Site Description

Sarcobatus Flat

(updated 2014)

Geologic setting:

Sarcobatus Flat is located near the Nevada-California border between the Grapevine Mountains and Bullfrog Hills towards the south, and the Slate Range towards the north. The



general area of the Grapevine Mountains is underlain with Tertiary volcanic rocks. Within the southern part of the mountain range, small granite outcrops exists with several other granitic out crops found throughout the area. Other exposed rocks in the area have been identified as dacite, basalt flows, and rhyolitic ash flow tuffs. Several faults exist and are east-west, northeast, and north-south trending (Quade and Tingley, 1984).

Geothermal features:

Warm-water wells are found in Sarcobatus Flat as far north as Scotty's Junction. The groundwater in Sarcobatus Flat has a relatively uniform temperature of 22°C, which is 9°C higher than the average annual air temperature (Malmberg and Eakin, 1962). This anomalous temperature may be due to the deep circulation that most of the groundwater in this area has undergone.

Leasing information:

N/A

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