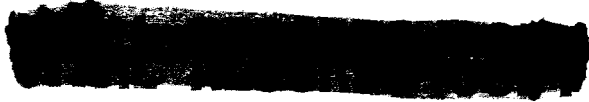


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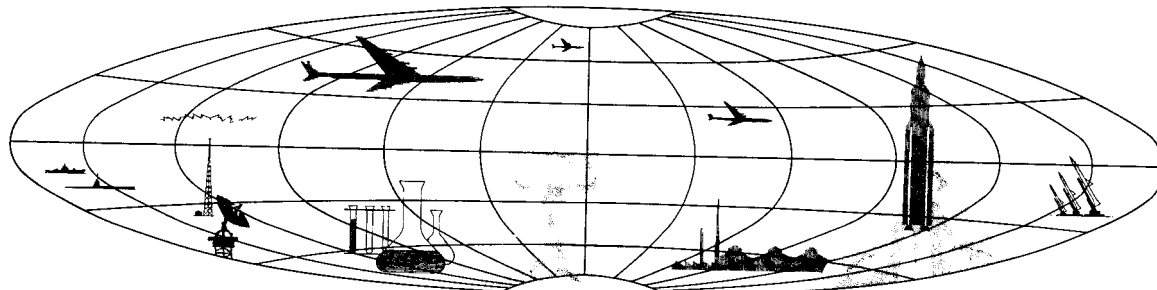
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A mining installation (40-42N 55-26E)* is located approximately 8 nautical miles (nm) south of Chagyl and 120 nm east-northeast of Krasnovodsk, USSR (Figure 1). The installation consists of an open-pit mine and several associated support facilities (Figure 2). When it was first seen on photography of [REDACTED] the installation appeared to have been in operation for some years. No milling or other processing

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*These coordinates are a correction of the location given as 40-41N 55-47E in NPIC/MCL-2/61, Mission Coverage Index, [REDACTED]

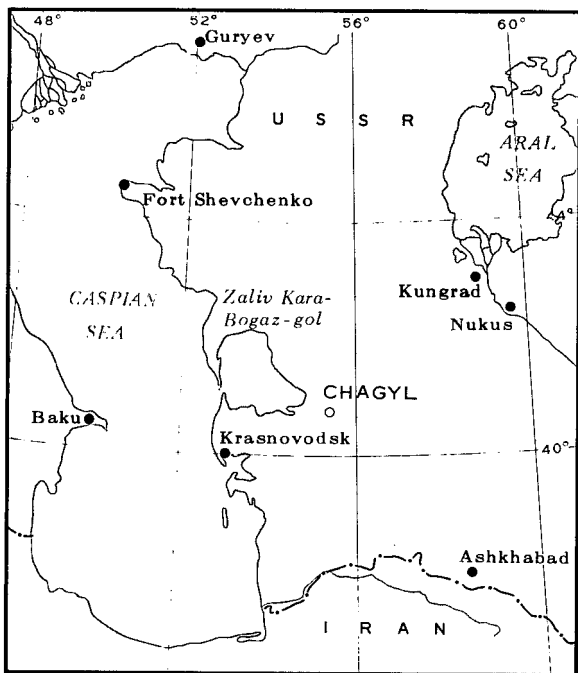


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MINING INSTALLATION NEAR CHAGYL, USSR.

facility is observed at the installation. However, two waste dumps are visible, and sifting and sorting of ore on a small-scale is in progress.

There is little indication of the kind of ore being mined. The absence of elaborate milling and processing plants tends to rule out the possibility that uranium ore is mined at this installation. The absence of a headgear or traveling crane at the mine pit indicates a limited mining operation. The age of the mine and the permanency of the housing tend to indicate that the installation is associated with the mining of a precious metal.

Description of Facilities. The installation's facilities are shown on Figure 2.

The mine is an oval-shaped pit measuring 1,000 by 700 feet. The mine appears to be deep, but no traveling crane or headgear facility for removing the ore from the pit was observed. A hoisting facility is probably located in a building at the east end of the mine and hoisting lines probably run against the pit wall. A waste dump, measuring 800 by 800 feet, adjoins the pit on the west. A second waste dump, measuring 800 by 400 feet, is located east of the pit.

An operations area contains approximately five buildings which average 100 by 50 feet. The area shows no indication of milling operations. There is photographic evidence that sifting and sorting of earth is performed on a limited scale in this area. To the north of the operations area is a possible maintenance area which contains several small workshop-type buildings.

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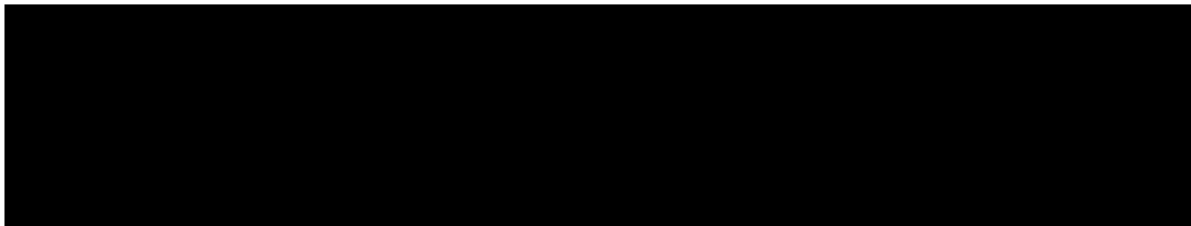
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