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## Precipitation of vaterite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) during oilfield drilling

In our paper (Friedman and Schultz, 1994) we mentioned a vaterite occurrence in the Appalachians of Quebec, where it has been reported from cone-in-cone calcite of carbonate concretions in Ordovician shales (Fong 1981). Reinhard Hesse of McGill University responded "the occurrence reported by Fong (1981) most likely does not exist. Fong was a former graduate student of mine and was led to submitting the abstract by the late G. Donnay, who thought she had found vaterite peaks on one of his XRDs. However, all attempts to duplicate this

result with his material under my and Bob Martin's supervision failed to reproduce a vaterite XRD trace".

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