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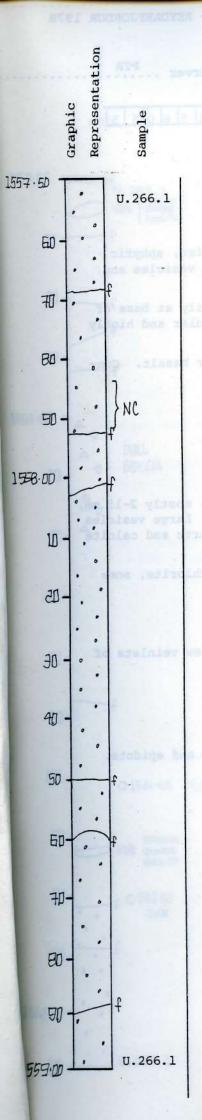
DETAILED CORE LOG VOLUME V

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Observer ....PTH

Depth Interval 1 5 5 7 5 3 cm to 1 5 5 8 9 9 cm

Box 267, Section 1

#### LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.266.1

Grayish-green, moderately altered, moderately to highly vesicular, fine-grained aphyric basalt.

#### STRUCTURE

Massive

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

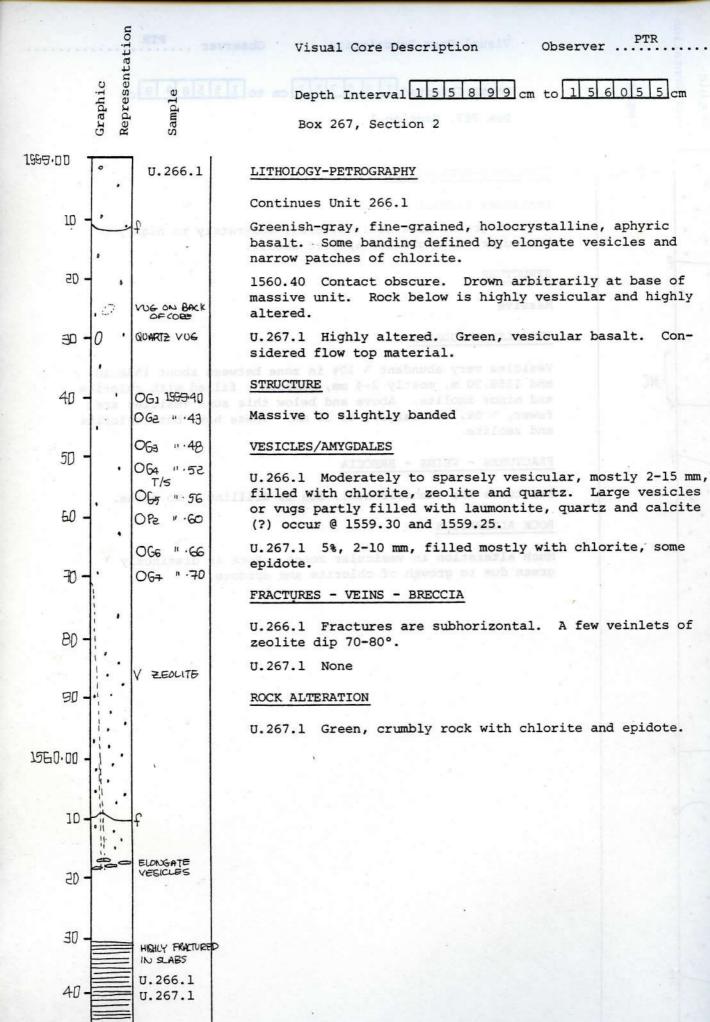
Vesicles very abundant  $^{\circ}$  30% in zone between about 1558.10 and 1558.90 m, mostly 2-4 mm, subround, filled with chlorite and minor zeolite. Above and below this zone vesicles are fewer,  $^{\circ}$  5%, and larger, to 15 mm. These have both chlorite and zeolite.

## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures are subhorizontal, due to drilling. No veins.

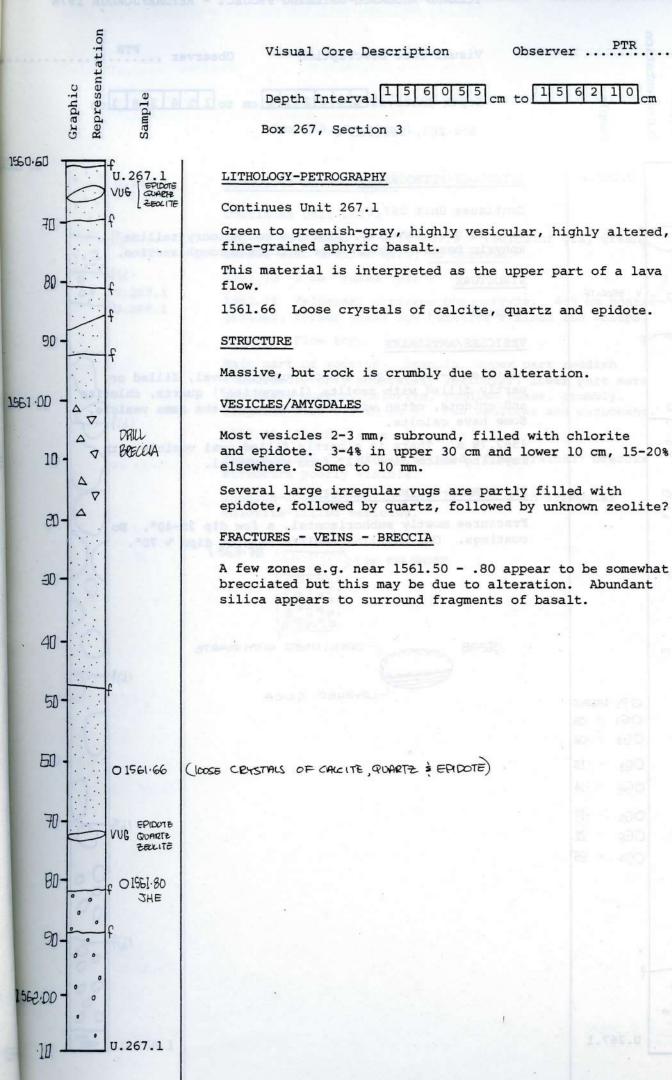
#### ROCK ALTERATION

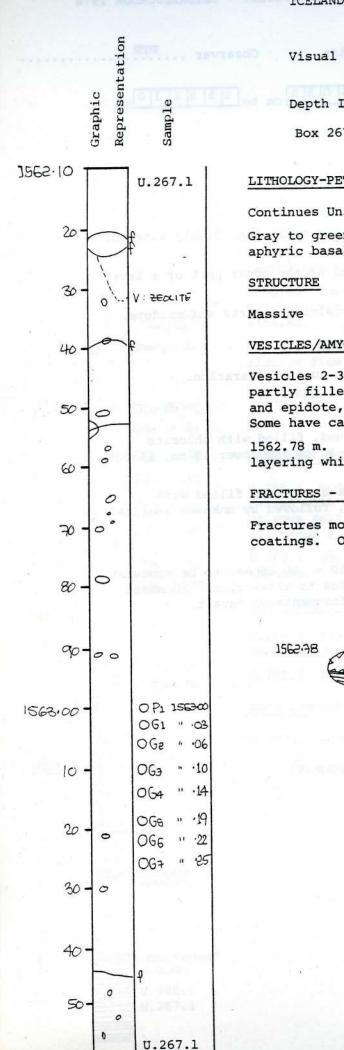
Much alteration in vesicular zones. Rock is distinctly green due to growth of chlorite and epidote.



U.267.1

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Visual Core Description

PTR Observer

Depth Interval 1 5 6 2 1 0 cm to 1 5 6 3 6

Box 267, Section 4

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 267.1

Gray to greenish-gray, fine-grained holocrystalline aphyric basalt. Grain size uniform through section.

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

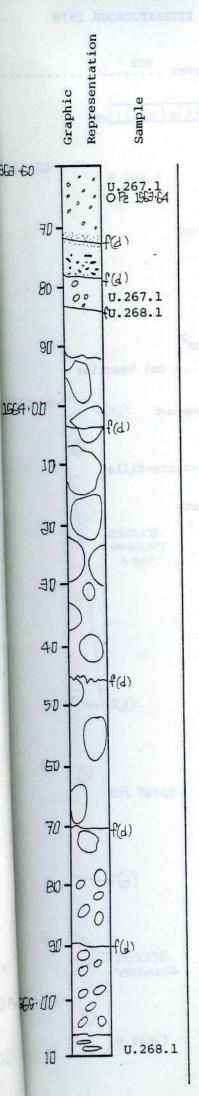
Vesicles 2-3%, large, 1-5 cm, usually oval, filled or partly filled with zeolite (laumontite?) quartz, chlorite and epidote, often with 2 minerals in the same vesicle. Some have calcite.

There is a partly filled oval vesicle with layering which dips ∿ 2° from horizontal.

#### FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures mostly subhorizontal, a few dip 35-40°. No coatings. One hairline zeolite veinlet dips ~ 70°.

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Observer ....

Depth Interval 156363 cm to 156513 cm

Box 268, Section 1

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 267.1

Top 12 cm = base of unit 267.1 - Vesicular gray-green basalt with drilled base, no breccia!

1563.73 5 cm "fused tuff"?

1563.78 feldspar, pyroxene phenocrysts. 4-5 cm coarsegrained, former glass now hematite-stained red whisps.

U.268.1 Flow top.

Main part of section: breccia, upper part reddish (oxidized), only moderately vesicular, lower part more greenish, quartz, chlorite, reddish phase, crumbly. Fragment size 0.5-10 cm  $\phi$ . Few zeolites and carbonate.

1564.45 Crumbly zone

1564.63-1565.05 Highly altered "fine-grained" breccia structure poorly visible.

1565.05-1565.10 Solid part of flow with irregular chlorite-filled vesicles.

1 569.78 1 cm. FINE GRAINED

Observer ....

Depth Interval 1 5 6 5 1 3 cm to 1 5 6 6 6 1 cm

Box 268, Section 2

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.268.1

## STRUCTURE

Top part of flow below top breccia.

## VESICLES/AMYGDALES

1565.24 Highly vesicular = 4.5 vesicles/cm<sup>2</sup>

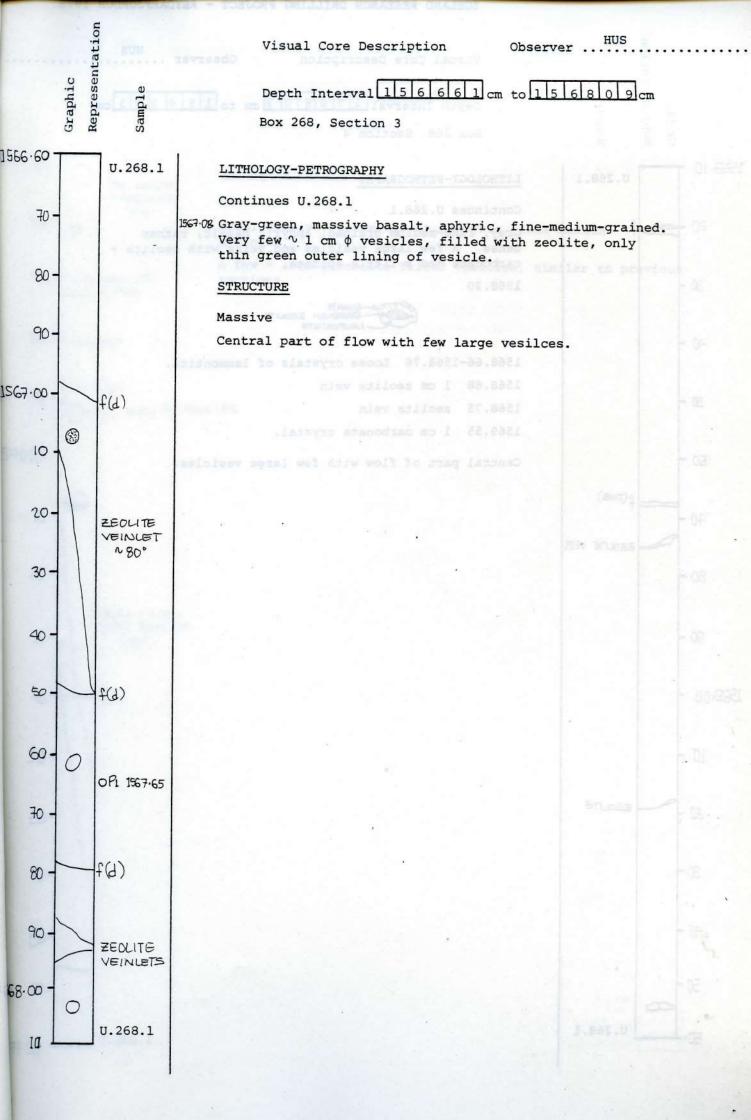
1565.13-1566.10 Many irregular small (- < .5 cm) vesciles filled with chlorite and epidote.

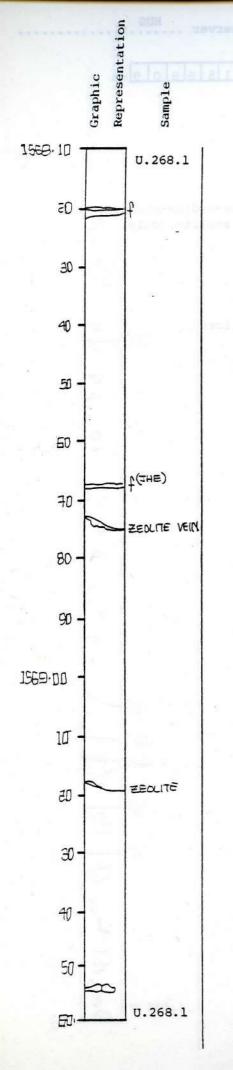
Vesicles generally zoned.

CHURITE CARBONATE

1566.14-1566.60 Fewer, large (1-2 cm  $\varphi)$  zeolite-filled vesicles and few small vesicles.

1566.42 and 1566.56 Irregular vesicle sheets 1566.61 Some partly open vesicles.





Observer ....

Depth Interval 1 5 6 8 0 9 cm to 1 5 6 9 5 3 cm

Box 268, Section 4

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.268.1

Gray, fine-medium grained, aphyric basalt, rather dense. A few large vesicles and veins with zeolite + carbonate and a little epidote.

1568.20



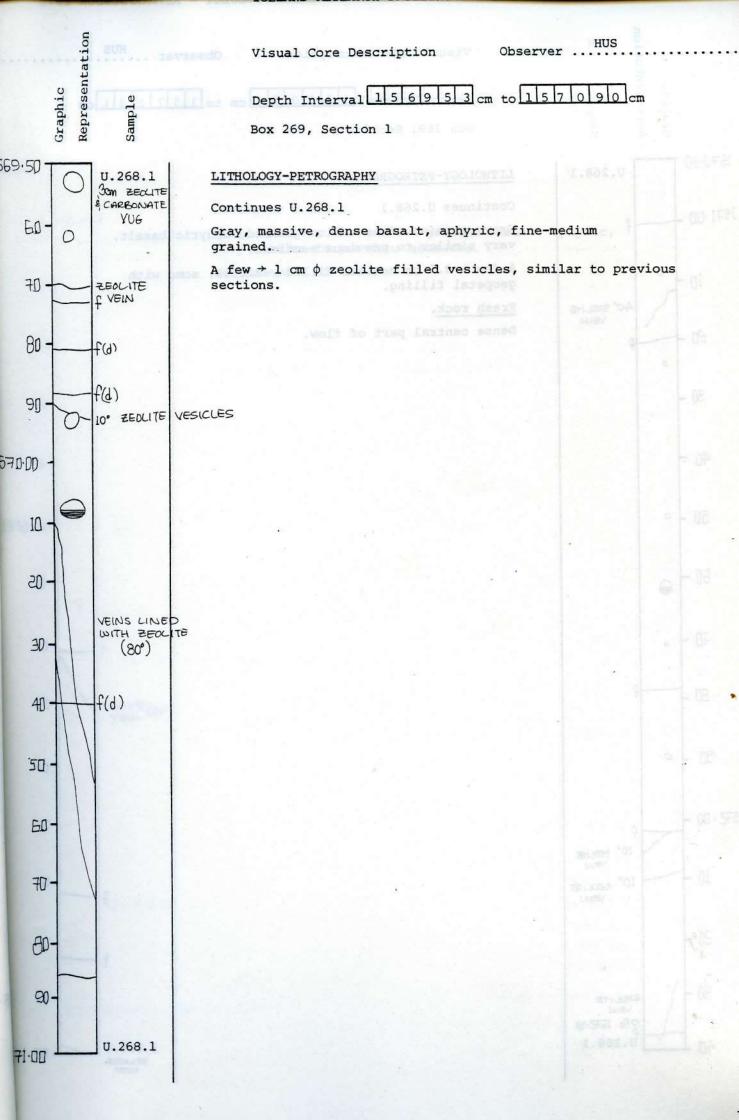
1568.66-1568.76 Loose crystals of laumontite.

1568.68 1 cm zeolite vein

1568.75 zeolite vein

1569.55 1 cm carbonate crystal.

Central part of flow with few large vesicles.



Observer ....

Depth Interval 157090cm to 157241cm

Box 269, Section 2

#### LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

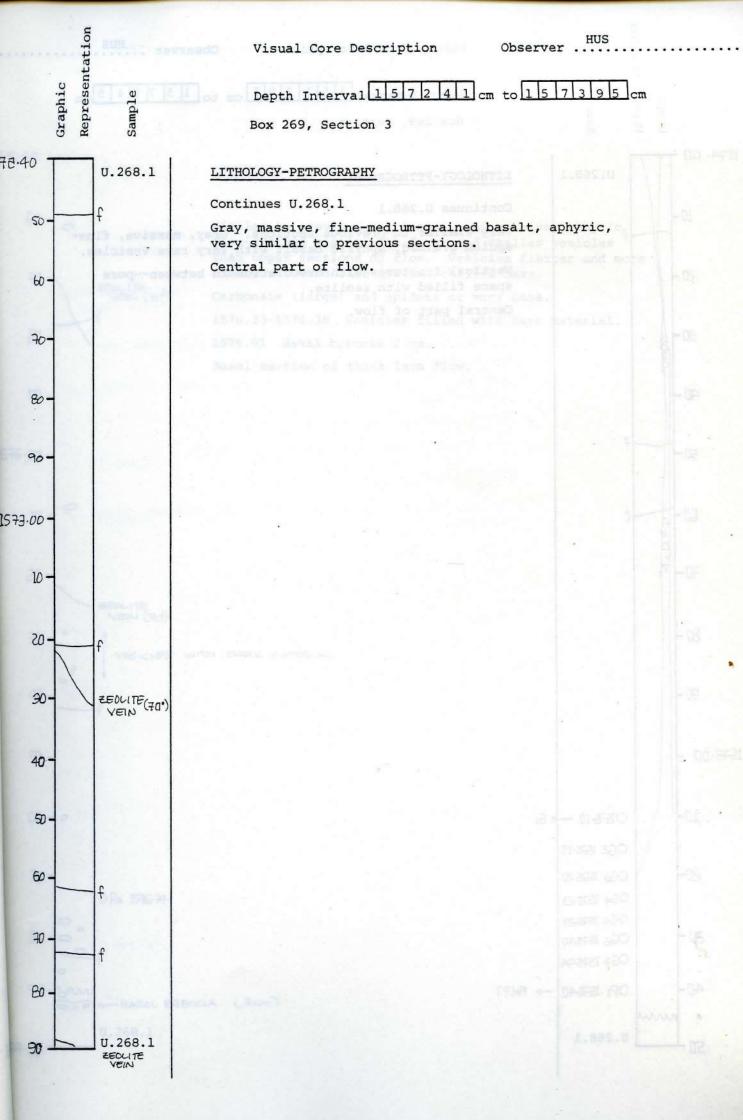
Continues U.268.1

Gray, massive, fine-medium-grained, aphyric basalt, very similar to previous sections.

A few  $^{\circ}$  0.5 cm zeolite filled vesicles, some with geopetal filling.

## Fresh rock.

Dense central part of flow.



Representation

Graphic

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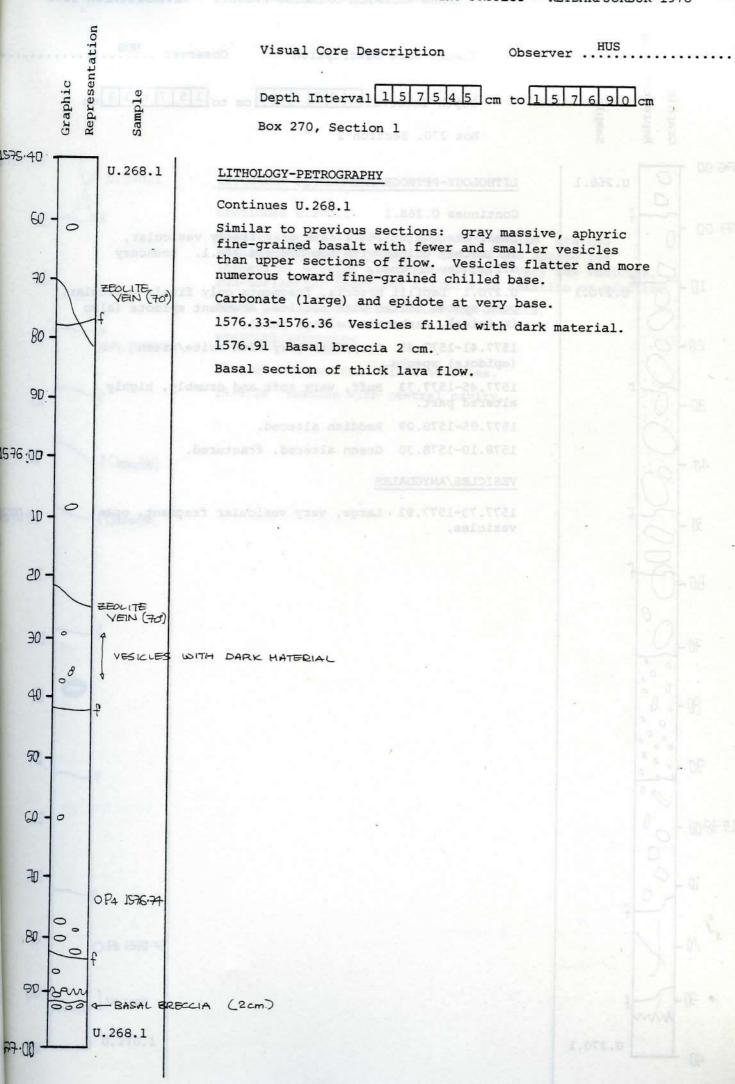
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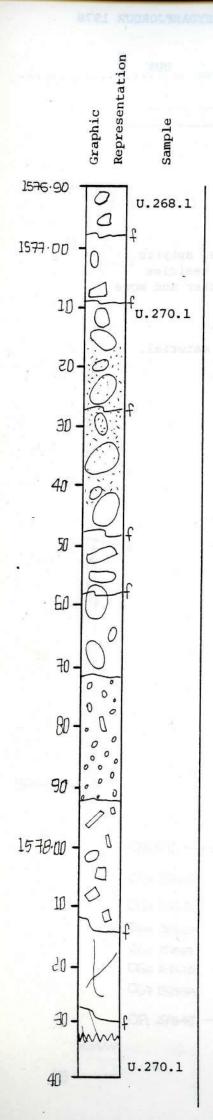
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1575.00





Observer ....

Depth Interval 1 5 7 6 9 0 cm to 1 5 7 8 3 3 cm

Box 270, Section 2

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.268.1

Basal breccia of 268.1 dark gray finely vesicular, intimately united with top breccia 270.1. Boundary difficulty to draw.

U.270.1 Lapilli breccia, fragments only finely vesicular, pore spaces filled with zeolite, abundant epidote (also in veins), carbonate belongs here!

1577.41-1577.45 Gray-dark gray with white/green (epidote) specks.

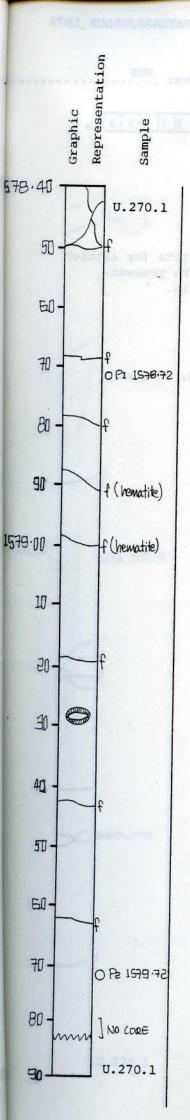
1577.45-1577.73 Buff, very soft and crumbly, highly altered part.

1577.95-1578.09 Reddish altered.

1578.10-1578.30 Green altered, fractured.

## VESICLES/AMYGDALES

1577.73-1577.92 Large, very vesicular fragment, open vesicles.



Observer ...HUS

Depth Interval 1 5 7 8 3 3 cm to 1 5 7 9 8 3 cm

Box 270, Section 3

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

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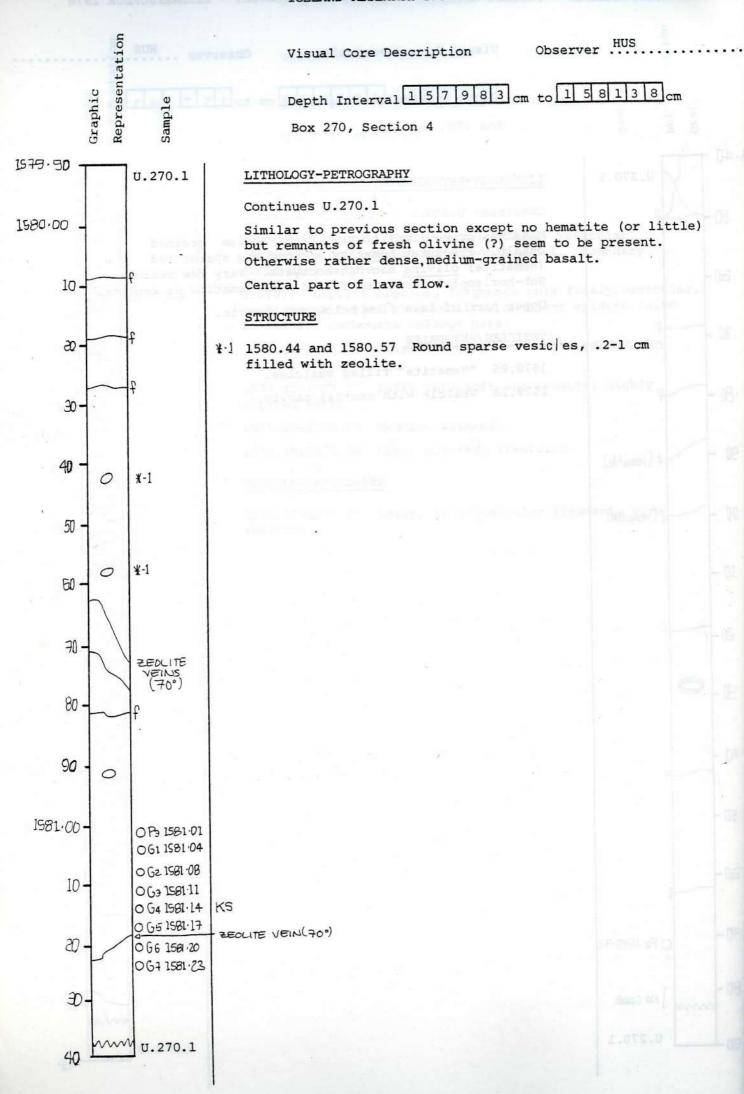
Massive, green (top) to gray, fine-medium grained basalt. Fractures <a href="hematite">hematite</a> stained and sparse red (hematite) <a href="hematite">olivine</a> microphenocrysts. Very few vesicles. Sub-horizontal fractures filled with hematite or zeolite.

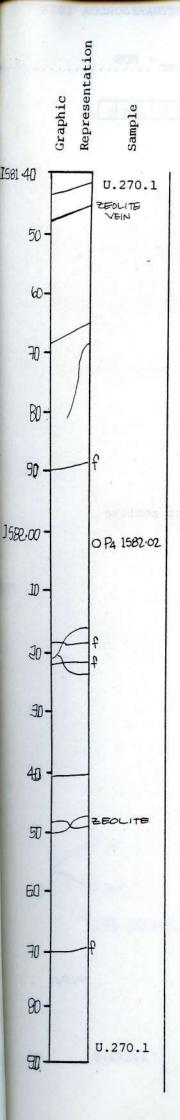
Upper part of lava flow below top breccia.

## VESICLES/AMYGDALES

1578.85 "Hematite" filled vesicles.

1579.28 Vesicle with central cavity.





Observer ....

Depth Interval 1 5 8 1 3 8 cm to 1 5 8 2 9 0 cm

Box 271, Section 1

#### LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.270.1

Gray-green, fine-medium grained, aphyric basalt.

1581.40-1581.42 Zeolites abundant.

1582.19-1582.21 Zeolites abundant

1582.48-1582.50 Zeolites abundant

#### STRUCTURE

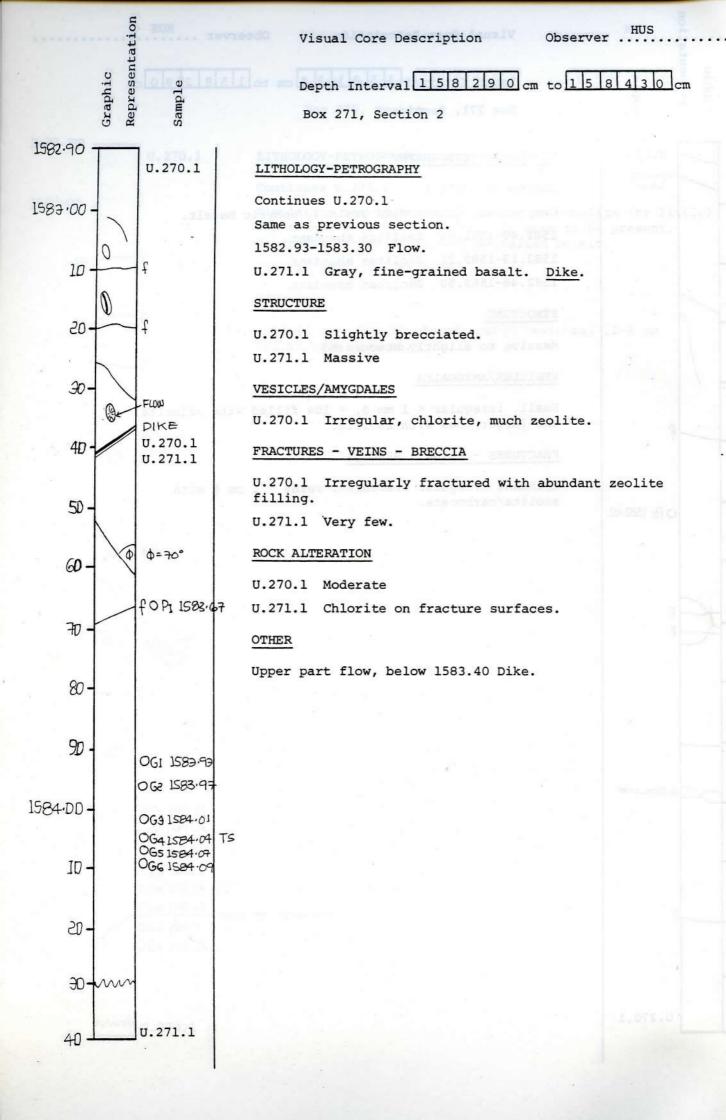
Massive to slightly brecciated

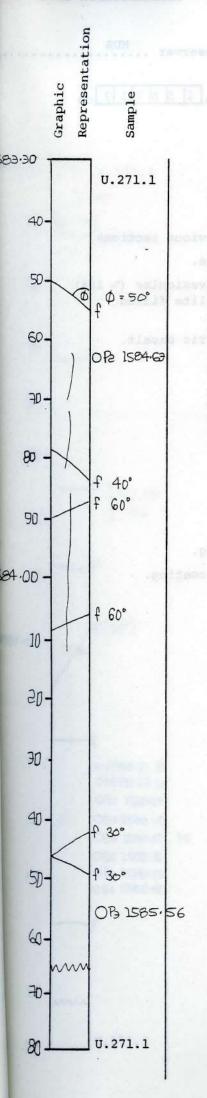
#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

Small, irregular < 1 mm  $\phi$ , < 10% filled with chlorite, the larger ones with zeolite.

## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Abundant irregular fractures, veins  $\rightarrow$  1 cm  $\phi$  with zeolite/carbonate.





Observer .....

Depth Interval 1 5 8 3 3 0 cm to 1 5 8 5 6 5 cm

Box 271, Section 3

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.271.1

Similar to previous section. Grain size increasing from previous section.

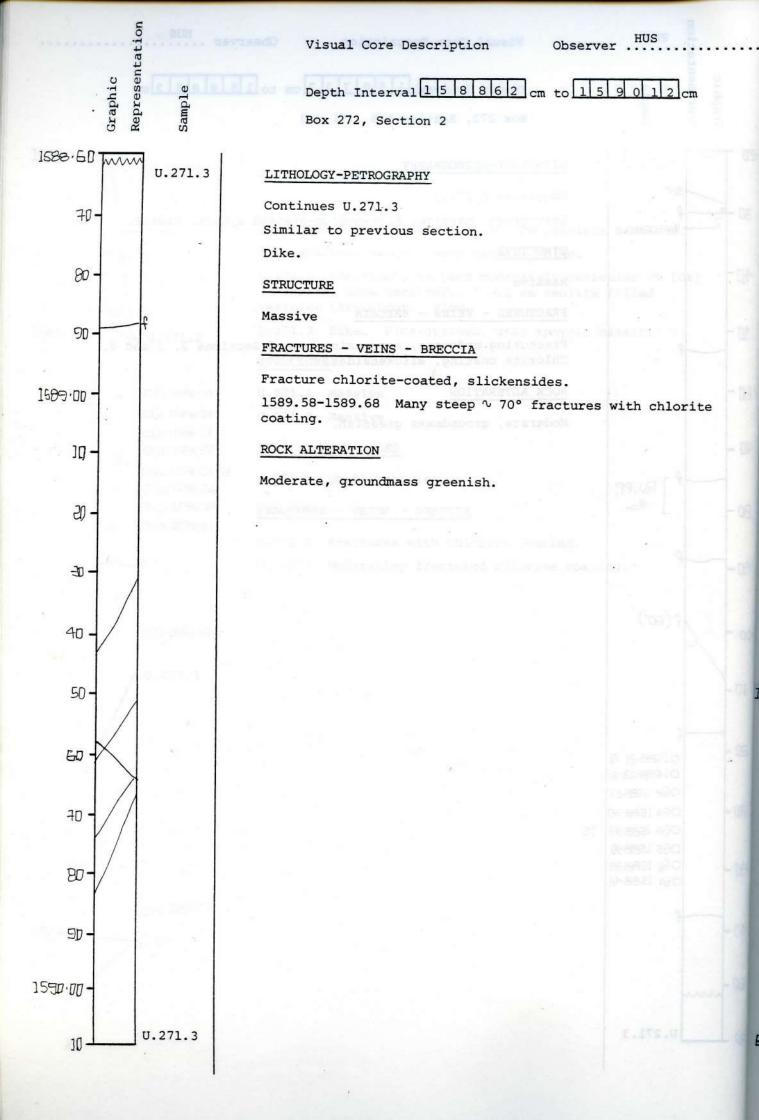
#### STRUCTURE

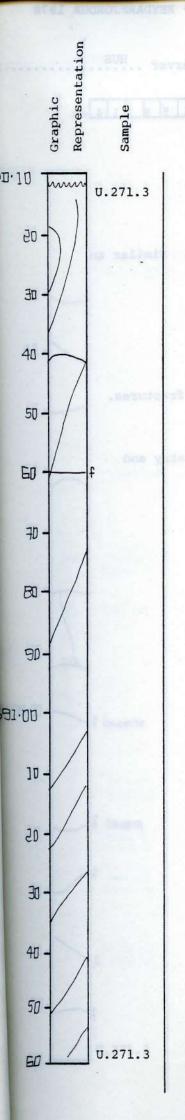
Massive. Dike.

#### FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Chlorite coated steep fractures, increasing from previous section. Some very thin zeolite (?) filled irregular fractures.

Representation Visual Core Description Observer Depth Interval 1 5 8 7 1 7 cm to 1 5 8 Graphic Sample Box 272, Section 1 05.58 U.271.3 LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY 50° Continues U.271.3 OE. Gray-green, massive, fine-medium-grained aphyric basalt. INCLUSION STRUCTURE 40. Massive FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA 50. Fracturing moderate, increasing toward Sections 2, 3 and 4. Chlorite coating, slickensides. ROCK ALTERATION 田. Moderate, groundmass greenish. 70 . RU, PP 8cm 80. 90. f (60°) 88.00 10. 20 01588.21 B 01588:23 61 OG2 1588-27 JD OG = 1589.30 OG4 1588.33 OG5 158896 066 1588-39 40 067 158842 50 60 U.271.3





Visual Core Description Observer .....

Depth Interval 1 5 9 0 1 2 cm to 1 5 9 1 6 0 cm

Box 272, Section 3

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.271.3

Similar to previous section

## STRUCTURE

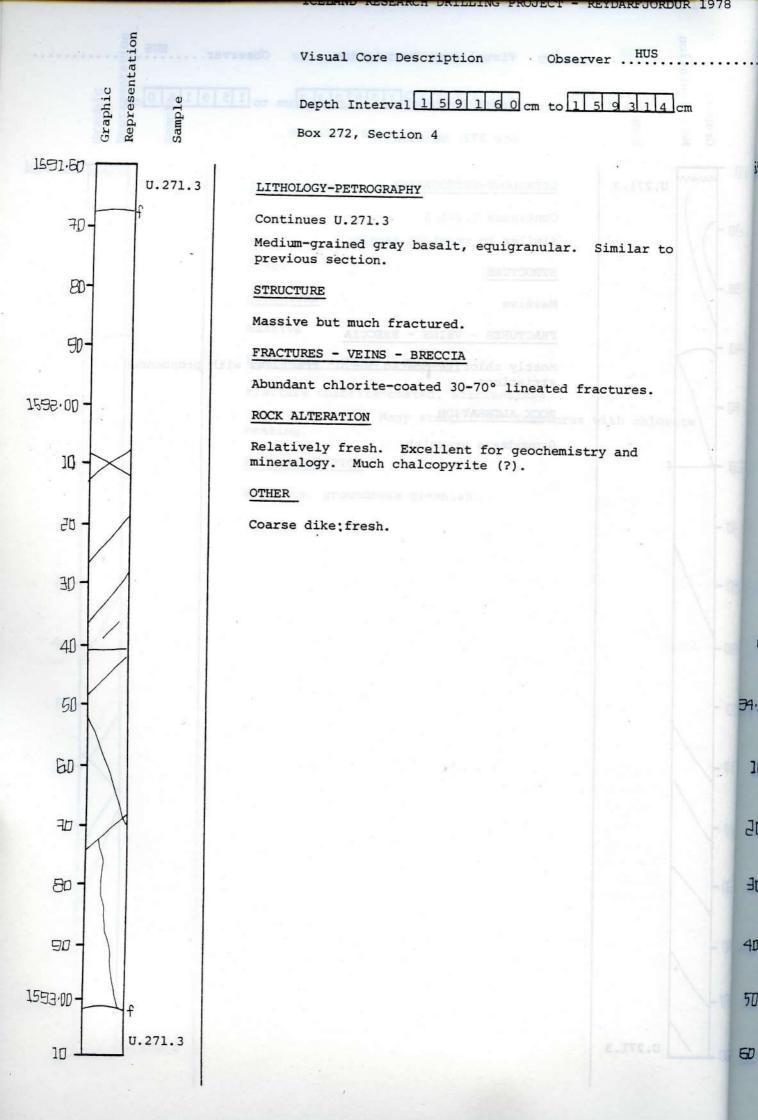
Massive

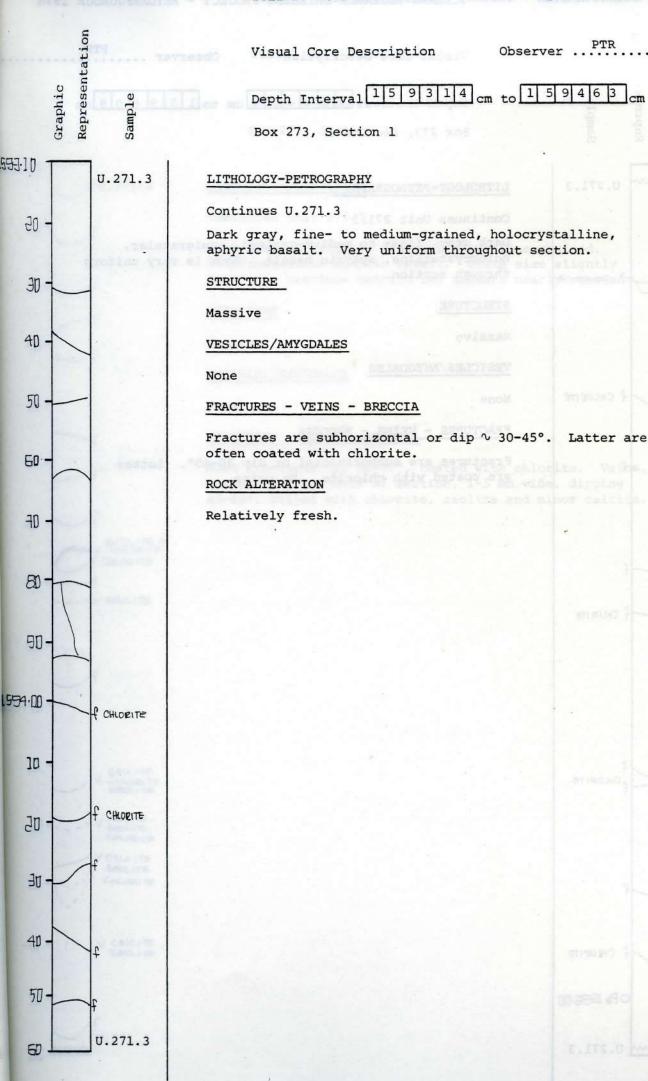
## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

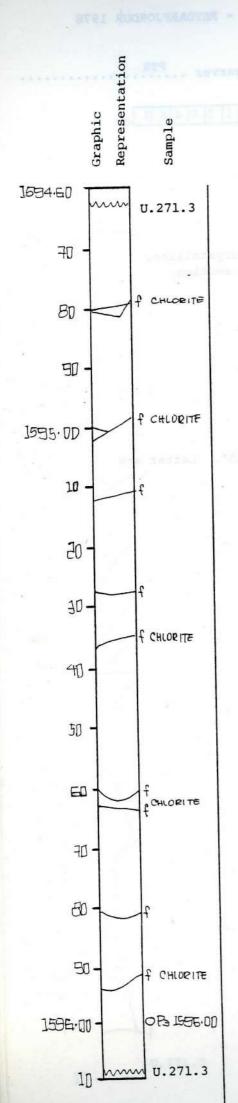
Mostly chlorite-coated 50-70° fractures with pronounced striations.

## ROCK ALTERATION

Groundmass greenish.







Observer .....PTR

Depth Interval 1 5 9 4 6 3 cm to 1 5 9 6 0 9 cm

Box 273, Section 2

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 271.3

Dark gray, fine- to medium-grained, equigranular, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt. Rock is very uniform through section.

## STRUCTURE

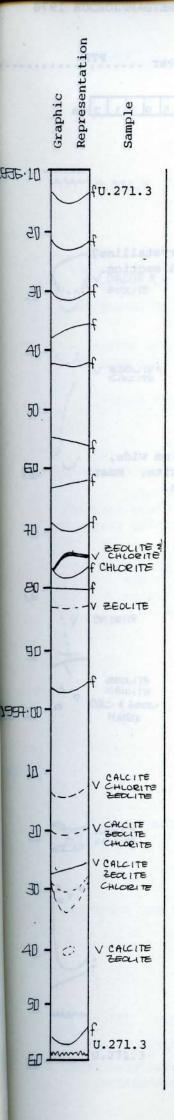
Massive

## VESICLES/AMYGDALES

None

# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures are subhorizontal or dip 30-45°. Latter are coated with chlorite. No veins.



Observer ....PTR

Depth Interval 1 5 9 6 0 9 cm to 1 5 9 7 5 9 cm

Box 273, Section 3

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 271.3

Dark gray to slightly greenish-gray, fine-grained, holocrystalline aphyric basalt. Grain size slightly less than previous section but appears nearly constant.

#### STRUCTURE

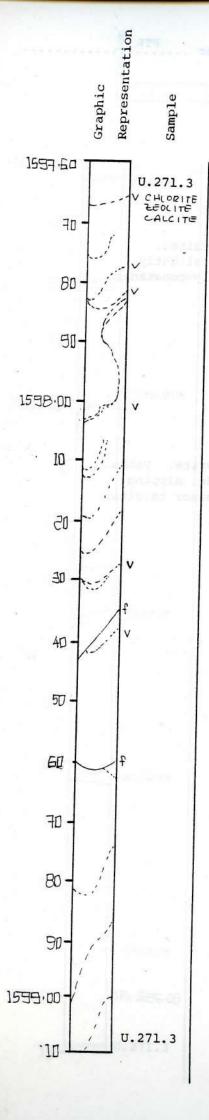
Massive

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

None

## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Most fractures dip 30-50°, coated with chlorite. Veins common in lower half of section, 1-5 mm wide, dipping 45-60°, filled with chlorite, zeolite and minor calcite.



Observer ....PTR

Depth Interval 1 5 9 7 5 9 cm to 1 5 9 9 1 2 cm

Box 273, Section 4

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 271.3

Gray to greenish-gray, fine-grained, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt. Grain size uniform through section.

## STRUCTURE

Massive

# VESICLES/AMYGDALES

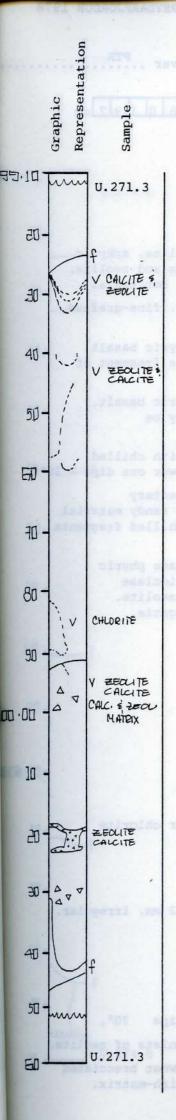
None

# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Numerous veins and veinlets, hairline to 1 cm wide, filled with chlorite, zeolite and some calcite. Most dip 60-80° and many have parallel fractures.

## ROCK ALTERATION

Slight except in veins.



Observer PTR

Depth Interval 159912 cm to 160051 cm

Box 274, Section 1

#### LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 271.3

Faintly greenish-gray, fine-grained, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt. Grain size decreases slightly toward bottom of section.

#### STRUCTURE

Mostly massive, but minor breccia at 1600.05 and 1600.27.

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

None

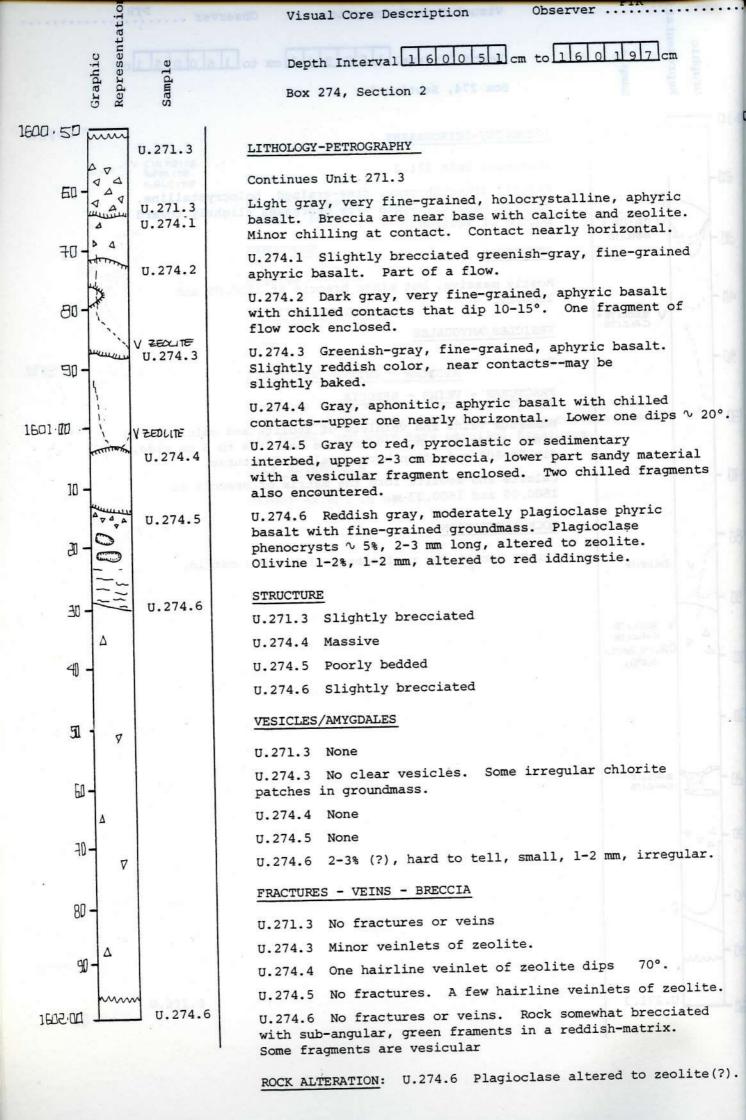
#### FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

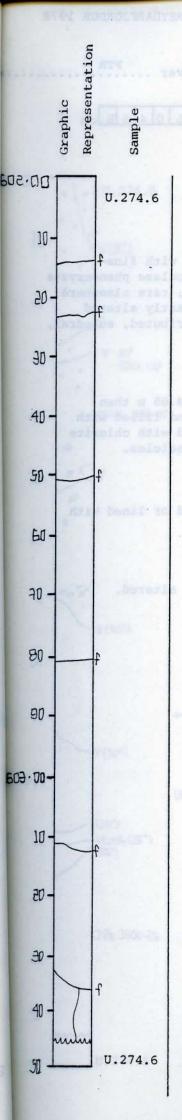
Numerous veins and veinlets of zeolite and calcite with minor chlorite. Most veins are hairline to 5 mm wide, dip 70-80° and often have parallel fractures.

Calcite and zeolite form the matrix of breccia at 1600.05 and 1600.27 m.

#### ROCK ALTERATION

Slight except for replacement of breccia matrix.





Observer ...PTR

Depth Interval 160197 cm to 160346 cm

Box 274, Section 3

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues Unit 274.6

Green, to grayish-green at base, moderately porphyritic basalt with fine-grained, holocrystalline groundmass. Olivine phenocrysts 1-2%, 1-2 mm, euhedral, altered to chlorite. Plagioclase phenocrysts  $\sim$  5%, 1-4 mm, subhedral, replaced by zeolite (?). Rock is fairly pervasively altered with much epidote. Rock appears slightly brecciated.

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

3-4%, 1-2 mm, subround, filled with chlorite and some epidote. A few clasts more vesicular.

## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures subhorizontal, due to drilling. No veins

Observer ....PTR

Depth Interval 1 6 0 3 4 6 cm to 1 6 0 4 9 8 cm

Box 274, Section 4

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.274.6

Greenish-gray, sparsely porphyritic basalt with fine-grained holocrystalline groundmass. Plagioclase phenocrysts ∿ 5% in zone between 1604.10 and 1604.65 m, rare elsewhere. These are 2-5 mm, subhedral to euhedral, partly altered to zeolite? olivine 1-2%, more evenly distributed, euhedral, altered to chlorite.

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

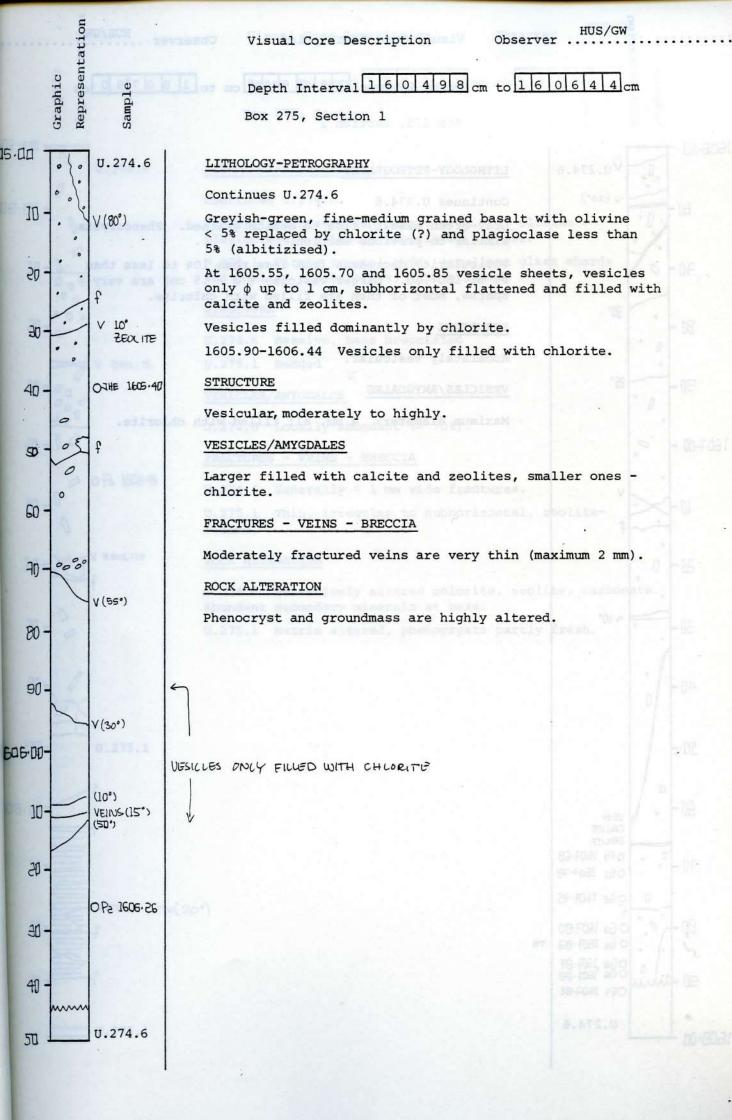
2-3% in upper part of section to about 1604.65 m then 7-8% below that, upper ones 2-3 mm, subround filled with chlorite. Others 4-40 mm, elongate, filled with chlorite and quartz slight alignment of flattened vesicles.

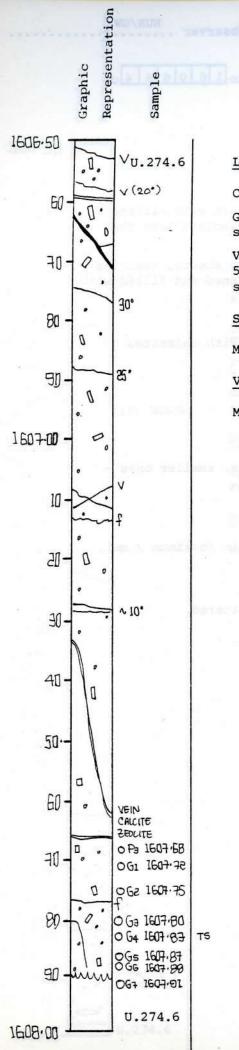
## FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Sparse fractures and veins dip  $^{\circ}$  70° filled or lined with zeolite.

#### ROCK ALTERATION

Phenocrysts are altered, groundmass weakly altered.





Observer HUS/GV

Depth Interval 1 6 0 6 4 4 cm to 1 6 0 7 9 0 cm

Box 275, Section 2

## LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.274.6

Grey-green basalt, fine to medium grained. Phenocrysts similar to previous section.

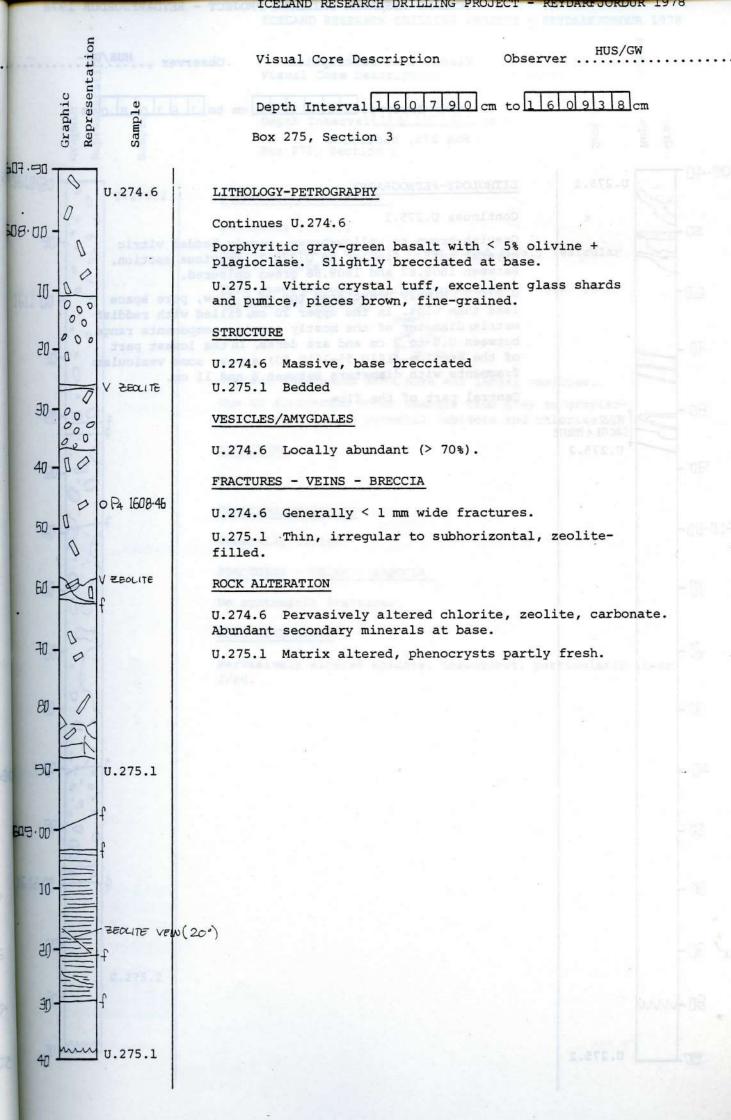
Vesicularity decreases from less than 10% to less than 5% of 1607.30. Larger vesicles (  $\phi$  > .5 cm) are very sparse, most of them are filled with chlorite.

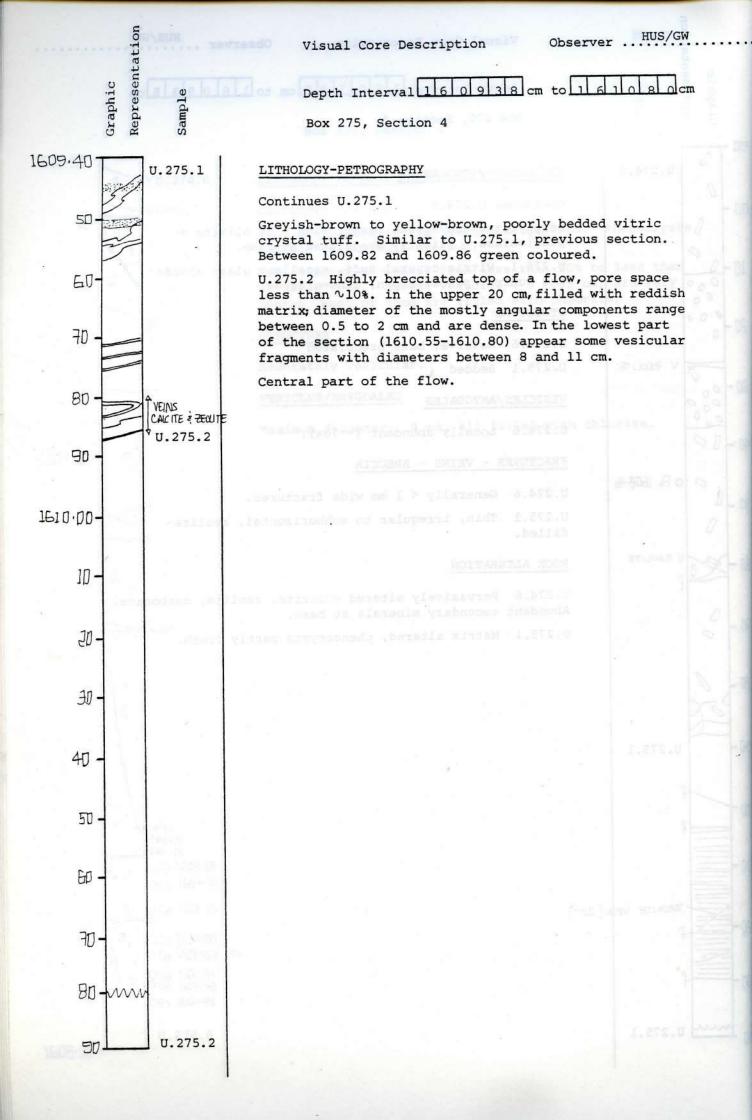
#### STRUCTURE

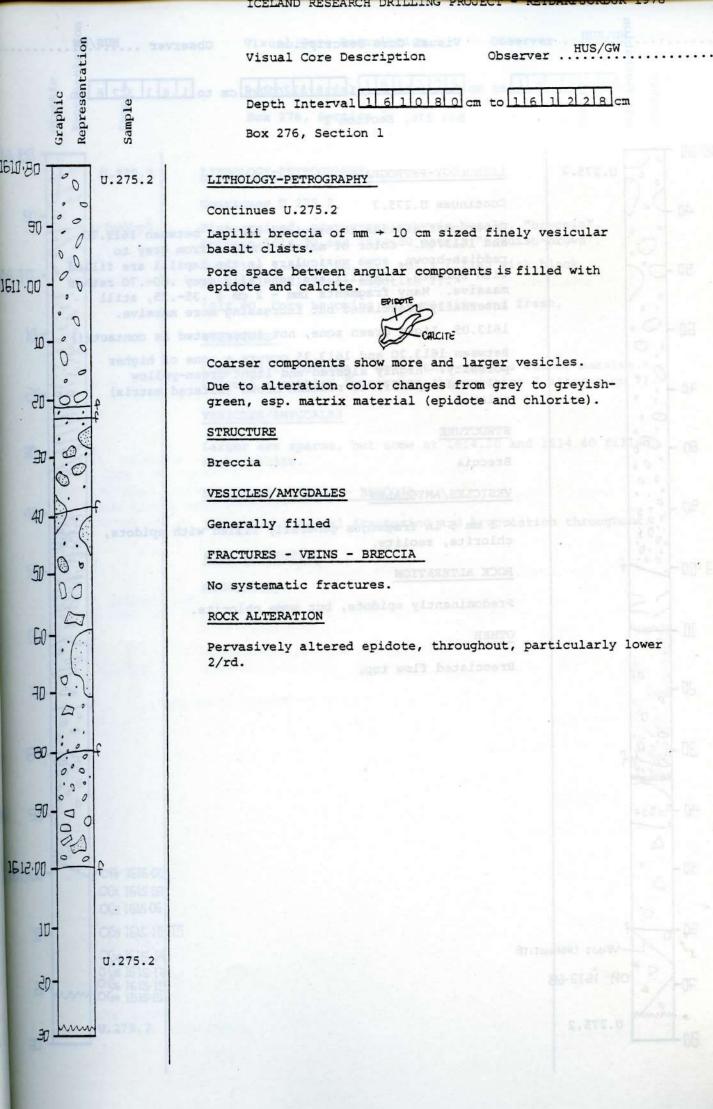
Moderately vesicular.

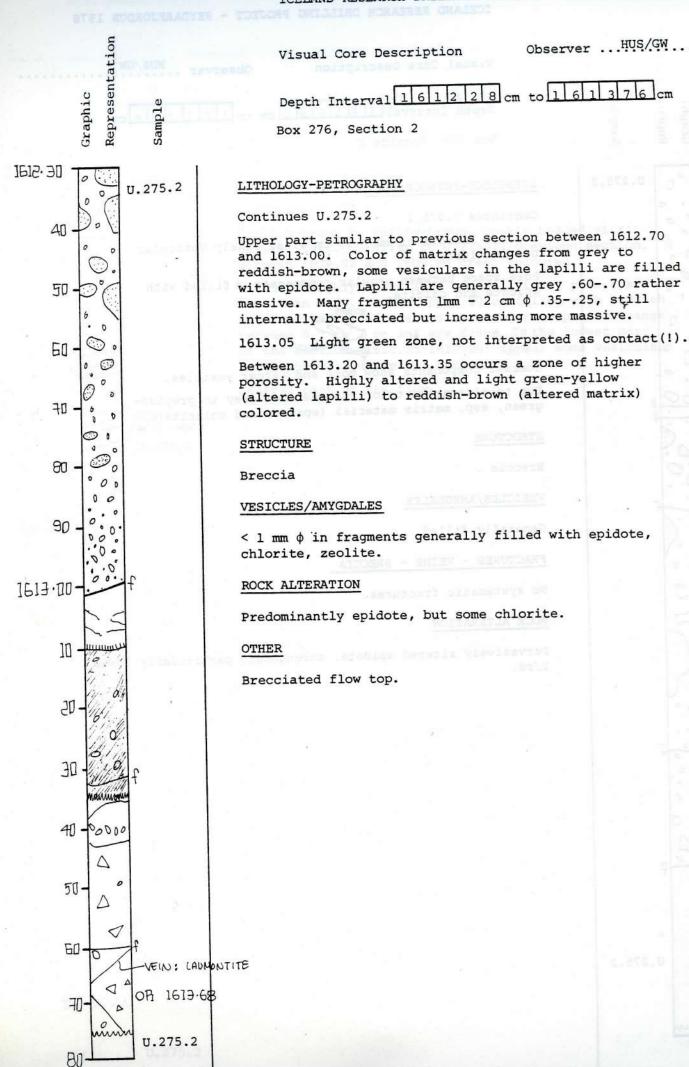
#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

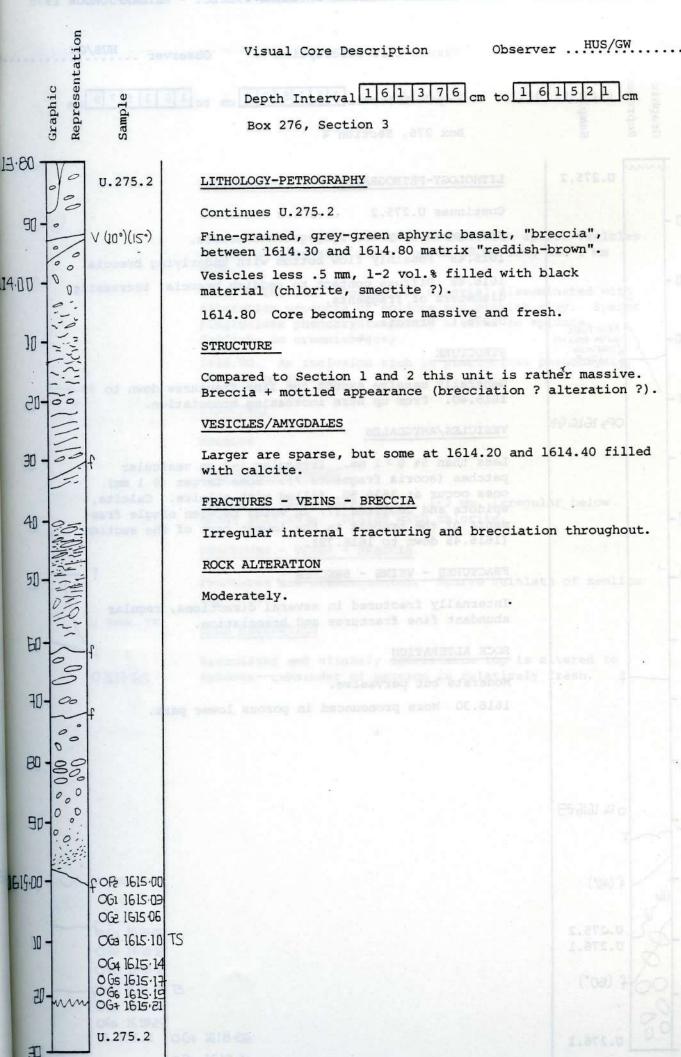
Maximum diameter: 4 mm, all filled with chlorite.

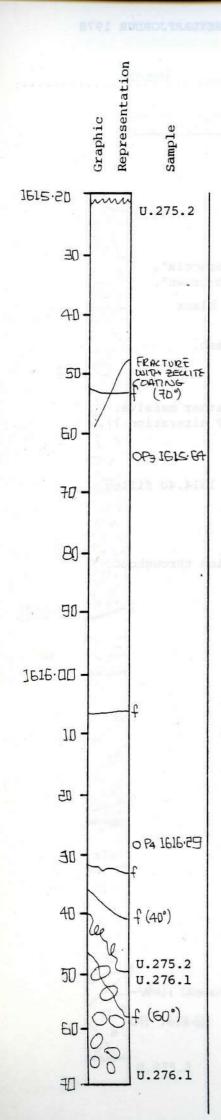












Observer ...HUS/GW

Depth Interval 1 6 1 5 2 1 cm to 1 6 1 6 7 9 cm

Box 276, Section 4

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.275.2

Grey-green aphyric, fine-grained basalt.

1616.48 Possibly flow bottom with underlying breccia.

1616.48 Diffuse contact to reddish breccia, increasing diameters of fragments.

U.276.1 Breccia

## STRUCTURE

Generally massive except for fine fractures down to 1616.40. From up here increasing brecciation.

#### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

Less than  $5\% \ \phi > 1$  mm. Irregular 1-2 cm vesicular patches (scoria fragments?). Some larger ( $\phi$  1 mm) ones occur at 1616.50, filled with calcite. Calcite, epidote and zeolites (?) in voids between single fragments of the breccia in the lowest part of the section (1616.45 down to 1616.79).

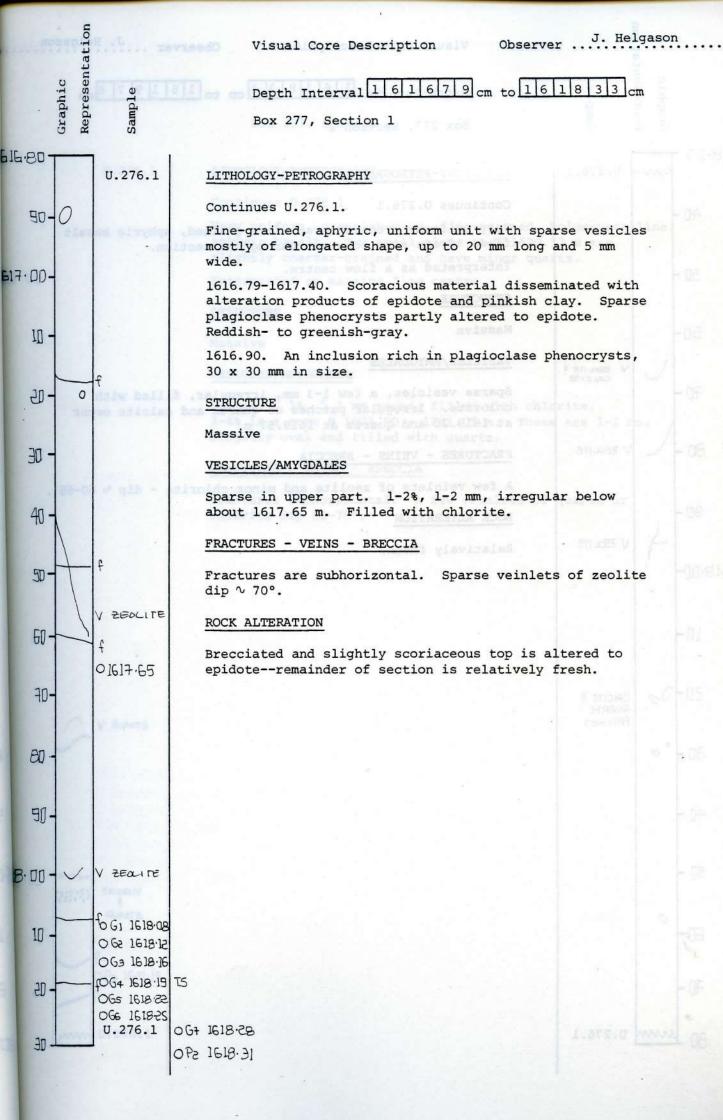
#### FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

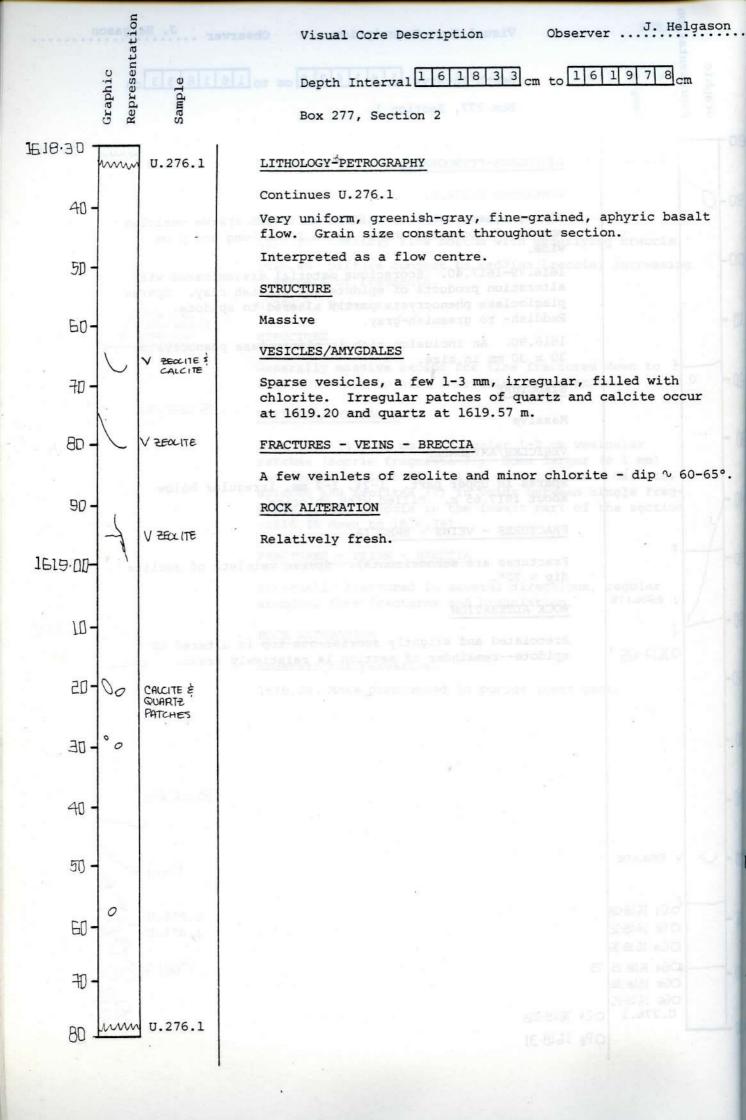
Internally fractured in several directions, regular abundant fine fractures and brecciation.

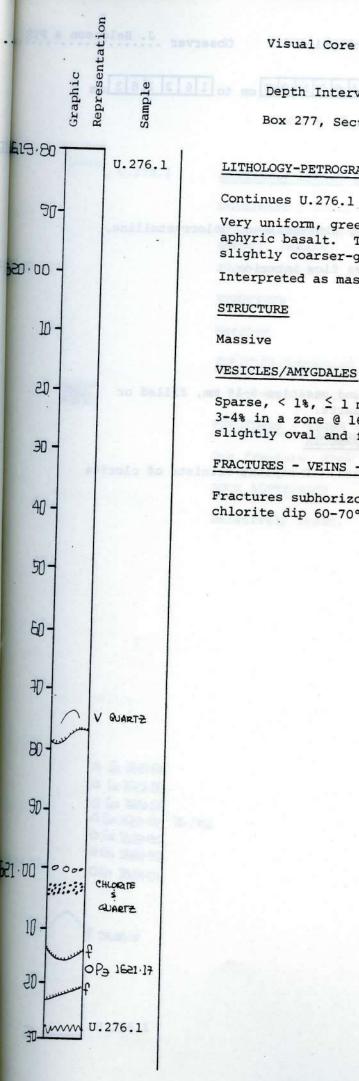
#### ROCK ALTERATION

Moderate but pervasive.

1616.30 More pronounced in porous lower part.







J. Helgason Observer

6 1 9 7 8 cm to 1 6 Depth Interval 1

Box 277, Section 3

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

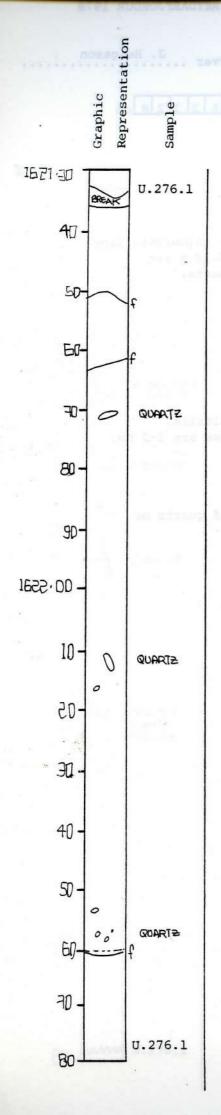
Very uniform, greenish-gray, fine-grained, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt. Two small clots at ∿ 1620.13 m are slightly coarser-grained and have minor quartz.

Interpreted as massive flow centre.

Sparse, < 1%, ≤ 1 mm round, filled with chlorite. 3-4% in a zone @ 1621.00 - 1621.05 m. These are 1-2 mm, slightly oval and filled with quartz.

# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures subhorizontal. A few veinlets of quartz or chlorite dip 60-70°.



Observer J. Helgason & P

Depth Interval 162128cm to 162283 cm

Box 277, Section 4

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.276.1

Unoform greenish-gray, fine-grained, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt.

Interpreted as massive flow interior.

# STRUCTURE

Massive

# VESICLES/AMYGDALES

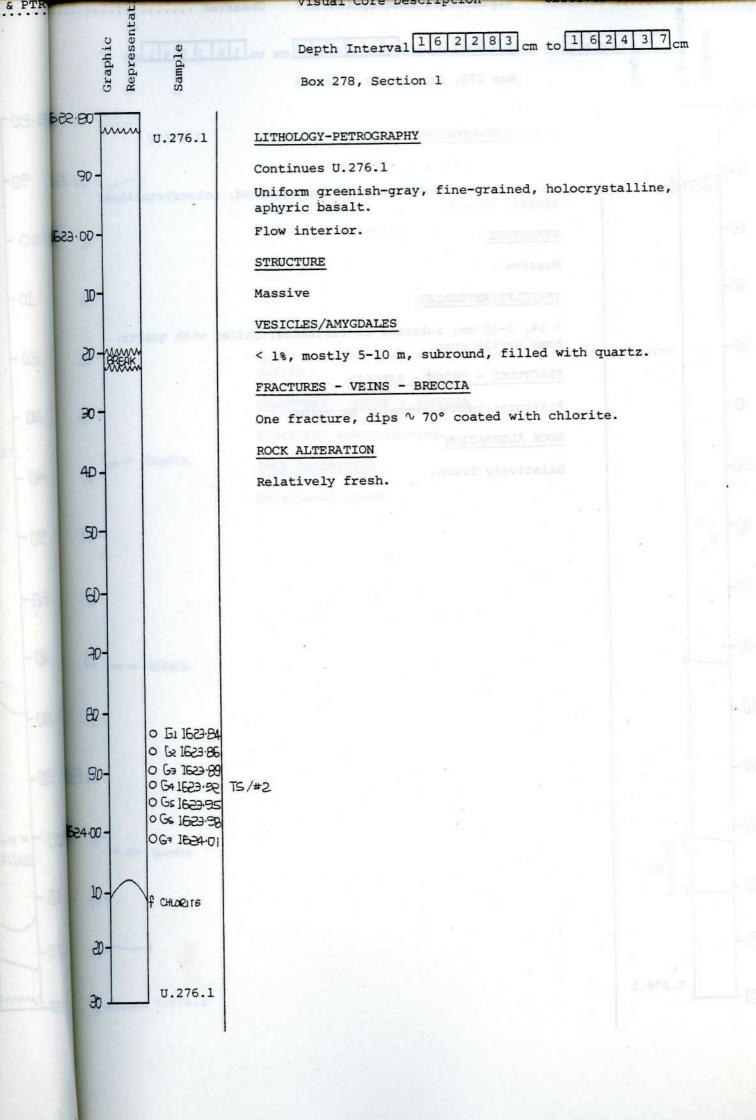
Sparse. A few subround vesicles 5-15 mm, filled or partly filled with quartz.

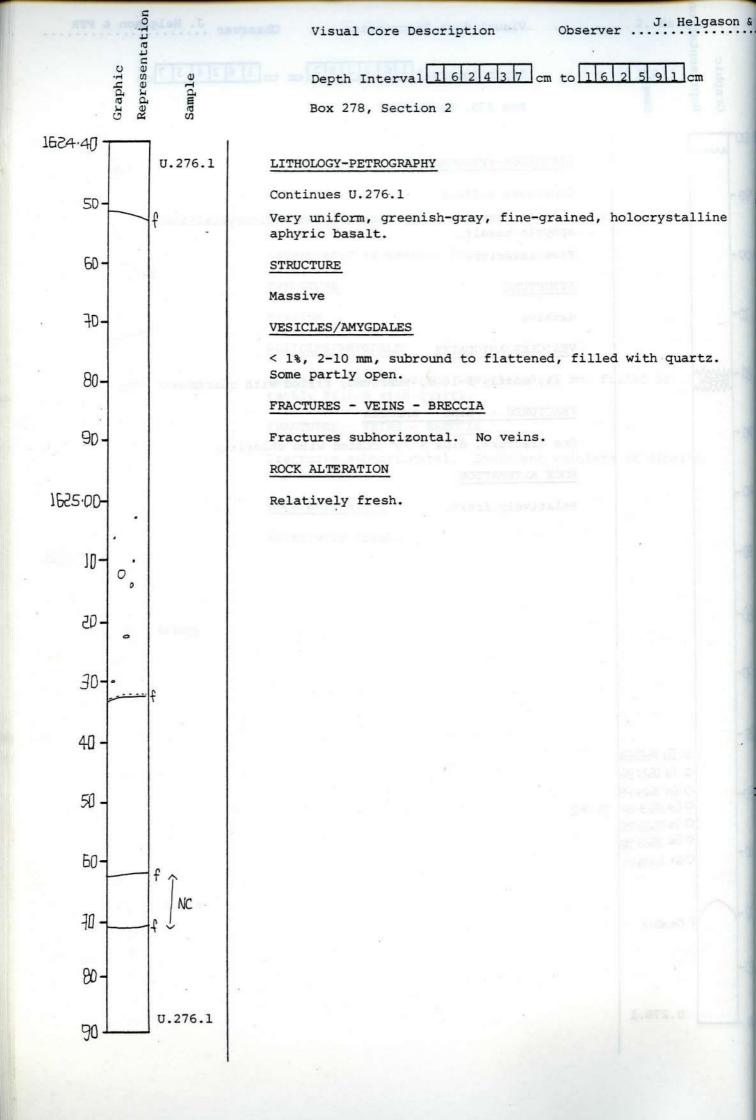
# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Fractures subhorizontal. Incipient veinlets of clorite dip 60-70°.

# ROCK ALTERATION

Relatively fresh.

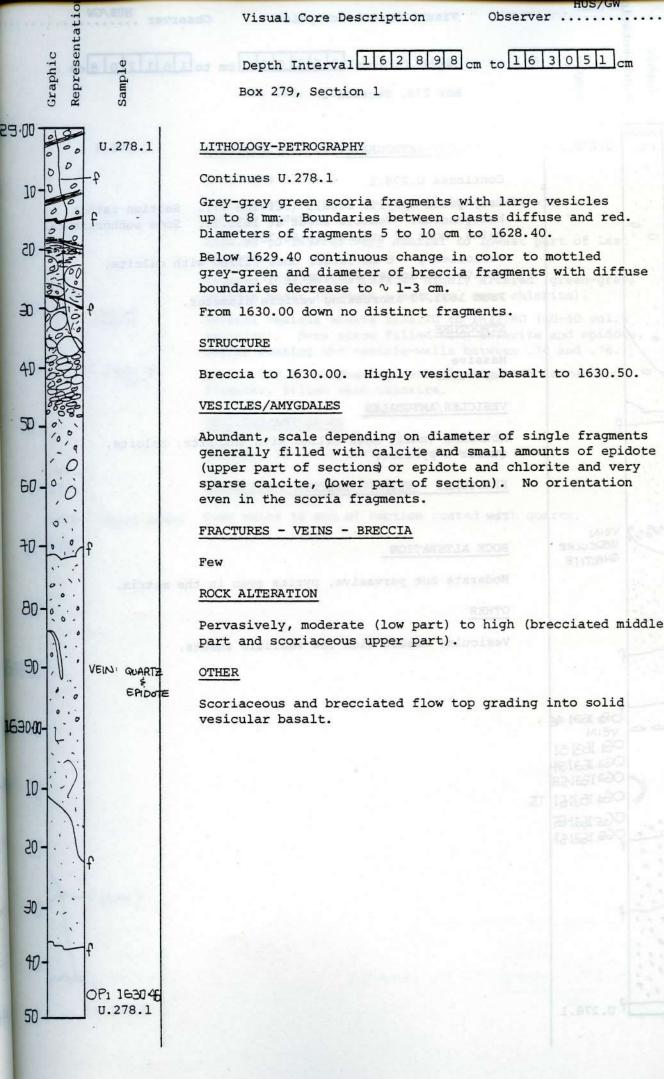


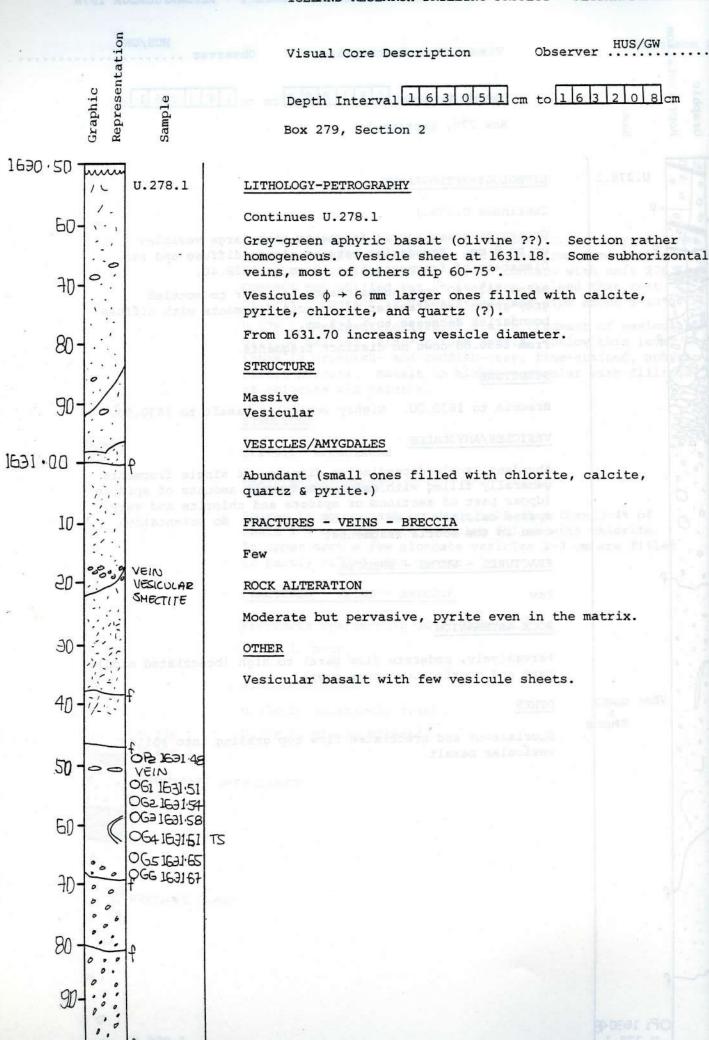


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U.276.1

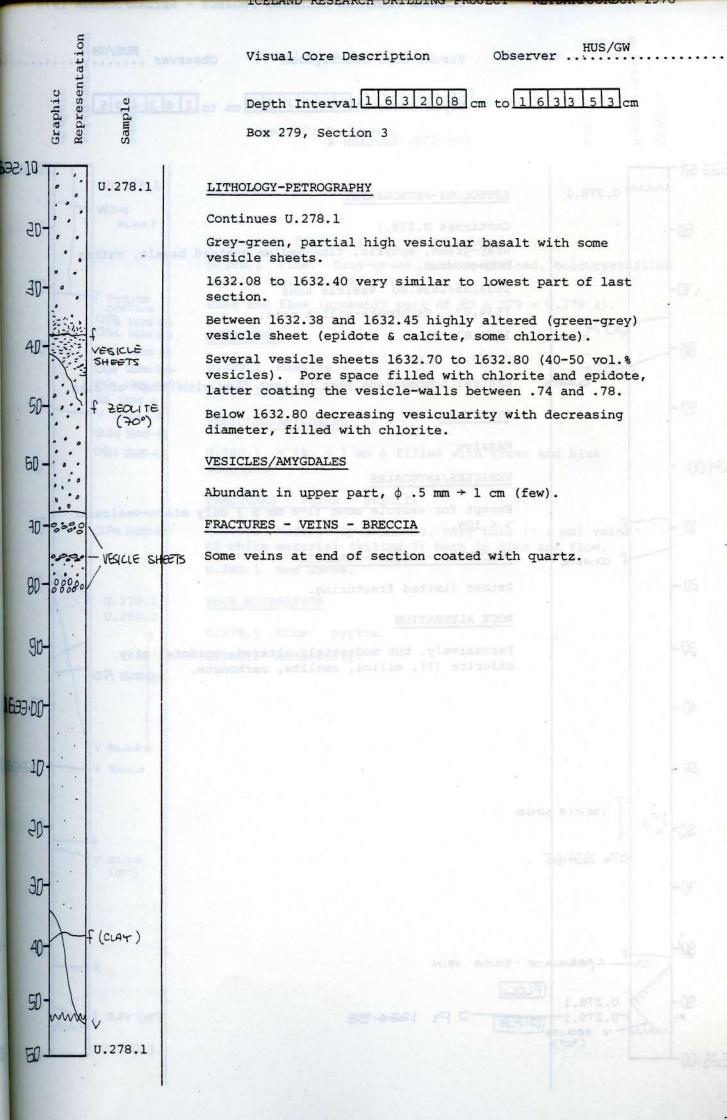
J. Helgason & F Visual Core Description Observer Depth Interval 1 2 7 4 8 cm to 1 6 2 Box 278, Section 4 DZ:F581 U.276.1 LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY Continues U.276.1 60. Greenish gray, fine-grained to aphoretic, holocrystalline, aphyric basalt. Grain size decreases from fine-grained to aphyric in lower 10 cm toward contact with unit 278.1. 70 Contact not chilled but it is finer grained than rest of unit. Contact is depositional and dips about 8-10°. Sediment to 1628.61 m with fragment of vesicular, 80 olivine bearing, fine-grained basalt. Below this level there is greenish- and reddish-gray, fine-grained, aphyric basalt breccia. Basalt is highly vesicular with fillings of chlorite and calcite. 90-000 STRUCTURE U.278.1 Brecciated 1958:00 VESICLES/AMYGDALES Sparse in upper part to about 1628.25 m then 3-4% of 10 small 1-4 mm, elongate vesicles filled with chlorite. In upper part a few elongate vesicles 2-3 cm are filled or partly filled with quartz. 20 FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA Fractures sparse--dip 30°. (U.276.1) 30 U.278.1 None ROCK ALTERATION 40 U.276.1 Relatively fresh. U.276.1 U.278.1 Highly altered. U.278.1 50 SEDIMENT WITH CLAST 60 70 FRESHER CLAST BD U.278.1

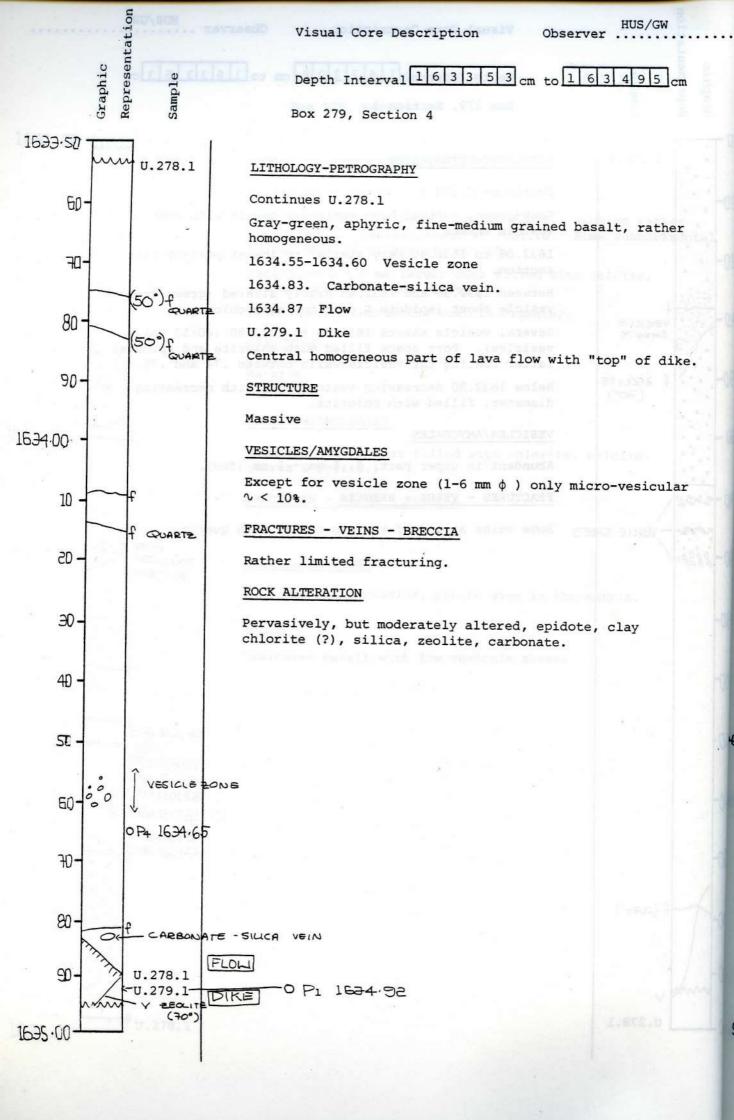


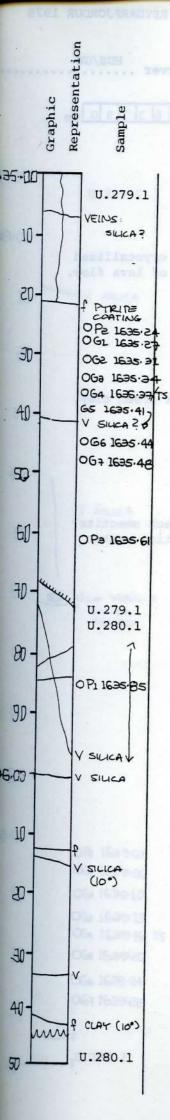


U.278.1

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Observer .....

Depth Interval 1 6 3 4 9 5 cm to 1 6 3 6 4 5 cm

Box 280, Section 1

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.279.1

Gray, very fine-grained, aphyric basalt.

U.280.1 Flow. Gray-green, medium-grained, holocrystalline basalt, uniform grain size.

Dike and flow (probably part of 80 + 279 = U.278.1).

# STRUCTURE

U.279.1 Massive

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# VESICLES/AMYGDALES

U.280.1 < 1%, < 1 mm  $\phi$  filled with green and blue smectite?

# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

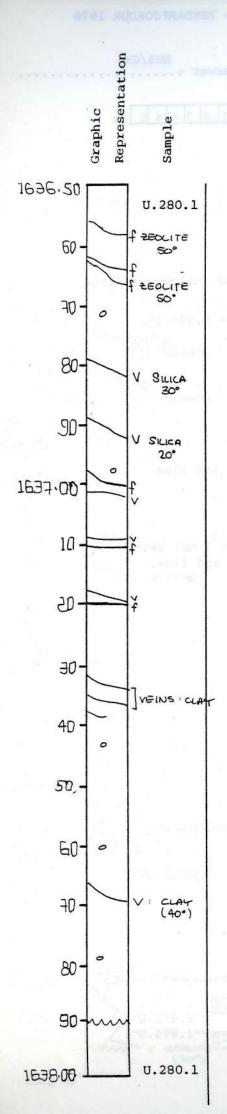
U.279.1 Moderately abundant, very thin (< 1 mm) veins of white material (silica ?) both in dike and flow.

U.280.1 See above.

#### ROCK ALTERATION

U.279.1 Dike: pyrite.

U.280.1 Moderately.



Observer .....

Depth Interval 1 6 3 6 4 5 cm to 1 6 3 7 9 0 cm

Box 280, Section 2

# LITHOLOGY-PETROGRAPHY

Continues U.280.1

Gray-green, aphyric, medium grained, well crystallized basalt, uniform grain size. Central part of lava flow.

#### STRUCTURE

Massive

### VESICLES/AMYGDALES

 $\sim$  < 1%, round, zonal, all filled with dark green clay.

# FRACTURES - VEINS - BRECCIA

Thin (< .5 mm) silica filled fractures.

## ROCK ALTERATION

Abundant silica in veins dark green to black smectite? in vesicles and veins. Groundmass alteration rather moderate.

