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## BIOGEOCHEMISTRY

*This brochure highlights biogeochemical services offered by MEG, which include sample collection, sample preparation, quality assurance procedures, associate analytical services, and biogeochemical interpretation. MEG has developed leading technologies in biogeochemistry, which are available as case histories that can be sent by email on request.*

### OVERVIEW

MEG is an independent sample preparation laboratory working closely with several analytical laboratories to provide geochemical data for the mining and environmental industries. Established in 1984, it is now highly regarded for its sample preparation, quality control, geochemical interpretation, advanced mercury collection and mercury analysis. It is fully equipped to handle drill core and cuttings, rock chip, soil, sediment, vegetation, humus, and other exploration materials, providing special care to samples that may contain labile constituents at ppb and ppt concentrations.

MEG is best known for its biogeochemical services. This work has provided several published minerals exploration case histories which have become the foundation for several widely attended short courses on the application of biogeochemistry in the natural resources and environmental industries.

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### LATE DEVELOPMENTS

As the mining industry has grown globally, so has MEG. We provide the best-known and respected biogeochemical service in the Western Hemisphere, and despite added shipping costs from remote exploration frontiers, MEG receives samples from around the world. We are also the preferred subcontractor for many major N.A. laboratories (eg. ALS Chemex, Actlabs, Acme, SGS-XRAL, American Assay, Alaska Assay, Becquerel, Eco-Tech, iPL, and Skyline).

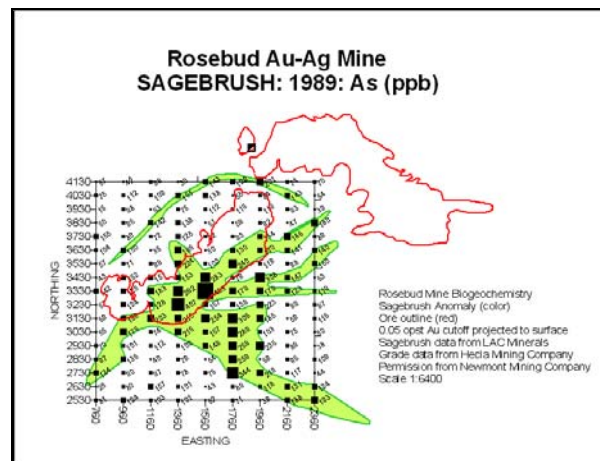
Please note our import permits:

**SOIL: P330-09-00260 (Expires 12-16-2012)**

**VEGETATION: PDEP-07-00480 (10-4-2010)**

Permit and Quarantine Stickers must be applied to the outside of all shipping containers.

Please notify MEG prior to shipping for late information on USDA import requirements.



*Biogeochemical (A. tridentata), soil, and geophysical response to gold mineralization under 200 m of barren volcanics & alluvium, Rosebud Mine, Pershing Co., NV.*

### SAMPLE COLLECTION:

MEG is expert in survey design and sample collection. With 30 years experience in varied terrains throughout N.A., we can lead you directly to success. From reconnaissance to detailed grids, we know what to do and how to get it done. We can collect several media in one traverse, giving good return for your field investment. Often,

surveys cover both exposed and covered terrains and samples of just soils or vegetation alone are not enough. MEG can put one crew in the field to complete the entire geochemical survey and expedite the preparation and analysis of all your samples together. GPS, Brunton & chain control, fast and efficient collection, and coordination with the MEG Sample Preparation Laboratories for rapid return of data. We are happy to train and work with other contract or in-house crews. Bee pollen collection is also part of this infield service. Time and materials pricing. No padding.

*Just honest pay for honest work.*

### SAMPLE PREPARATION:

MEG is Nevada's only independent full service sample preparation laboratory. This means you get the best prep, and because we work with all of the analytical labs in the industry, you get your choice of the best analysis without sacrificing one for the other. We are focused at MEG on preparing your samples cleanly, accurately, and consistently. Additionally, we are positioned to assure you unsurpassed quality since we incorporate QA/QC protocols you don't find at other laboratories. These include randomization and true-blind standards, replicates and blanks sent on for analysis. In this NI43-101 era, expert and thoughtful sample preparation is an important consideration to JV partners, stakeholders, and shareholders in your company.

And our vegetation prep equipment stands alone in the western US: Microwave dryers, Wiley Mill, Baird Pellet Press, 6 Temperature Controlled Ashing Kilns with smoke capture system. Since 1984, the vegetation lab (located 300 ft from the rock lab) has processed over 250,000 samples.

### QUALITY CONTROL:

MEG Labs routinely adds standards (blind & known) to each job sent on to the analytical lab of your choice. We often randomize submittals (on your instructions, only) to monitor for systematic error during prep and analysis. A full spectrum of

biogeochemical standard reference materials are available for immediate use including Au-Ag, Cu-Mo-Pb-Zn, Pt-Pd, Ni-Co-V. Submittals leaving MEG are visually uniform, providing no information to the analytical lab as to what is sample and what is QA/QC. This is your guarantee that the ***DATA IS AS GOOD AS IT GETS.***

**CONSULTING SERVICES**

MEG is expert in the field of biogeochemistry. MEG can provide detailed examples and discussions on methods for minerals exploration and environmental studies. Specific services include field and office training, data review, and interpretation leading to target selection and assessment.

MEG is expert in the area of quality assurance. Standards, replicates, blanks and randomization schemes are your measures of quality. If you are understaffed, or need help creating a quality assurance program, MEG can monitor your QA/QC stream as an impartial advocate to assure your data's accuracy and precision. This involvement is by invitation only; otherwise MEG is totally out of the data loop.

Office .....	US \$105 /hour
Field .....	US \$1050 /day

**QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAM**

Known controls and several blind standards, replicates & blanks are included with every job that leaves MEG. These QA/QC samples are strategically positioned so that every batch of 30 within the submittal is monitored for precision & accuracy. This adds only about 4% to 9% to the total cost.

Blind standards, replicates & blanks	US \$5.90
Known controls .....each....	US \$5.90
Randomization .....each....	US \$1.20

MEG LABS operates as an independent prep service to assure your geochemical samples are properly treated prior to analysis. MEG and the analytical labs will each invoice for their respective services. Data reporting is strictly proprietary, between you and the analytical laboratory. MEG is involved only to assure quality through randomization, controls, and blind standards, replicates and blanks. If you require QA/QC compilations, please refer to the services described above.

**PROCEDURES**

All samples are vigorously washed to thoroughly eliminate dust and other surface contaminants. Prior to washing or immediately thereafter, plant tissues can be separated to maximize chemical response and reduce variability. They are thoroughly dried in a microwave oven, and macerated to pass a 0.5mm sieve if they are to be pelletized, or a 2mm sieve if they are to be ashed. Ashed samples are submitted for either INAA, ICP/MS, ICP/OES, and/or GF/AAS analysis. Pelletized samples are analyzed by instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA). Wet digestion of plant tissue and analysis by ICP/MS keeps prep costs low with superb metal detection.

**DRY PULP / ICPMS PACKAGE:**

Wash/dry/macerate/blend & SPLIT .....	US \$9.55
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**15g PELLET PACKAGE:**

Wash/dry/macerate/blend/weigh & PELLETIZE .....	US \$10.95
Shrink wrap each pellet .....	add US \$1.90
Substitute 30 g pellet.....	add US \$1.90

**30g ASH PACKAGE:**

Wash/dry/macerate/blend/weigh & ASH .....	US \$15.95
Each additional 30 g .....	add US \$ 5.55
Encapsulate ash for INAA .....	add US \$ 2.50

**HUMUS PREP (Ao soils)**

The preparation is designed to maximize the organic content of the sample while eliminating coarse and fine inorganics. The sample is then treated as vegetation described above. Itemized HUMUS and WEIGH charges are applied to the total prep cost.

**ITEM PREP COSTS**

Remove leaves & Prune.....	US \$1.55
Pelletize (8 to 15 g) .....	US \$3.90
Pelletize (30 grams) .....	US \$5.80
Ash (40g/ 450 C) .....	US \$5.55
Ash weight .....	US \$1.20
Humus (see above).....	US \$3.15
Duplicate Pulp .....	US \$1.00
Randomize .....	US \$1.20
Surcharges .....	US \$65/hr
Rush jobs .....	add 50%
Shipping (UPS, etc.) ....	COST +\$25 Handling
Veg Disposal (USDA Regulated)...	US \$0.55

*MEG package prices apply to 225 g (1/2 pound) vegetation and humus samples in 7 x 12 inch cloth, olefin, or finon bags.*

**FIELD SERVICES**

Crew .....	US \$ 295/day
Supervisor .....	US \$ 470/day
Vehicle .....	US \$ 0.70/mile
Expenses .....	Cost + 10%

**HYDRO-BIOGEOCHEMICAL SURVEYS**

Water quality issues can be addressed using biogeochemistry linked to ground water chemistry. See our "Consulting & Environmental Services Brochure". Call for details.

**OTHER SERVICES**

SAMPLE PREPARATION: *Rock Soil Sediment*  
 SURVEY & COLLECTION  
 GEOCHEMICAL INTERPRETATION  
 QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMS  
 GEOCHEMICAL REFERENCE STANDARDS  
 MERCURY & RADON SOIL GAS ANALYSIS