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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

From the contacts I have made regarding data on UV-absorption properties of naturally occurring minerals, it seems reasonably safe to assume that no systematic collection of such data has been made. Dr. Guy Waddington of the Office of Critical Tables and Dr. Michael Fleisher of the U. S. Geological Survey share this belief.

However, Dr. Waddington says that Prof. Stanley S. Ballard, Physics Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, may know whether anything has been done in this data area and where results might be obtained. Dr. Fleischer made essentially the same comment with regard to K. J. Murata, U. S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, California.

As always, it is practically impossible to say categorically that information does not exist even when all searches turn up negative. I appreciate how frustrating that is to users but the system has never been made effective enough to insure the reliability of negative search.

Best regards,



Gregory Abdian