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LIST OF CLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORK

PILLAR No. 1 GROUP
(37 claims)

(Pillar Mineral Claims No. 54-56, 58-64, 66-74, 81-98)

<u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Record No.</u>	<u>Staking Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>\$ Soil Geochem. Work Ea.Claim</u>	<u>\$ Rock Geochem. Work Ea.Claim</u>	<u>Years Applied</u>
54	60015	June 21	June 24	128	17	1
55	60016	"	"	18	36	1
56	60017	"	"	393	52	1
58	60019	"	"	265	69	1
59	60020	"	"		69	1
60	60021	"	"		86	1
61	60022	"	"	9	86	1
62	60023	"	"		69	1
63	60024	"	"		104	1
64	60025	"	"	82	69	1
66	60886	July 10	July 16	237		
67	61263	July 27	August 1		52	
68	61264	"	"			
69	61265	"	"			
70	61266	"	"			
71 Fr	61267	July 28	"	27	52	
72 Fr	61268	"	"	128		
73 Fr	61269	July 29	"	101	17	
74	61270	"	"	37		
81	60026	June 21	June 24			1
82	60027	"	"			
83	60028	"	"			1
84	60029	"	"			
85	60030	"	"			1
86	60031	"	"			
87	60032	"	"		86	1
88	60033	"	"			
89	60034	"	"		17	1
90	60035	"	"			
91	60036	"	"			1
92	60037	"	"			1
93	60038	"	"			1
94	60039	"	"			1
95	60040	"	"			1
96	60041	"	"			1
97	60042	"	"			1
98	60043	"	"			1
				<u>\$ 1,425</u>	<u>\$ 881</u>	<u>23</u>

\$ 2,306

All the claims in the group were recorded before the start of the work; except for Pillar No. 67 to 74, which were staked July 27 to 29, and recorded on August 1, 1968. The geochemical work was done between July 30 and August 7, 1968.

STATEMENT OF COSTS INCURRED

Soil Geochemical Survey

A detailed explanation of how the soil geochemical survey expenditures were incurred is given under the section titled Soil Survey Field Work.

The total cost of the soil geochemical survey on Pillar No. 1 Group is as follows:

Chemical analysis of 156 samples - Cu, Mo, Zn, Pb		\$ 936.00
Wages:		
R.W. Stevenson - July 31; August 6, 7	@ \$35/d	105.00
S.C. Gower - July 30, 31; August 6, 7	@ \$24/d	96.00
M. Vreugde - July 30, 31	@ \$21/d	42.00
D. Stark - August 6, 7	@ \$18/d	36.00
Helicopter set-out 1:30 hrs @ \$140/hr		<u>210.00</u>
	Total ...	\$1,425.00

The amount expended on each claim is shown on the list of claims.

Rock Geochemical Survey

A detailed explanation of how the rock geochemical survey expenditures were incurred is given under the section titled 'Rock Survey Field Work'.

The total cost of the rock geochemical survey on the Pillar No. 1 Group is as follows:

Chemical analysis of 51 samples - Cu, Mo, Zn, Pb		\$ 382.00
Wages:		
R.W. Stevenson - August 8 to 10	@ \$35/d	105.00
S.C. Gower - August 8 to 10	@ \$24/d	72.00
D. Stark - August 8 to 10	@ \$18/d	54.00
Helicopter set-out 1:55 hrs @ \$140/hr		<u>268.00</u>
	Total ...	\$ 881.00

The amount expended on each claim is shown on the list of claims.

INTRODUCTION

The mineral property discussed in this report is situated about 12 miles north of Thutade Lake, B.C. The exploration work on these claims consisted of a soil geochemical survey, accompanied by a rock geochemical survey. The objective of the latter survey was to measure trace amounts of metallic elements in areas where there was no soil present. The purpose of this was to search for geochemical gradients that might indicate the direction in which to search for mineralization under drift cover.

Pillar mineral claims 54-56, 58-64, 66, and 81-98 were recorded before the work was done. Pillar mineral claims 67-74 were staked before the work was done but were recorded later. The work was done under the supervision of R. W. Stevenson, P.Eng.

LOCATION AND ACCESS

The property is situated at Latitude 57°15'N, Longitude 126°55'W, about 275 miles northwest of Prince George. This is about 12 miles northeast of Thutade Lake. The survey area is in a large, north-facing cirque valley, the floor of which is mostly drift-covered. The south wall of the valley is very rugged. The east and west side walls are steep, but not rugged. Elevation of the valley floor ranges from about 5400' to 5700' above sea level. The south ridge is about 6400' in elevation. Most of the area is above tree line, but there are scattered stands of scrub Alpine Fir.

Access to the property is by fixed-wing aircraft from Smithers to Thutade Lake, a distance of about 165 miles, and by helicopter from there. Local travel is hampered by the steep topography, particularly when carrying a load of samples. There are numerous helicopter landing sites within the cirque and along the ridges. Helicopter set-outs were particularly useful where crews could be set out at higher elevations, and proceed on a sampling traverse toward lower elevations.

SOIL GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY

Soil Survey Field Work

Control Survey Lines

A control grid was established by chain and compass survey. Laths were used to mark the stations because the survey area is mostly above tree line. This gave good control of sample sites, with minimum expenditure.

The baseline direction is N57°E, except for a short section near the north end which is N24°E. The baseline direction was assumed as Grid North. This grid layout was chosen so as to give efficient coverage of the cirque floor that was to be sampled. On the lines farthest from camp, crews were set out by helicopter so as to minimize unproductive walking time. A base map with scale 1" = 400' was compiled for use in plotting the sample results.

Soil Sample Collection

The samples were taken at 100-foot intervals along the grid lines. The location of the sample sites is shown on Plate No. 5. They were taken from the top of the "B" (rusty) horizon. Exceptions to this occurred in rocky places where sufficient soil could not be found to take a sample.

The samples were collected by digging a small hole with a trenching tool type of spade. By this means it was possible to see where the top of the "B" horizon was. The soil sample was then taken from the top of the "B" horizon, either with the tip of the spade, or with a small trowel.

A note was then made of the grid line location, the sample number, the depth to the top of the "B" horizon, the direction of drainage, the type of vegetation (i.e. - grass, or scrub forest) and the soil type.

Packaging

The samples were placed in a 3" x 4½" brown paper envelope, on which the sample numbers had been marked. These were closed with a triangular triple fold. (The bags are not anomalous in trace metals).

Sample Preparation

The samples were taken to the base camp, and were oven-dried at 80°C. They were then shipped to our laboratory in North Vancouver, where they were sieved through an 80-mesh size stainless steel screen. (These sieves do not show noticeable wear even after several thousand samples have been sifted). The minus 80 mesh fraction was collected for all the analyses involved.

Analysis

The samples were analysed in the North Vancouver laboratory of Kennco Explorations, (Western) Limited under the supervision of John Barakso, MSc.

A one-gram sample is weighed to within ± 2 mgm. making a possible error of 2% at this stage. This is much more accurate than a volumetric scoop.

The sample is placed in a dry test tube, and 1 ml of reagent grade 70% nitric acid is added, or just enough to wet the sample. Four ml of reagent grade 70% perchloric acid ($HClO_4 \cdot H_2O$) is added, and the sample is digested at 200°C on a hot plate for four hours. After cooling, the sample is diluted up to 50 ml with distilled water, agitated, and allowed to settle for two hours.

An aliquot of this solution is used for determination of copper, zinc, and lead by atomic absorption spectrophotometer.

An aliquot of this solution is also taken for determination of molybdenum. Ammonium thiocyanate, stannous chloride, and amyl acetate are added to the solution. Molybdenum forms a thiocyanate complex which is removed by solvent extraction in the amyl acetate. This is aspirated in the atomic absorption spectrophotometer to determine molybdenum.

Interpretation

Over most of the area, a good sample which was representative of the "B" horizon was obtained. The depth of overburden varies from a few inches to probably about 40' over most of the areas sampled. The latter depth is estimated from some stream cuts just north of the soil grid. Considering the type of soil, it would seem likely that soil geochemistry is a reliable technique on these parts of the property. The samples were analysed for total metal content in copper, molybdenum, zinc, and lead.

Sample stations that are considered to be background are uncoloured. Sample stations that are considered to be only weakly anomalous are coloured yellow. The weakly anomalous levels are 150 ppm to 299 ppm for copper, 15 ppm to 24 ppm for molybdenum, 300 ppm to 599 ppm for zinc, and 80 ppm to 149 ppm for lead. Sample stations that are definitely anomalous are coloured red. The results are plotted on Plates No. 1 to 4.

Only a few scattered samples are weakly anomalous in copper (Plate No. 1), molybdenum (Plate No. 2), and zinc (Plate No. 3). The weakly anomalous zinc samples are associated spatially with the strongest lead anomaly. Lead (Plate No. 4) is moderately anomalous over most of the grid area. A zone of low values extending from about Station 2+00W on Line 4+00N to Station 5+00W on Line 24+00N may be caused by somewhat deeper overburden, rather than by a change in mineralization.

ROCK GEOCHEMICAL SURVEY

Rock Survey Field Work

Sample Site Control

Sample sites were plotted in the field, on an aerial photograph having a scale of 1" = 2640'. The soil sample grid was also plotted on this photograph. At the base camp, the sample points were transferred to the 1" = 400' map showing the soil sample grid and the ridge lines. Crews were lifted to ridge lines by helicopter so as to utilize as much as possible of the working day in sample collection. Groups of samples were cached along the sample traverse route for pickup at the end of the day.

Sample Collection

Samples were taken at approximately 500' intervals along traverse lines that were spaced about 500' to 1000' apart. An exact grid could not be laid out because much of the area sampled is too rugged to be traversed safely.

Sample chips about 1" to 2" in size were taken with a standard prospector's hammer. About five to six pounds of these chips were collected from an area about 25' in diameter at each sample site.

The sample site and number were then plotted on the field map, and a note made of rock type.

Packaging

The samples were placed in a double layer, 12" x 18", plastic sample bag. The double layer bag minimized the possibility of contamination, if a sharp rock chip punctured the side of the bag. The sample number was written on both sides of each bag, and the top tied with string.

Sample Preparation

Particular care was taken to avoid contamination in the preparation of these samples, because the analysis was to be done in parts per million. The sample was dried; primary crushed to 1/4" mesh; secondary crushed to minus 10 mesh; redried; and then pulverized to minus 100 mesh. The pulverizer was flushed with quartz after each sample. The cost of this type of preparation is \$1.50 per sample.

Analysis

The samples were analysed in the North Vancouver laboratory of Kennco Explorations, (Western) Limited under the supervision of John Barakso, MSc.

The analytical procedures used on the rock samples were the same as those used on the soil samples. These are described in the section on the Soil Geochemical Survey. As with the soil samples, a one-gram sample was taken for analysis.

Interpretation

The objective of the rock sample survey was to measure trace amounts of metallic elements in areas where there was no soil present. The purpose of this was to search for geochemical gradients that might indicate the direction in which to search for mineralization under drift cover. The configuration of outcrop and drift cover made this a practicable goal. In order to achieve the necessary precision, the samples had to be analysed as geochemical samples in parts per million, rather than being assayed to the nearest 0.01%.

Sample stations that are considered to be background are uncoloured. Sample stations that are considered to be only weakly anomalous are coloured yellow. The weakly anomalous levels are 150 ppm to 299 ppm for copper, 15 ppm to 24 ppm for molybdenum, 200 ppm

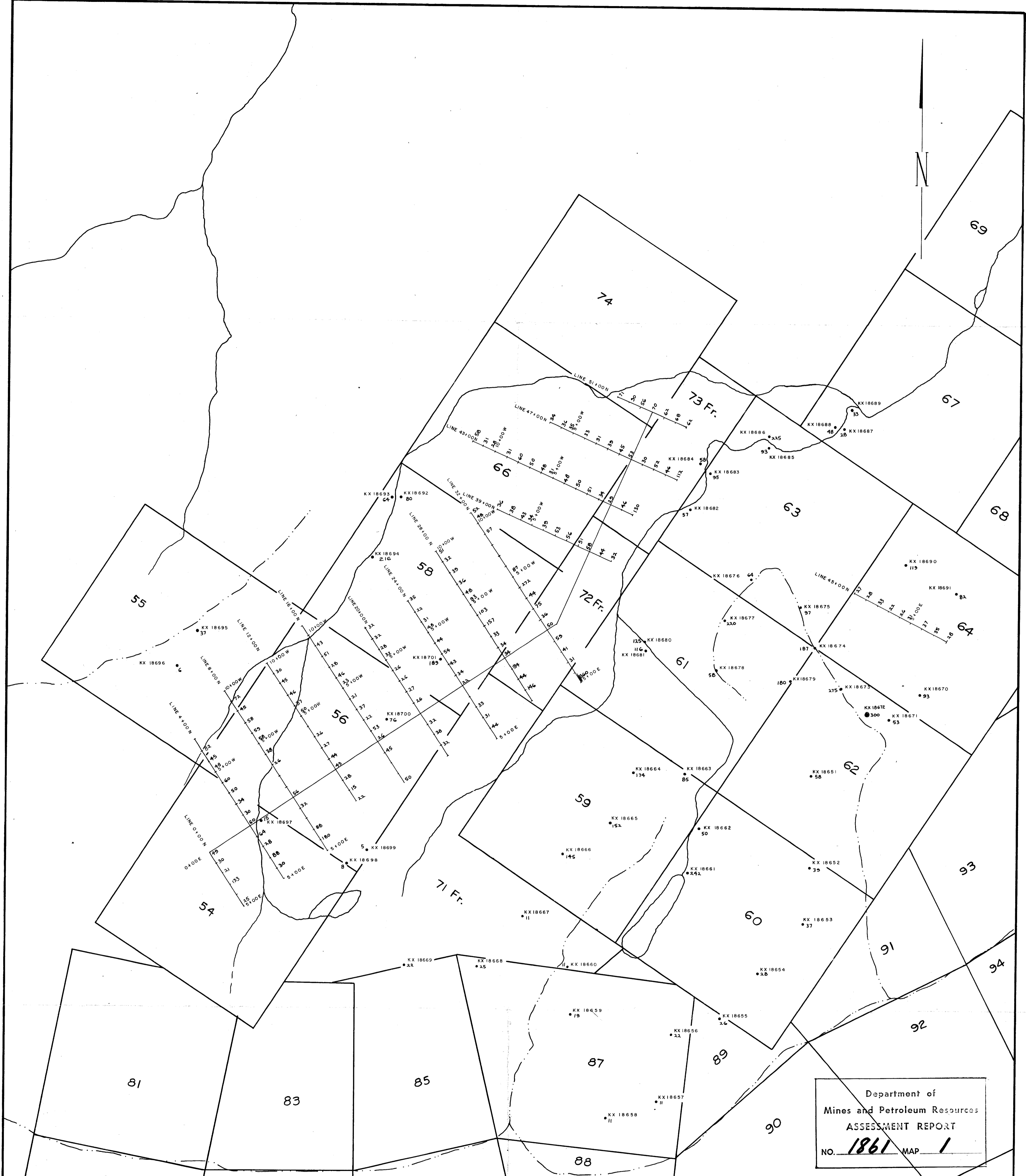
to 599 ppm for zinc, and 50 ppm to 149 ppm for lead. Sample stations that are definitely anomalous are coloured red. The results are plotted on Plates No. 1 to 4.

Copper (Plate No. 1) appears to have been depleted near the southwest edge of the survey area, and increased in the northeast half. Molybdenum (Plate No. 2) is generally not anomalous, but perhaps this is not surprising, because molybdenum gradients are usually very steep. Zinc (Plate No. 3) is anomalous in a few samples, but without forming any pattern. Lead (Plate No. 4) is increased near the west side of the sample area. This conforms with the trend indicated by soil sampling. It is interesting to note that the maximum lead values in soil are similar to the maximum lead values in rock. It is also noted that zinc is anomalous in only a few of the samples that are anomalous in lead.

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LEGEND

Soil Sample Site —————

Weakly Anomalous Soil 150 ppm to 299 ppm ———

Anomalous Soil 300 ≥ ppm ———

Rock Sample Site —————

Weakly Anomalous Rock 150 ppm to 299 ppm ———

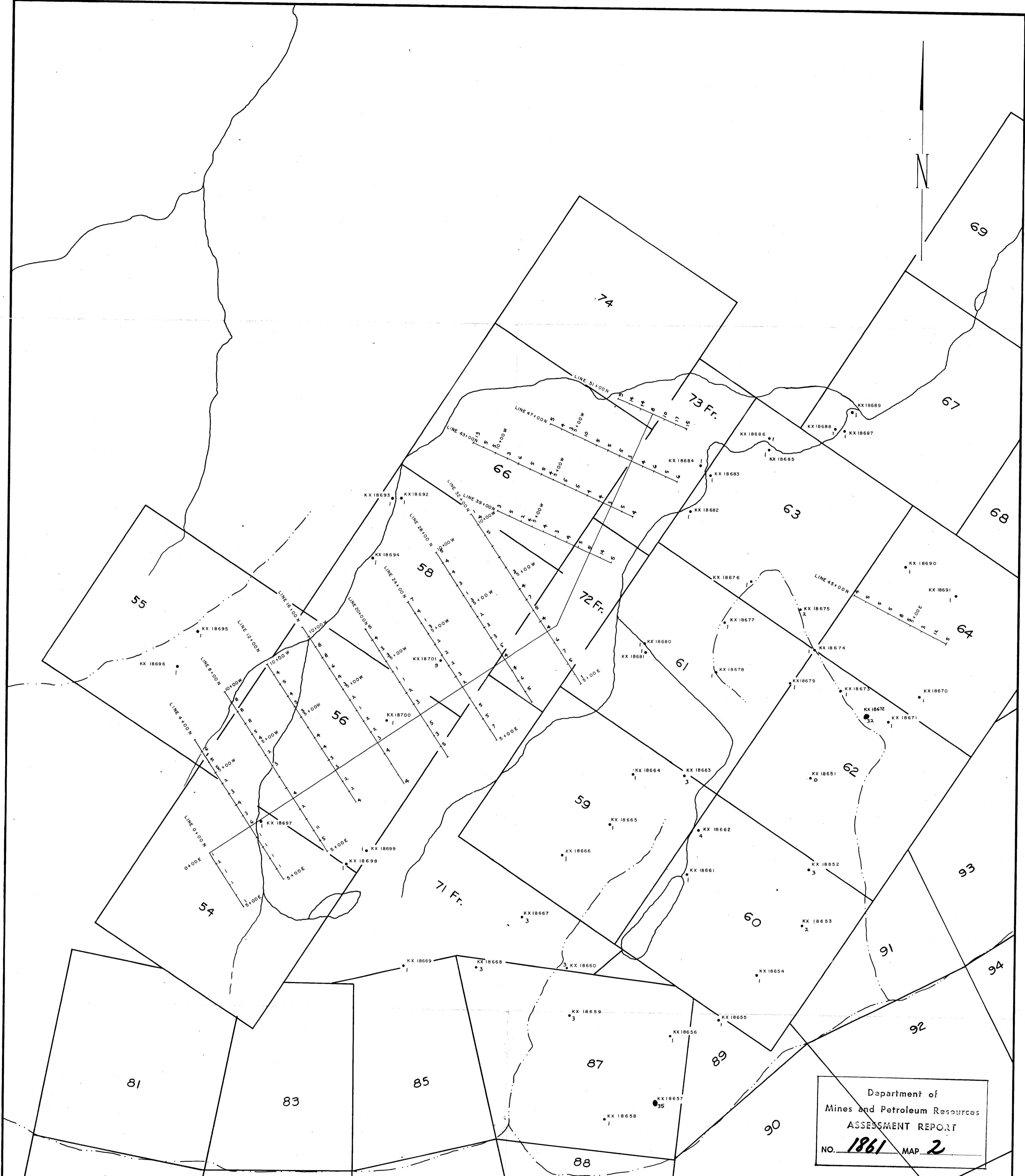
Anomalous Rock 300 ≥ ppm ———

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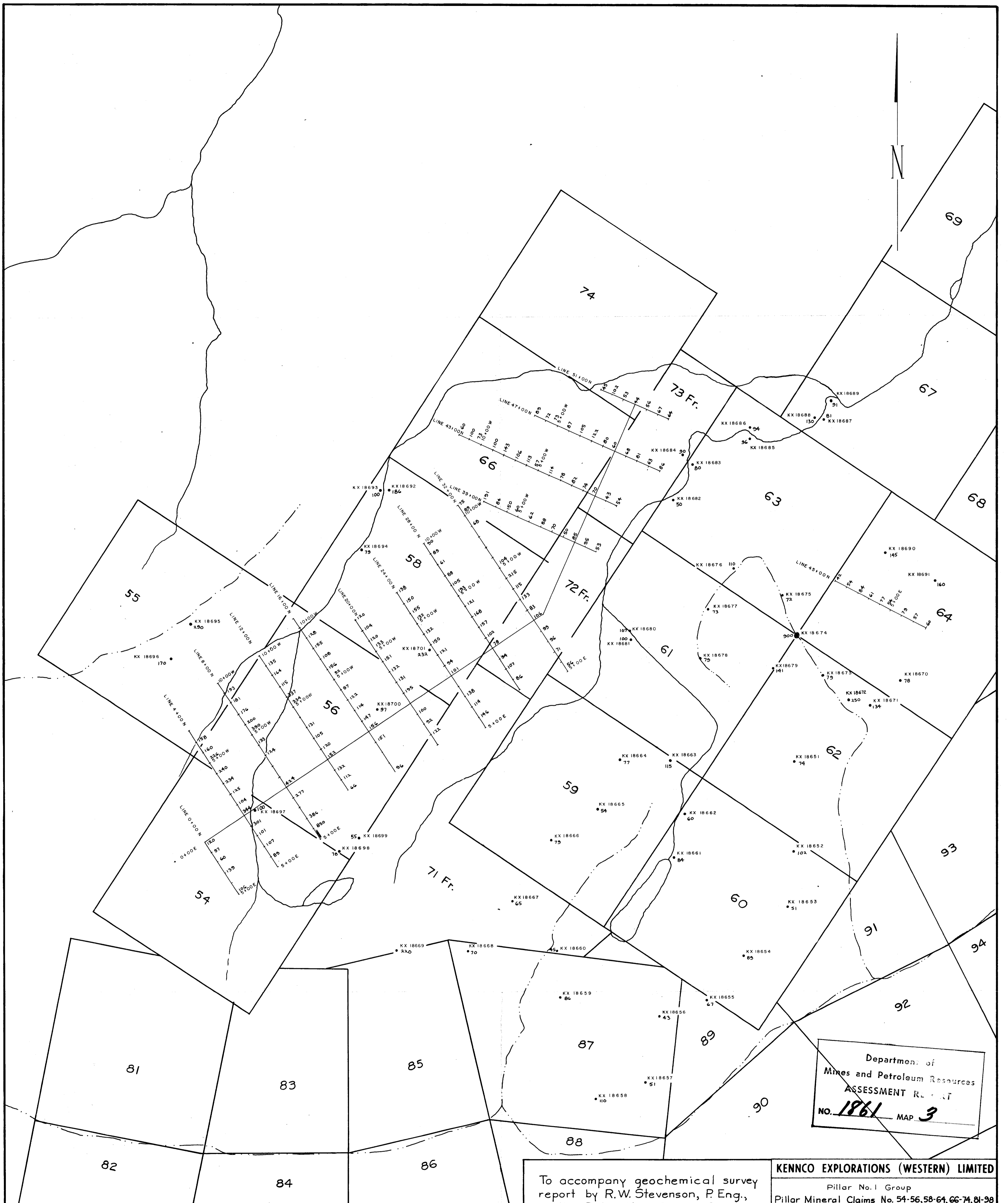
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Soil and Rock Geochemical Survey
Molybdenum in Soil and Rock

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1 inch = 400 feet		

LEGEND

- Soil Sample Site ————
- Weakly Anomalous Soil 15 ppm to 24 ppm ————
- Anomalous Soil 25 ppm ————
- Rock Sample Site ————
- Weakly Anomalous Rock 15 ppm to 24 ppm ————
- Anomalous Rock 25 ppm ————



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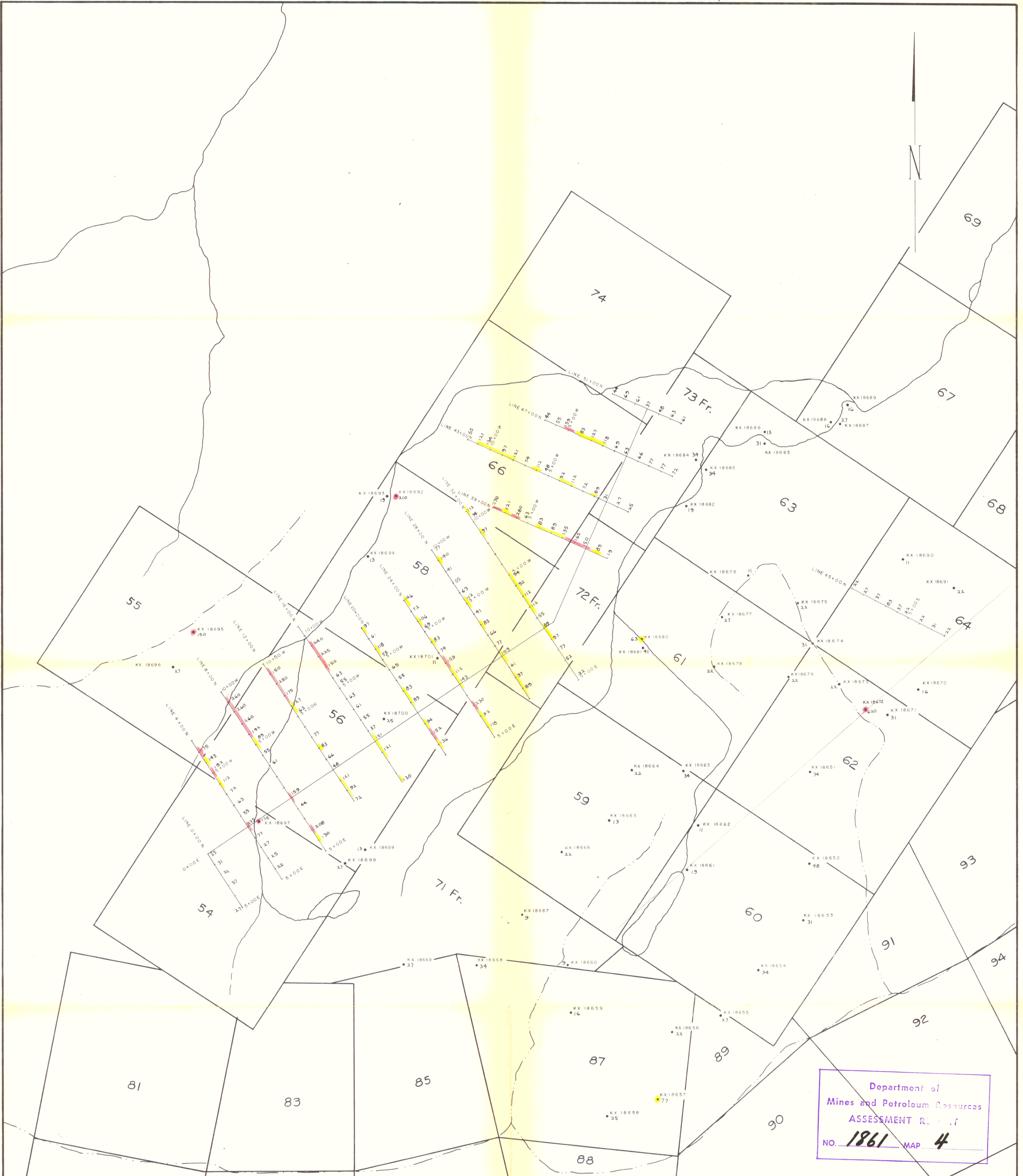
LEGEND	
Soil Sample Site	Rock Sample Site
Weakly Anomalous Soil 300ppm to 599ppm	Weakly Anomalous Rock 200ppm to 599ppm
Anomalous Soil 600 ppm	Anomalous Rock 600 ppm

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Soil and Rock Geochemical Survey Zinc in Soil and Rock		
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LEGEND	
Soil Sample Site	Rock Sample Site
Weakly Anomalous Soil 80 ppm to 149 ppm	Weakly Anomalous Rock 50 ppm to 149 ppm
Anomalous Soil 150 ppm	Anomalous Rock 150 ppm

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Soil and Rock Geochemical Survey Lead in Soil and Rock		
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LEGEND

Soil Sample Site	Rock Sample Site
Weakly Anomalous Soil ppm to ppm	Weakly Anomalous Rock ppm to ppm
Anomalous Soil \geq ppm	Anomalous Rock \geq ppm

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Sample Sites		
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