869 13.1 1344 32.08 32.85 32.94 33.53 1897 1342 Mount Pleasant 1926 10.5 564 1 568 4 1235 4 1245 14.2 7.2 6.4 Wallace\_ Mount Pleasant Not known Wales 36.52 14.8 + 1317 1924 1889 1401 Biglo BLUE-ROCK PHOSPHATE Pontotoc County Cotton County. 1 1714 • 576 448 449 31, 22 32, 03 33, 65 1 1242 27, 90 29, 16 16.6 19.8 17,4 37.7 21, 4 21, 4 8, 4 Gordonsburg ..... Gordonsburg..... • 571 • 572 do..... do\_ 30. 45 30. 97 do 772 930 . . . . . . . . . . . . . Gordonsburg..... 405 Not known WHITE-ROCK PHOSPHATE 7 1139 Johns Island 1483 1048 Perry County .... 28.41 21.7 5.2 1031 Godwin..... 35. RO 4.8 30.20 Tomscreek ..... 13646 Broad River 9 PROSPHATIC LIMESTONE 1045 Coosnw River 9 Gordonsburg...... Mount Pleasant..... Gordonsburg...... 13, 9 6, 9 17, 3 14.04 19.13 $11.4 \\ 23.5$ Mount Pleasant 10, 16 446 916 917 11.22 770 Not known... 11, 68 1136 Piney River OTHER PHOSPHATES Prospect sample. Lafferty Creek area. Selected material. Sample from an abandoned s. Ground material formerly selected for the second 29.26 \* 1049 31.22 1516 Mountain City !... 8.6 Boma \* Matrix, Mixture of matrix and washed phosphate sand; used for production of sinter for electric furnace smell-Museum sample. Commercial material as form <sup>4</sup> Mixture of matrix and wasses prospect. <sup>5</sup> Analysis reported by Jacob, Hill, Marshall, and Reynolds (81, p. 39). <sup>4</sup> Standard sample number of the National Bureau of Standards. Hoffman and Laundell (73) reported 15.9 p. p. m. of As in this sample. <sup>4</sup> Concentrated by froth flotation. <sup>4</sup> Sample representative of large shipment. <sup>4</sup> Johnson Gounty. Lamb's mine. Bulow mines. Analysis reported by Jacob, II Mouth of Whate Branch. <sup>14</sup> Brickyard Point, <sup>14</sup> Mouth of Bull River, 14 Fluorapatite concentrale obt . Kidney phosphate, Patnam County.

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ARSENIC IN NATURAL PHOSPHATES

# TABLE 5.—Arsenic in Arkansas, Kentucky, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia phosphates

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# TABLE 6.-Arsenic in Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming phosphates

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7 1041 7 1634 7 1637 1400 9 1631 1409 1630 9 1620	Uintah County, Brush Creek area. do. Morgan County, Weber Canyon Uintah County, Ashley Creek Gorge. Cache County, Jagan Canyon. Rich County, Brazer Canyon Rich County, north end of Crawford Mountains	16, 74 20, 82 26, 41 27, 62 31, 50 35, 17 37, 87	15.3 16.4 13.2 43.2 18.0 8.4 8.6	الآيا ، المراجع المراح المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراجع المراحة المم المم المم المم المم المم المم المم	7   Assumption 9   Astove (stra 5 - Chestone () 2 - do 3 - do 3 - do 3 - do 9 - Danto (cheb) 6 - Dens (stac) 9 - Virand Cyc.
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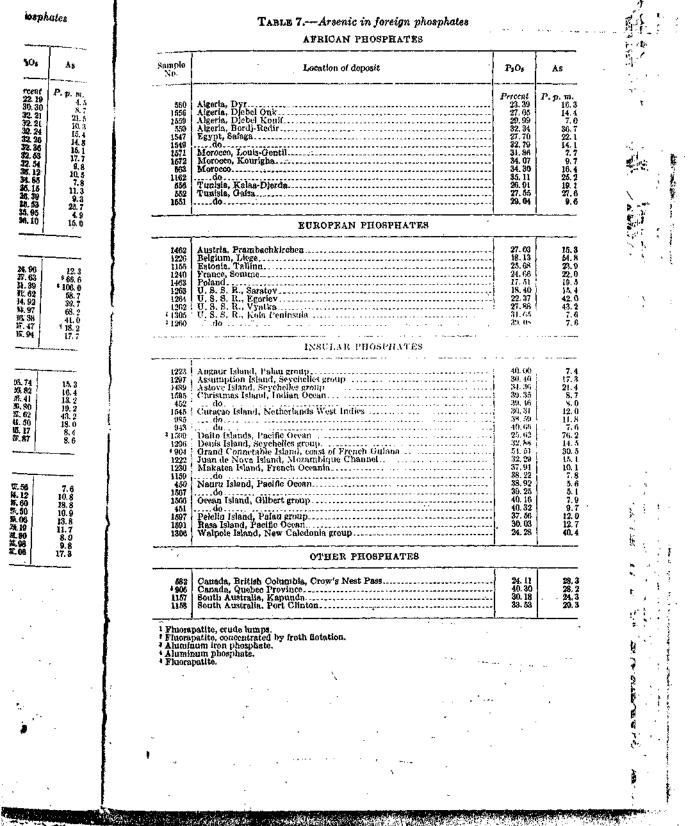
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TABLE 8.—Summary of results for accenic in mineral phosphates DOMESTIC PHOSPHATES

	Samples	Araenie	
Type of source of phosphate	<sup>8</sup> nalyzed	Range	Average
Florida land pebble	45 7 8 5 2 8 8 8 8 8	$\begin{array}{c} P. p. m.\\ 3.6-21.2\\ \hline 1.4-9.1\\ .4-18.6\\ 6.3-12.1\\ 9.2-27.5\\ 66.8-88.1\\ 4.3-6.6\\ 5.1-56.1\\ 8.4-37.7\\ 4.8-21.7\\ 6.9-23.5\\ 8.6-8.9\\ 6.7-12.7\\ 14.6-139.2\\ 15.6-19.3\\ 4.5-25.7\\ \end{array}$	P. p. m. 21:2 5.4 7.4 9.0 17.4 68.4 5.6 14.6 20.4 10.6 8.8 9.1 17.4 12.6 20.4 10.6 14.6 14.6 14.6 14.6 14.6 14.6 14.6 14
Montana	9 8 9	12.3-106.0 8.4-43.2 7.6-18.8	47. ( 17. ( 12. )
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Africa Canada, Silropa, siands	13 3 2 3 10 4 21	7.0-36.7 28.2-29.3 7.6-54.8 5.1-76.2	17.4 28.5 25.1 16.2

South Australia

Kidney phosphate from Borna and phosphate rock from Mountain City.
Including a sample of fluorapatite from Guebee Province.
Including 2 samples of fluorapatite from Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
Including a sample of aluminum phosphate from Grand Connetable Island and a sample of aluminum from phosphate from Daito Islands.

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Aside from the results on 18 samples of domestic phosphate rocks previously reported from this Division (68, 81), very few figures for arsenic in mineral phosphates appear in the literature. Thus, the arsenic content of 9 samples of Florida phosphate rock, presumably land pebble, analyzed by Longfield-Smith (94) ranged from a trace to 29 p. p. m., which is in good agreement with the range of results for Florida land pebble given in table 3. Likewise, the figures shown in tables 3 and 4 for the National Bureau of Standards standard samples No. 120 (Florida land pebble) and 56a (Tennessee brown rock), respectively, agree closely with the results reported thereon by Hoffman and Lundell (73). Mansfield (96, p. 212) states that no arsenic was found in a sample of phosphate rock from Driggs, Idaho, or in a composite sample representing 12 individual samples of high-grade phosphate rock from different parts of the Idaho field. As reported by Williams (145), Fairchild found 13 p. p. m. of arsenic in a sample of low-grade phosphatic shale from a prospect hele just north of the mouth of Seymour Canyon, Summit County, Utah, and a sample of oolitic phosphate from an outcrop on the edge of Provo Valley, due north of Midway, Wasatch County, contained less than 6.5 p. p. m. of arsenic.

The spectrochemical results (65 to 326 p. p. m.) of Goldschmidt and Peters (49) for arsenic in Angaur Island phosphate are very much higher than the authors' figure (7.4 p. p. m.) on such material (table 7). Also the spectrochemical results (300 and 1,000 p. p. m. of arsenic) of Noddack and I Gotthard and Zinf of Haberlandt (5/ than the authors' Quebec (table 7), Republics (table to 2.3 p. p. m., avé (48) on 11 sample Peninsula, Union authors' figure G

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of Noddack and Noddack (104) on specimens of fluorapatite from St. Gotthard and Zinnwald, respectively, and those (up to 2,200 p. p. m.) of Haberlandt (56) on fluorapatite from Jumilla, Spain, are far higher than the authors' results (4.3 to 28.2 p. p. m.) on fluorapatite from Quebec (table 7), Virginia (table 5), and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (table 7). On the other hand, the chemical results (0.6 to 2.3 p. p. m., average 1.6 p. p. m. of arsenic) of Gileva and Melentiev (48) on 11 samples of fluorapatite from various localities in the Kola Peninsula, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, are lower than the authors' figure (7.6 p. p. m.) on 2 samples from this region (table 7).

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The data in tables 3 to 7 reveal no uniform relationship between arsenic and phosphoric oxide in the different types and sources of phosphate. In some instances the trend is toward a decrease in arsenic with increasing phosphoric oxide (Algeria, Curaçao Island, Florida soft and land pebble, Montana (Garrison), South Carolina, and Tennessee white rock). In others, the trend seems to be toward an increase in arsenic with increasing phosphoric oxide (Morocco, Tennessee blue rock, and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), whereas in others there is no trend in either direction. Indications of the probable associations of arsenic with the other constituents of phosphate rock can be obtained from the available data on soils, mincrals, etc.

Williams and Whetstone (146) recently reported analyses of numerous samples of soils from localities throughout the United States, which, so far as known, had never been artificially contaminated with arsenic. The results showed no uniformity of distribution of arsenic in the soil profile, no observable relation between climatic conditions and arsenic content of soil groups, and no clearly defined, systematic relation between arsenic content and the geological formations from which the soils were developed. In general, however, sandy soils and humid-area soils having high silica-sesquioxide ratios were relatively low in arsenic, whereas soils of subhumid and arid regions tended to be higher in arsenic.

In a study of 20 samples of Italian soils taken from different depths in different geological formations, Zuccari (155) found that soils high in arsenic were also high in iron. Likewise, the investigation by Grimmett and coworkers of the arsenical muds, soils, and waters of the Waiotapu Valley, New Zealand, indicates a definite association of arsenic with iron in this area (52, 53). Goldschmidt and Peters (49) point out that freshly precipitated ferric hydroxide removes arsenic from aqueous solutions by adsorption. They express the opinion that the arsenic in clayey sediments is likely present as the result of its adsorption by the hydrated ferric oxide in such sediments, and they present evidence to show that the arsenic is associated with the hydrated ferric oxide, as well as with the iron sulfide, in sedimentary rocks. Also, adsorption of arsenious acid by hydrous aluminum oxide has been demonstrated by Yoe (150).

The association of arsenic with sulfur in sulfide ores, especially the iron sulfides, has long been known and has been the subject of numerous investigations. Dunn and Bloxam (36) attribute the arsenic (50 to 400 p. p. m.) in the atmospheric dusts of English industrial cities

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to its presence in the pyrite that occurs in the coal burned in these cities. In this connection, Abel's report (2a) of 424.1 p. p. m. of arsenic in a sample of ground coal brasses (pyrite separated from coal) from an unstated course is of interest. On the other hand, Goldschmidt and Peters (49) conclude that the arsenic in coal was derived primarily from the vegetable matter from which the coal originated. The widespread occurrence of arsenic in vegetation (2a, 46, 52, 54, 59, 86, 146), especially marine growths (18, 43, 85,146), lends support to this conclusion. Small quantities of arsenic are commonly present in animal tissues (12, 13, 18, 45, 46, 52, 54,59), and marine crustaceans and mollusks are exceptionally high in this element. In a study of the slimes of certain lagoons and their tributaries on the Baltic coast of Germany, Goy and Rudolph (50)found the arsenic content parallels the content of organic matter; they believe that bacteria are active in removing arsenic from the water and concentrating it in the slime.

In view of the foregoing, some relationship may be expected to exist between the arsenic content of phosphate rock and the quantities of iron, sulfide sulfur, organic carbon, or nitrogen present. The available data (table 9), however, do not point to a regular connection between the arsenic content and any of these constituents. Also, other data (not shown in table 9) indicate no relation between the arsenic and either the aluminum or the total  $R_2O_3$ . On the other hand, results for arsenic in the mechanical separates of a Wyoming pyritiferous, highly carbonaceous phosphate rock (table 10), as well as those for arsenic in the separates of an Idaho pyrite-free, highly carbonaceous rock, follow, in general, the results for total iron and organic carbon but not pyrite; arsenic, like the iron and organic carbon, shows marked accumulation in the "clay" fraction. Although the results indicate a better correlation of arsenic with total iron than with organic carbon, they do not permit one to decide whether the arsenic is associated with the iron or organic matter or both. The results on the Florida landpebble (No. 947) and Tennessee brown-rock (No. 908) phosphates, both of which are low in organic carbon (0.29 and 0.11 percent, respectively) and are free from or very low in pyrite, show no correlation between arsenic and total iron in the mechanical fractions. In all the samples, the results indicate considerable loss of arsenic occasioned by suspension of the material in water incident to mechanical separation into fractions.

 
 TABLE 9.—Comparative results for arsenic, organic carbon, nitrogen, pyritic sulfur, and iron in phosphate rock

Bample No.	Type or source of phosphate	Organic carbon <sup>1</sup>	As	۰N	FeSı	Fe2Oz,
1280 1009 1010 1252 948 1253 973 454 1412 550 1049 552	Montana, Maxville <sup>3</sup>	. 14 . 09 . 09 3, 47 2, 86 2, 33 2, 38 2, 38 2, 38 2, 38	P. p. m. 12.3 186.0 18.2 41.0 11.7 15.1 17.7 16.4 9.3 21.6 8.9 27.8	P. p. m. (*) 80 (*) 1,100 (*) 1,000 1,000 (*) (*) (*) (*) (*) 2,600 470	Percent 2. 87 .015 .015 .05 .07 (4) .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0	Percent (1) 2.11 56 3.10 .57 1.64 .87 .80 .90 .90 1.79 .65

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* 56 908 906	do do Grand Com		
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1048 1162			
985 728 916	Morocea Curação Isla Florida soft Tennessee p	und .	hin
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728   Florida soft	
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916         Tennessee phosphatic limestone	69 1.95

TABLE 9.-Comparative results for arsenic, organic carbon, nitrogen, pyritic sulfur, and iron in phosphale rock-Continued

Including also elemental carbon. • .

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 Dark-colored pyrite-free rock.
 Standard sample number of the National Bureau of Standards.
 Aluminous phosphate.

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TABLE 10. - Distribution of arsenic among mechanical separates of ground phosphate rocks

The mechanical fractions were prepared 100-mesh (147µ) sieve.
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# PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DEPOSITS

Following Blackwelder's division (14) of the world's phosphate deposits into six genetic varieties, comprised in two broad groups (primary and secondary deposits), Mansfield (96, p. 362) has partially classified a number of the deposits. Accordingly, as far as possible the results for arsenic in phosphate are summarized under the two general groups in table 11. Although this grouping of the phosphates reveals no definite relationship between arsenic content and the type of the deposit, there is evidence that phosphates from primary deposits tend, in general, to contain somewhat more arsenic than do those from secondary deposits.

TABLE 11 .- Arsenic content of phosphate rocks from primary and secondary deposits

·	Samples	Arsen	Arsenic		
Type of deposits and location	analyzed	Range	Avorage <sup>1</sup>		
	Number	P. p. m.	P. p. m.		
Arkansas.	8	14.6-188.2	61.		
Tennessee blue rock	7	8:4-37.7	20.		
Algeria, Tunisia, and Egypt Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and British Columbia	9	7.0- 36.7	18.		
Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and British Columbia	43	4.5-106.0	· 16.		
Fluorapatite from Canada, Virginia, and U. S. S. R	5	4.3-28.2	18.		
Average			26.		
econdary:					
South Carolina river rock	4	56, <b>8-</b> 88, J	68.		
South Australia	2	20.3-24.3	22.		
Islands <sup>3</sup>	21	5.1-76.2	19.		
South Carolina land rock	4	9.2-27.5	17.		
Tennessee and Kentucky (brown rock and white rock 4)	32	4.8-56.1	ii.		
Florida	54	. 4- 21. 2	11		
A verage			25.		

<sup>1</sup> Average of mean results for individual types or sources of phosphate. <sup>1</sup> Including aluminum phosphate for Grand Connetable Island and aluminum iron phosphate from Daito Islands.

Including phosphate rock from Johnson County, Tean.

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## GEOLOGIC AGE AND ARSENIC CONTENT

In table 12 the results for arsonic in mineral phosphates are grouped. as far as possible, according to the geologic age of the deposits (77, 189, 145). The average figures range from 7.3 p. p. m. in phosphates of Oligocene age (Florida hard rock, soft, and waste pond) to 47.8 p. p. m. in those of Miocene age (South Carolina land rock and river rock), whereas the averages for phosphates of all other periods and epochs are within the limits 11.9 and 24.8 p. p. m.

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TABLE 12 .- Geologic age as correlated with arsenic content of natural phosphates

Duried on anoth		Samples	Arsenic		
Period or epoch	Type or source of phosphate	analyzed	Range	Average (	
Post-Tertiary	Island phosphates and Florida river peb- ble.	Number 22	P. p. m. 5.1-76.2	P. p. m. 19. 7	
Tertiary	Florida land pebble, hard rock, soft and waste pond: South Carolina, Tennessee white rock,3 Morocco, and South Aus- tralia.	71	. 4- 88, 1 "	16.5	
Pliceone	Florida land pebbla	31	8.6-21.2	11.9	
Miocene	South Carolina land rock and river rock	8	9.2-88.1	47.8	
Oligocene	Florida hard rock, soft, and waste pond	22	. 4- 18.6	7.3	
Eccos	Morocco.	4	7.7-25.2	14.7	
Cretaceous (or Jurassic)	France, U. S. S. R., Algeria, Tunisis, and Egypt.	13	7.0-43.2	23.0	
Carboniferous	British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming; and Tennessee kidney phosphate.	44	4. 5-106. 0	16, 2	
Permian	British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming.	41	4. 5-108. 0	16. 1	
Mississippian,	Tennessee kidney phosphate and Utah 4.	3	8.9-19.2	15.4	
Devonian	Tennessee blue rock	7	8.4 37.7	20.4	
Ordovician.	Tennessee and Kentucky brown rock, Tennessee phosphatic limestone, Arkan-		5, 1-188, 2	24, 8	
Pre-Cambrian	sas, and Estonia. Fluorapatite from Virginia and Canada	3	4.3-28.3	16.9	

Average of mean results for individual types or sources of phosphate.
 Including aluminum phosphate from Grand Connetable Island and aluminum iron phosphate from Daito Islands.
 Including phosphate rock from Johnson County.
 Egotiev, Saratov, and Vyatka.
 Logan and Weber Canyons.

# PHOSPHATES COMPARED WITH OTHER ROCKS. MINERALS, COALS, SOILS, SEDIMENTS, AND WATERS

Results for arsenic in rocks, minerals, coals, soils, sediments, and waters of the world, collected from various sources, are summarized in table 13. On the basis of these data, it can be concluded that the arsonic content of phosphate rocks is about the same as that of marks, shales (western United States), carbonate minerals, coals, and silicate rocks and minerals. Usually the quantity of arsenic in phosphate rock is greater than that in soils, clays, sediments, and nitrate and halido minerals but is much smaller than that in oxide minerals, greensand, glauconite, and especially sulfide minerals.

TABLE 13 .- Arsenic in rocks, minerals, coals, soils, sediments, and waters

Literature	Samples	Arsenic		
reference	analyzed	Range	A verage	
(i)	Number 205 5	P. p. m. 0, 4–188, 2 4, 3–28, 2	P. p. m. 20, 9 13. 8	
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(104) (69)	268 4	3 0-150 2. 5-10. 0	30 5.1	
	(i)(i)	reference         analyzed           (1)         205           (3)         5           (48, pp. 40-41)         5           (21)         4 329           (105)         14           (105)         14           (105)         295	Literature samples analyzed Range           Number         P. p. m.           (1)         205         0.4-183.2           (2)         5         4.3-28.2           (3)         4         329           (103)         4         205           (103)         16         10           (103)         5	

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	Literature Samples		Arsente			
Material and location	reference	Samples analyzed	Range	Average		
Greensand, glauconite, and glauconite-rich sea ecdiments, shales:	(49)	Number	P. p. m. + 85-325	Р. р. т.		
Colorade, Kansas, and Montana Bohemia and Middle Silesia	(140). (72). (49)	6 11	2-42 65-4, 824	12 693		
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Datides: 13 species Carbonates; 8 species Vitrates and halides; 7 species Sodium chloride; various grades of sea salt and	(104) (104) (104)	13 15	* 0-10	17 3		
dodium chlorids; various grades of sea saft and rock salt. Salts of acids of Ti, P, V, Co, Ta, S, Cr, Mo, and	(44)		1.025-1.75 1 0300	. 32 71		
W; 19 species. Initides, scientides, and tellurkies: 19 species 14	(104)	144	≯11 ÎÛ~600}	146		
Galena; Europe Snhalerite: Saxony and Bilesia	(71)	19 31 3	70-15, 80 205-34, 030 255-3, 825	2,202 6,129 1,933		
Chalcopyrite; Silesia Pyrite; Europe, Algeria, and United States	(71) (20, 35, 41, 71, 127; 143, pp. 76-95). (41, 97, (7, 109)	98	0-20, 00	5, 650		
Native sulfur; Europe, Japan, and United States Native metals; 7 species 19 Coals; Europe, New South Wales, New Zealand,	(20, 27, 47, 108). (104) (19, 53, 45, 62,		<sup>28</sup> 0−200 ∜ 14 0−300	43 54		
Doals: Europe, New South Wales, New Zealand, and United States. Clays and loams.	(19, 83, 43, 82, 84, 91, 105). (104)		0-200	45		
	(104)	52	* 0–80 Trace-22, 5	6 4.4		
Costa Rica.	(146)	6 . 20	, 3-5, 0 1, 9-60, 0	2.3		
Mexico. New Zealand, Walotapu Valley 4	(146)	18 65	2, 0-40, 0 8-19, 000	14.3		
Solis:14 Argentina Costa Rica Italy Mexico New Zealand, Walotapu Valley 14 Puerto Rico United States Multimonte and sea bottom material	(148) (59, 86, 95, 146)	6 233	. 31.0 . 2-38, 0	1. ň 7. 1		
Sediments and sca-bottom material: Ocean sediments Red clays; oceanic depths	(49. p. 12)	57		4 6, 5		
Terrigenous clays; oceanic depths Muds: lagoons and their tributaries, Baltic	(21).	4 <b>52</b> 15	1. 6-22, 7	Ттвее 6. 7		
coast, Germany. Bilts; delta of Mississippi River Waters:		1 235	··· ·· ·· ·			
Atlantic Ocean and Baltle Ses. Vicinity of San Juan Islands, Washington ; State.			. 0008–. 08 <. 03−. 03	. 015		
Thames and Medway estuaries. Lagoons and their tributaries, Haltle coast. Gormany.	(18) (60)	18 12	, 106–, 757 Trace-, 008	- 25 . 0024		
Salt and mineral springs. France	(4).	6 17 39	0-2.83	, 18 1, 20 3, 14		
Streams, surface depressions, and hot and cold springs in Walotapu Vailey, New Zealand.				•		
Underground sources in Argentina English rivers	(7, 8, 114)	22	0-1, 40	, 18 Trace		

TABLE 13 .--- Arsenic in rocks, minerals, coals, soils, sediments, and waters-- Con.

Results from tables 3 to 7, exclusive of fluorapatite.
Results from tables 5 and 7. I. Noddack and W. Noddack reported more than 1,000 p. p. m. of arsenle in fluorapatite from Zinnwald and 300 p. p. m. in fluorapatite from St. Gotthard, as determined by a spectro-ehemical method (104). By means of a similar method, Haberlandt found up to 2,200 p. p. m. of arsenle in patite from Jumilla. Spain (6). Gliters and Melentiev reported 0.6 to 2.3 p. p. m. of arsenle (average 1.6 p. p. m.) in 11 samples of fluorapatite from various localities in the Kola Peninsula, U. B. S. R., as determined by a spectro-ehemical method (43).
The average arsenic content is estimated to be within these limits.
A composite sample was analyzed.
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No arsenle was found in several specimens of micaceous iron shales and a homatite with jasper.
A specimen of cerussite contained incerton. To arsenic and a fluorapatite from Zinnwald contained 1.75 p. p. m. of arsenic was from a fissing in Vesuvius Volcano.
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Including only those species of which the commonly accepted formulas de not show arsenic.
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Phepsin reported 11.16 p. p. m. of arsenic.
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# ARSENIC IN CALCINED, SINTERED, NODULIZED, AND DEFLUORINATED PHOSPHATE ROCKS

For a number of years it has been the practice of several domestic producers to heat a portion of their output of phosphate rock at temperatures (about 815° to 1,370° C.) considerably higher than are necessary merely to remove the bulk of the moisture (11, 90, 101). Thus, more or less complete destruction of the organic matter and elimination of carbon dioxide and combined water are effected, and part of the fluorine may be volatilized, with the result that the grade of the rock is raised, and a product, commonly called calcined phosphate,<sup>10</sup> more suitable for the manufacture of phosphate chemicals by acid-decomposition processes is obtained. For use in the manufacture of phosphoric acid by the sulfuric acid process, phosphate rock from the Conda, Idaho, deposit must be heated to eliminate most of the organic matter, which otherwise would seriously foul the acid and apparatus (90). Although coal is used to some extent, oil is commonly used in this calcining process.

In 1918, Waggaman and Wagner (142) showed experimentally that mine-run phosphate rock can be smelted in the electric furnace. Later experiments (141) showed that such material can also be smelted in fuel-fired furnaces, and several years ago the suitability of sintered Florida land-pebble phosphate matrix <sup>11</sup> as a raw material for the blastfurnace production of phosphorus was demonstrated (117). Sintered Tennessee brown-rock matrix, as well as nodulized matrix and phosphate sand, is now being used in the electric-furnace production of phosphorus and phosphoric acid (26, 87, 139). Coal and oil are used as fuels in the preparation of the nodulized products, whereas the sintered material is prepared with coke. The maximal temperatures range from about 900° to 1,450° C.

Removal of fluorine from phosphate rock can be effected by heating the rock at 1,400° C. or higher temperatures in the presence of silica and water vapor (25, 83, 99, 119). When it is properly prepared this defluorinated phosphate <sup>12</sup> is almost completely soluble in neutral ammonium citrate solution, and it is an excellent source of phosphorus for the growth of plants on neutral and acid soils (79, 121).

As coal usually contains notable quantities of arsenic (table 13), the presence of this element in coke is to be expected. Thus, several investigators (6, 19, 91, 105, 125, 128, 137) have reported arsenic in 29 samples of coke (principally English), ranging in quantity from 2 to 243 p. p. m. and averaging 59 p. p. m. Also, the spectrochemical results of Goldschmidt and Peters (49) showed 65 to 650 p. p. m. of arsenic in the ash of numerous samples of brown coal and anthracite. Determinations of the so-called volatile and fixed arsenic indicate that considerably more than 50 percent of the arsenic in coal and coke usually remains in the ash when these fuels are burned under ordinary conditions (19, 62, 91, 105, 128, 137). It appears, therefore, that the

processes. <sup>11</sup> The term "matrix," as used in this bulletin, refers to the natural mixture of phosphate rock and gangue. <sup>14</sup> The term "defluorinated phosphate" comprises the material known as culciaed phosphate that is prepared by defluorinating phosphate rock at temperatures below the melting point (83, 99, 119, lootnote 10), as well as the material known as fused phosphate rock which is prepared by defluorinating the moiten rock (35). ÷

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The term "calcined phosphate" has also been applied to the citrate-soluble products obtained either by heating phosphate rock with alkali saits (55) or by heating it in the presence of silica and water vapor (119). For the purpose of this bulletin, however, the term will be restricted to phosphate rock that has been heated primarily for the purpose of increasing its grade and its suitability for treatment by acid-decomposition processes.

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direct heating of phosphate rock with coal or coke may lead to contamination of the product with arsenic from the fuel. Although data on the arsenic content of fuel oil are not available, Shirey (124) reports that a careful spectrochemical examination revealed no arsenic in a sample of ash specially prepared from the still-coke of Kansas crude petroleum.

The arsenic in 16 samples of calcined, nodulized, sintered, and defluorinated phosphates ranged from <1 to 150 percent of that in the parent rocks and was with few exceptions notably lower in the products than in the parent materials (table 14). In general, the arsenic content of the products does not appear to be related either to the arsenic content of the parent materials, the type of fuel used, or to the time or temperature of heating. The data (see tables 4 and 14) indi-cate, however, that only a small part of the arsenic in the parent. rocks is retained in defluorinated phosphates.

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Approximate. Calculated from the arsenic-phosphorus ratios of the heated rock and the unheated rock, respectively. Heated with fuel oil.

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# ARSENIC IN SUPERPHOSPHATES AND PHOSPHORIC ACID

Aside from its presence in the phosphate rock, arsenic may be introduced into superphosphate and phosphoric acid as an impurity in the sulfuric acid used to decompose the rock or in other reagents or fuels used in some of the manufacturing processes. The earlier investigators (5, 28, 58, 130, 131) attributed the arsenic in superphosphate principally, if not entirely, to its presence in the sulfuric acid. Sulfuric acid manufactured from pyrite or produced as a byproduct of the smelting of other sulfide ores is used extensively in the fertilizer industry; such acid, especially that made from pyrite, often contains considerable arsenic (1, 16, 28, 58, 88, 127, 130, 149, pp. 337-338).

Native sulfur is also an important source of sulfuric acid for the domestic fertilizer industry, but, unlike pyrite, it usually contains little or no arsenic. In 1859, Davy (28) remarked that sulfuric acid made from pyrite contains considerable arsenic, whereas native sulfur contains little or no arsenic and the sulfuric acid made therefrom is not so likely to contain this element. Davis and Davis (27) found no trace of arsenic in sulfur from the Texas deposits that were being worked in 1920, whereas a later sample of Texas sulfur, analyzed by Abel (2a), contained 7.0 p. p. m. of arsenic; the authors' analysis of a recent sample from Louisiana showed only 2.1 p. p. m. of arsenic. Phipson (108) reported that a sample of Sicilian sulfur was "quite exempt" from arsenic, and that only a trace of arsenic was present in volcanic sulfur of Hecla. According to Gibbs and James (47), two samples of Japanese sulfur contained 143 and 200 p. p. m. of arsenic, respectively, whereas the arsenic content of four samples of French sulfur did not exceed 33.3 p. p. m. In harmony with the usually low arsenic content of native sulfur, Wyld (149, p, 337) states:

Arsenic is rarely found, and never in more than insignificant traces, in acid which has been made from brimstone; most of the latter material, indeed, is used where acid free from arsenic is wanted.

The phosphoric acid required for the manufacture of double superphosphate <sup>13</sup> is made either by the sulfuric acid process (90, 144) or by smelting mixtures of phosphate rock, silica, and coke in electric or blast furnaces (17, 23, 37). The presence of arsenic in phosphoric acid produced by the sulfuric acid process, and in phosphate chemicals made therefrom has long been recognized (15, 39, 40, 88, 109, 120). Results, reported by Hill, Marshall, and Jacob (67), for arsenic in crude phosphoric acid manufactured commercially with sulfuric acid produced as a byproduct of copper-smelting operations in Tennessee and Montana are given in table 15. The Montana sulfuric acid is used extensively in the production of phosphoric acid for the manufacture of double superphosphate, and large tonnages of superphosphates are made with the Tennessee sulfuric acid.

<sup>14</sup> The term "double superphosphate" rolers to the fertilizer material, usually containing about 45 to 50 percent of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, made by treating phosphate rock with phosphoric acid. The term is synonymous with the terms "triple superphosphate" and "troble superphosphate."

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TABLE 15 .- Arsenic in crude phosphoric acid manufactured by the sulfuric acid process

1 Data reported by Hill, Marshall, and Jacob (67); results calculated to basis of acid containing 50 percent of H4PO4.
5 The dilute acids made from the Florida, Tennessee, and Idaho phosphate rocks contained 27.42, 22.12, and 27.80 percent of H4PO4, respectively.
4 The concentrated ecids made from the Florida, Tennessee, and Idaho phosphate rocks contained 60.93, 67.11, and 52.19 percent of H3PO4, respectively.
4 A sample of acid (60° B.) from this smelting operation contained 11.4 p. p. m. of A5.
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Isakov (78) expressed the opinion, unsupported by experimental data, that the arsenic in thermal phosphoric acid comes from the phosphate ore and coke used in the process. As pointed out in a preceding paragraph, arsenic is a common constituent of coal and coke. In view of the volatility of arsenic compounds at high temperatures, phosphoric acid produced by furnace methods would be expected to be contaminated with arsenic from the coke used in the process. Swann (132) and Carothers (17) state that precipitator acid (85 to 95 percent H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) made by direct combustion of the electricfurnace gases contains about 100 to 150 p. p. m. of arsenic. According to information supplied to the authors by several domestic manufacturers, crude elemental phosphorus made from Florida land-nebble and Tennessee brown-rock phosphates by the electric-furnace process contains approximately 60 to 75 p. p. m. of arsenic, whereas the crude acid (about 75 to 80 percent H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>) made from this phosphorus contains approximately 19 to 45 p. p. m. Crude elemental phosphorus made by the blast-furnace process contains approximately 120 to 150 p. p. m. of arsenic, or about twice the arsenic content of phosphorus made by the electric-furnace process.

The foregoing figures are very much smaller than those (0.53 to 1.92 percent) reported by Hampe (57), Husemann (76), and Winkler (147) for arsenic in elemental phosphorus produced in Europe during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. At that time, however, elemental phosphorus was commonly manufactured by distilling a mixture of coke and sirupy phosphoric acid (113); the acid was made by treating bone ash or phosphate rock with sulfuric acid and concentrating the dilute product. Thus the arsenic in the elemental phosphorus may have been derived from three sources, namely, the phosphatic raw material, the sulfuric acid (made principally, if not entirely, from pyrite), and the coke, of which the sulfuric acid probably contributed by far the greater portion.

Angell and Angell (5), Haselhoff (58), Stoklasa (130), and Stutzer (131) reported 40 to 2,600 p. p. m. of arsenic in samples of European ordinary superphosphates <sup>14</sup> manufactured about 40 years ago, princi-

<sup>14</sup> The term "ordinary superphosphate" refers to the fertilizer material, usually containing about 16 to 20 percent of P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and consisting of a mixture of approximately equal parts by weight of monocalcium phos-phate and calcium suifate, made by treating phosphate rock with sulfuric acid.

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Analyses reported by Young (151) and by the manufacturer <sup>15</sup> show 1,000 p. p. m. and 908.8 p. p. m. of arsenic, respectively, in samples of double superphosphate made from Idaho phosphate rock with phosphoric acid produced with sulfuric acid manufactured from Montana sulfide ores; the authors' result on a sample of double superphosphate from this source is 404.6 p. p. m. of arsenic (No. 1372, table 16). The results on samples of double superphosphate made from Florida land-pebble, Tennessee brown-rock, and Montana phosphates with phosphoric acid produced with sulfuric acid manufactured from elemental sulfur or as a byproduct of copper- and zinc-smelting operations in Tennessee and British Columbia, respectively, range from 10.6 to 64.9 p. p. m.; the data (see tables 8 and 16), like those for ordinary superphosphates made with sulfuric acid from the same sources, indicate that the phosphate rock was the principal source of arsenic in these samples.

# TABLE 16 .- Arsenic in superphosphates

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	Phosphate rock				Super	ate 1	As in	
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Rader and Hill (111) have pointed out that superphosphates, hecause of the presence of active fluorine compounds, readily attack glass and cannot be stored in glass bottles without danger of becoming contaminated with boron from the container. Contamination of superphosphates and phosphoric acid with arsenic may also occur in the same way. For example, analyses of a sample of fresh ordinary superphosphate that had remained undisturbed in a glass bottle for about a year showed 12.9 p. p. m. of arsenic in the material in contact with the walls of the bottle whereas, the material from the center of the bottle contained only 3.7 p. p. m. On the other hand, two samples of cured double superphosphate (Nos. 1362 and 1372, table 16) showed the same arsenic contents in portions stored for several years in wooden or fiberboard containers and in glass bottles, respectively. In order to avoid this possible source of contamination, all the analyses reported in table 16 were made on superphosphates that had never been stored in glass.

# ARSENIC IN AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE, BONE, AND MISCELLANEOUS PHOSPHATE FERTILIZERS

The results for arsenic in three samples of fertilizer-grade ammonium phosphate made from Florida land pebble with sulfuric acid produced from elemental sulfur (table 17) fall within the range for arsenic in this type of phosphate rock (table 3). Likewise, the arsenic content of the ammonium phosphate (No. 1885) made from Garrison, Mont., rock with byproduct sulfuric acid is within the range of results (table 6) on phosphate rock from this locality. It appears, therefore, that the phosphate rock was the principal source of arsenic in the products. These figures are very much lower than that (1,200 p. p. m.) obtained by Young (151) on a sample of ammonium phosphate made from Idaho rock with sulfuric acid produced from Montana sulfide ores. Although other results for arsenic in ammonium phosphates have not come to the authors' attention, it is interesting to note that Longfield-Smith (94) found 189 to 1,136 p. p. m. in five samples of Nitrophoska<sup>16</sup> imported from Germany.

The authors' results for arsenic in imported and domestic basic slags (table 17) are far lower than that (12,118 p. p. m.) reported by Kryukov (89) for a sample produced in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Likewise, the figure for arsenic in the sample of crude dicalcium phosphate is only a small fraction of those (280 to 1,700 p. p. m.) reported by Fresenius (40) for precipitated phosphate made in Europe about 50 years ago.

Arsenic, ranging in quantity from 0.2 to 2.2 p. p. m., was present in five samples of bonemeal and bone ash, and a sample of Peruvian guano contained 24.9 p. p. m. (table 17). Longfield-Smith (94) reported a trace of arsenic in a sample of raw bonemeal and 189 p. p. m. of arsenic in a guano from an unstated source. The arsenic content of the samples of fossil teeth and bone (table 17) is more than double that of the samples of modern bone but is no greater than the arsenic content of some samples of Florida phosphate rock (table 3).

<sup>16</sup> Nitrophoska is the trade name of a series of high-analysis fertilizer mixtures of German manufacture (128, p. 412). All members of the series contain diammonium phosphate. The other components of the mixtures are ammonium nitrate or ures and potassium chloride or potassium sulfate.

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\* Tennessee brown-rock phosphate was smelled in this furnace. The flue dust also contains considerable potassium (138). <sup>10</sup> Manufactured in 1925 by heating Florida land-pebble phosphate with a potassium sait (2).

Although no determinations of arsenic in nitrogenous and potassic fertilizers were made by the authors, results obtained by other workers are of interest. Thus, Longfield-Smith (94) found traces of arsenic in samples of tankage, castor pomace, cottonseed meal, kainite, potas-sium nitrate, potassium sulfate, and Chilean sodium nitrate; a sample of synthetic sodium nitrate contained 235 p. p. m. of arsenic, and 24 samples of ammonium sulfate contained 0 to 1,666 p. p. m. (average 682 p. p. m.). Abel (2a) reported 3.1 to 1,098.1 p. p. m. of arsenic in five samples of ammonium sulfate and 3.4 p. p. m. in a sample of iron sulfate. By use of a spectrochemical method, Gaddum and Rogers (42) found arsenic, ranging in quantity between 1,000 and 5,000 p. p. m., in a sample of ammonium sulfate, but they were unable to detect arsenic in other samples of a wide variety of fertilizer and liming materials, elemental sulfur, and sulfates of barium, cadmium, cobalt, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, nickel, and zinc. The spectrochemical analyses of Noddack and Noddack (104) showed no arsenic in Stassfurt carnallite, 1 p. p. m. in Stassfurt kainite, and 0.2 p. p. m. in Chilean sodium nitrate.

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In view of the general presence of arsenic in phosphates, the question of the effects of this element on plants and on the soil population naturally arises. Although the authors have done no work in this field, numerous investigations have been made by others. The following summaries of some of the results afford a basis for the evaluation of the probable effects of the quantities of arsenic present in phosphate tertilizers.

in 1859, Davy (28) reported that transplanted pea plants suffered no pronounced injurious effects when they were watered with a saturated solution of arsenious oxide at 2- to 3-day intervals for more than a week. Stewart and Smith (129) stated that growth of beans and potatoes in plots of gravelly bench loam seemed to be stimulated by the presence of 25 p. p. m. of arsenic added as disodium arsenate 3 to 6 weeks after the appearance of the plants above the soil; peas and wheat seemed to be stimulated by arsenic in concentrations as high as 75 p. p. m., and radishes by concentrations as high as 250 p. p. m. In each case, higher concentrations of arsenic were toxic, roughly in proportion to the quantity applied. In pot experiments with barley, Vandecaveye, Horner, and Keaton (140) found that addition of 39 p. p. m. of arsenic as arsenious oxide to a fertile soil that had never been subjected to arsenical sprays caused only very slight symptoms of arsenic poisoning in the seedlings. The toxic effect increased with larger quantities of arsenic, and with 136 p. p. m. the plants failed to survive the shooting stage. With soils from orchards that had been sprayed with lead arsenate, the crops of alfalfa and barley were good when the content of water-soluble arsenic was 1.5 p. p. m. or less, and very poor when it was 3 to 12 p. p. m.

Young (151) reported a stimulating effect on growth of timothy from arsenic (0.1 to 10 p. p. m.) added to tumblers of adequately fertilized Merrimac coarse sandy loam, whereas arsenic was highly toxic in concentrations of 100 p. p. m. or more. A low concentration of arsenic (2 p. p. m.) stimulated the growth of green algae (*Crucigina* and an organism designated as No. 4) in culture media, but higher concentrations (20 p. p. m. or more) were toxic.

Morris and Swingle (102) studied the effect of numerous arsenic compounds on a wide variety of plants under greenhouse conditions. Transpiration of tomato plants was decreased by 7.5 p. p. m. of arsenic as arsenious oxide, and the injury increased in direct proportion to the concentration of arsenic; similar results were obtained with sodium and potassium arsenites. Beans and cucumbers were very susceptible to arsenic, but the cereals and grasses were much more resistant. Confirming the earlier observations of Stoklasa (130), the arsenites were decidedly more toxic than the arsenates. Furthermore, the compounds differed considerably in their reaction in the soil, some becoming inert in a much shorter time than others. According to Abel (2a), injury to pincapple plants has been reported in Hawaiian areas where the plants were fertilized with an ammonium sulfate that contained 1098.1 p. p. m. of arsenic. This injury is believed to have been caused by the arsenic in the fertilizer.

Experiments by Dorman, Tucker, and Coleman (34), with several important soil types of the Cotton Belt, showed no germination- or

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seedling-injury to oats, Austrian Winter peas, and hairy vetch from the application of 400 pounds of calcium arsenate per acre, equivalent to approximately 75 p. p. m. of arsenic, immediately before planting. Although larger applications were injurious and the effect was more serious on the lighter soils, much of the toxicity of the arsenate was lost in the first year.

Stoklasa (130) observed that growth of oats in sand culture was stimulated by addition of 15 p. p. m. of arsenic (as arsenic pentoxide) to the phosphorus-free nutrient solution, whereas the arsenic had no stimulating effect in the presence of an adequate supply of phosphorus. Hurd-Karrer (75) obtained indications that phosphate applications reduce or prevent arsenic injury to plants where the type of soil is such as to permit the phosphate to remain available.

The effect of arsenic on the ammonifying, nitrifying, and nitrogenfixing organisms of the soil has been studied by Greaves (51). With lead arsenate, an application of 60 p. p. m. of arsenic markedly stimulated nitrification, and 350 p. p. m. was not harmful. Ammonification was reduced about 50 percent by 1,250 p. p. m. of arsenic, whereas fixation of atmospheric nitrogen was doubled by 250 p. p. m. Paris green was much more toxic to the organisms than was lead arsenate.

Stewart and Smith (129) found that absorption of arsenic by plants increased with the quantity applied to the soil and reached values as high as 2,150 p. p. m. in pea plants (dry basis) grown on soil to which 500 p. p. m. of arsenic had been added. Vandecaveye and coworkers (140) reported 13.3 p. p. m. of arsenic in the tops of barley grown on arsenic-contaminated soil, whereas the roots contained 1,250 p. p. m. Arsenic was present in the leaf blades and petioles of rhubarb, in the young leaves of rye and buckwheat, and in the stems, leaves, and green pods of broadbeans grown by Angell and Angell (5) on soil fertilized with superphosphate in which the arsenic content had been increased to 3,800 p. p. m. by addition of arsenious oxide, but no trace of arsenic was found in the fruit or seed of any of the plants. Analyses by Williams and Whetstone (146) showed 0 to 10 p. p. m. of arsenic (average less than 0.77 p. p. m.) in the air-dry substance of 91 samples of numerous species of cultivated and wild plants from various sections of the United States, grown on soils containing 4 to 36 p. p. m. of arsenic (average 8 p. p. m.) on the air-dry basis. According to Grimmett and coworkers (52, 54) samples of oat straw and grain grown on natural arsenical soils in New Zealand contained only 3.0 and 2.3 p. p. m. of arsenic, respectively, and were not harmful to stock. Likewise, pasture grasses grown on these soils and containing 0.5 to 17.4 p. p. m. of arsenic were not toxic to animals grazed thereon.

# ARSENIC SUPPLIED TO SOIL BY SUPERPHOSPHATE

The annual application of phosphate fertilizer to the soils of the United States seldom, if ever, exceeds the equivalent of 2,000 pounds of ordinary superphosphate per acre; in general farming, the application is seldom equivalent to more than 200 pounds of superphosphate per acre; usually it is much less. Now let it be supposed that a superphosphate containing approximately 1,200 p. p. m. of arsenic, the largest quantity found in any material analyzed in this investigation (No. 1881, table 16), is applied to the soil at the rate of 2,000 pounds per acre within 3 inches of the plant rows, which are 3 feet apart. Then assuming the plowed layer (6% inditration of the entired the concentration in row, if all the arsen With a 200-pound at arsenic concentration Analyses of 30 sample cal of these materials an average of 126.2 p application of super respective increases is be 0.126 and 0.756 the increases would

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Then assuming the customary figure, 2,000,000 pounds of soil in the plowed layer (6% inches) of an acre, the increase in the arsenic concentration of the entire layer would be 1.2 p. p. m., and the increase in the concentration in the layer extending 3 inches on either side of the row, if all the arsenic were retained therein, would be 7.2 p. p. m. With a 200-pound application of this superphosphate the increases in arsenic concentration would be 0.12 and 0.72 p. p. m., respectively. Analyses of 30 samples of ordinary and double superphosphates, typicul of these materials as used in all sections of the United States, gave an average of 126.2 p. p. m. of arsenic (table 16). With a 2,000-pound application of superphosphate containing this quantity of arsenic the respective increases in the concentrations of arsenic in the soil would be 0.126 and 0.756 p. p. m., whereas with a 200-pound application the increases would be only 0.0126 and 0.0756 p. p. m., respectively.

the increases would be only 0.0126 and 0.0756 p. p. m., respectively. When all the factors affecting the action of arsenic on plants and on soil organisms under practical conditions of farming are taken into consideration, it seems highly improbable that the arsenic in domestic phosphate fertilizer exerts any toxic effects, even with very large annual applications of the fertilizer over extended periods of time. Likewise, Haselhoff (58) concluded that the arsenic content of European superphosphates (40 to 1,490 p. p. m.) was not sufficient to have an injurious effect on plants under practical conditions. According to Stoklasa (130), superphosphate is not dangerous to vegetation unless it contains more than 4,000 p. p. m. of arsenic, and Stutzer (131) expressed the opinion that the arsenic content of superphosphate(100 to 500 p. p. m.) is too low to render plants fertilized therewith poisonous to animals. Headden (59) states:

There is no question but that soils which may have originally been entirely free from arsenic might show its presence after years of fertilization with superphosphate, but the accumulation in this manner is extremely slow compared with its rate of increase in cases where spraying [of orchards or crops with arsenic compounds] is practiced.

# SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Results are given for acid-soluble arsenic in 210 samples of mineral phosphates from various deposits of the world; 16 samples of calcined, sintered, nodulized, and defluorinated phosphates of domestic origin; 30 samples of commercial ordinary and double superphosphates manufactured from domestic rock; 6 samples of crude phosphoric acid produced by the sulfuric acid process; and 19 samples of ammonium phosphate, basic slag, bone materials, and miscellaneous phosphate fertilizers.

It is shown that arsenic occurs in phosphate rock principally, if not entirely, in the acid-soluble condition, and that the presence of fluorine compounds causes serious error in its determination unless arsenicfree glassware is used for the acid digestion. The danger of contamination of samples of fluorine-bearing phosphoric acid and superphosphate with arsenic from glass containers is pointed out.

The results for arsenic in mineral phosphates range from 0.4 p. p. m. in a Florida soft phosphate to 188.2 p. p. m. in an Arkansas phosphate. With the different types and sources of domestic phosphate the average results (p. p. m.) are in the descending order, South Carolina river rock 68.4, Arkansas 61.0, Montana 47.6, Tennessee blue rock 20.4,

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Utah 17.8, Oklahoma 17.6, South Carolina land rock 17.1, Tennessee brown rock and phosphatic limestone 14.6, Idaho 12.6, Wyoming 12.1, Florida land pebble 11.9, Tennessee white rock 10.6, Kentucky 9.9, Florida waste pond 9.0, Florida soft 7.5, Virginia fluorapatite 5.5, and Florida hard rock 5.4. The results for foreign phosphates range from 5.1 p. p. m. in a calcium phosphate from Nauru Islands to 76.2 p. p. m. in an aluminum iron phosphate from Daito Islands.

The occurrence of arsenic in mineral phosphates is discussed from the following points of view: (1) Arsenic-bearing constituents; (2) primary and secondary deposits; (3) geologic age of deposits; and (4) a comparison of phosphates with other rocks, minerals, coals, soils, sediments, and waters. Accordingly, the data indicate that there is, in general, no orderly relationship between the arsenic content and the geologic age of phosphate rock or between the arsenic content and the quantities of other constituents (phosphorus, iron, sulfide sulfur, organic carbon, or nitrogen), although the arsenic follows the inorganic sulfides and organic matter in the mechanical fractions of certain phosphates (Cokeville, Wyo., and Conda, Idaho). There is evidence that phosphates from primary deposits tend to contain somewhat more arsenic than do those from secondary deposits. The arsenic content of mineral phosphates is similar, in general, to that of marks, domestic shales, carbonate minerals, coals, and silicate rocks and minerals; usually it is higher than that of soils, clays, sediments, and nitrate and halide minerals, but is much lower than that of oxide minerals, greensand, glauconite, and especially sulfide minerals.

In proportion to their phosphorus contents, calcined, sintered, or nodulized phosphates usually contain notably less arsenic than do the parent phosphate rocks. Only a small portion of the arsenic in the parent phosphate rock is retained in defluorinated phosphate.

The results for arsenic in ordinary superphosphates made with sulfuric acid produced entirely or partially from pyrite range from 494.1 to 1,199.1 p. p. m. and are very much higher than those (2.2 to 35.7 p. p. m.) for superphosphate made with acid produced entirely from native sulfur or as a byproduct of certain smelting operations in Illinois and Tennessee. Except for material made with acid produced entirely or partially from pyrite, the phosphate rock is the principal source of arsenic in most superphosphates.

The results for arsenic in double superphosphates range from 10.6 p. p. m. in a material made with phosphoric acid produced with sulfuric acid manufactured from native sulfur to 404.6 p. p. m. in a material made with the aid of sulfuric acid produced from Montana sulfide ores. Owing to contamination of the product with arsenic from the fuel (coke), the arsenic content (100.1 to 118.5 p. p. m.) of double superphosphate made with blast-furnace phosphoric acid is much higher than that (11.1 to 22.9 p. p. m.) of double superphosphate made with electric-furnace acid.

Arsenic was found in ammonium phosphate (5.5 to 74.2 p. p. m.), hasic slag (2.1 to 11.2 p. p. m.), and bone ash and bonemeal (0.2 to 2.2 p. p. m.). Calcium metaphosphate, fossil bone and teeth, dicalcium phosphate, flue dust from a phosphoric acid blast-furnace, Non-Acid phosphate, and Peruvian guano contained arsonic in quantities ranging from 2.6 in the first material to 24.9 p. p. m. in the last. When all the factors soil organisms under consideration, it seems contributed to the soil toxic effects even with over extended periods

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