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## **LETTER REPORT**

# **AN ENERGY-DISPERSIVE X-RAY FLUORESCENCE (EDXRF) ANALYSIS OF AN OBSIDIAN ARTIFACT FROM 34CM322, COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

19 November 2012

Shannon Ryan  
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Dear Shannon,

The one artifact was produced from Valles Rhyolite (Cerro del Medio) obsidian in Valles Caldera, Jemez Mountain, New Mexico, not unusual for late period sites in Oklahoma (Table 1; see Shackley 2005:64-74). All analyses for this study were conducted on the ThermoScientific *Quant'X* XRF spectrometer at the Geoarchaeological XRF Laboratory, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Specific instrumental methods can be found at <http://www.swxrflab.net/analysis.htm>, and Shackley (2005). Source assignment was made by comparison to source standard data in the laboratory. Analysis of the USGS RGM-1 standard indicates high machine precision for the elements of interest (USGS; Table 1 here).

Sincerely,

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2005 *Obsidian: Geology and Archaeology in the North American Southwest*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Table 1. Elemental concentrations for the archaeological sample. All measurements in parts per million (ppm).

Sample	Ti	Mn	Fe	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Pb	Th	Source
C-4-01	903	360	9595	145	12	40	157	52	21	19	Valles Rhy. (Cerro del Medio)
RGM1-S4	158	277	1341	148	111	24	221	8	22	12	standard
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