Jolliffeite NiAsSe

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Crystal Data: Cubic. Point Group: $2/m \overline{3}$. Grains, to 240 μ m.

Physical Properties: Hardness = > 3 (harder than clausthalite). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 7.10

Optical Properties: Opaque. Color: White in reflected light.

 $\begin{array}{l} R_1-R_2\colon (400)\ 50.1-50.4, (420)\ 50.3-50.6, (440)\ 50.5-50.7, (460)\ 50.7-50.8, (480)\ 50.8-50.9, (500)\\ 50.9-51.0, (520)\ 51.0-51.1, (540)\ 51.1-51.1, (560)\ 51.1-51.2, (580)\ 51.2-51.3, (600)\ 51.3-51.3, (620)\\ 51.1-51.4, (640)\ 51.4-51.3, (660)\ 51.4-51.3, (680)\ 51.3-51.3, (700)\ 51.2-51.1 \end{array}$

Cell Data: Space Group: Pa3. a = 5.831(1) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Shirley Peninsula, Canada. 2.602 (100), 2.378 (80), 1.757 (80), 2.916 (50), 1.559 (50), 1.617 (40), 2.062 (30)

Chemistry:

	(1)
Ni	22.6
Co	6.0
As	36.9
Se	34.9
S	0.51
Total	100.9

(1) Shirley Peninsula, Canada; by electron microprobe, corresponds to $(Ni_{0.81}Co_{0.21})_{\Sigma=1.02}$ $As_{1.03}(Se_{0.92}S_{0.03})_{\Sigma=0.95}$.

Mineral Group: Cobaltite group.

Occurrence: From a drill core in a fracture zone near a dolomite-peridotite contact.

Association: Clausthalite, Pb–Bi–Ag selenides, gold, "pitchblende".

Distribution: From the Fish Hook Bay area, Shirley Peninsula, north shore of Lake Athabaska, 18 km south of Uranium City, Saskatchewan, Canada [TL].

Name: To honor Professor Alfred Watson Jolliffe (1907–1988), Canadian geologist, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, for his contributions to mineral exploration of northern Saskatchewan, Canada.

Type Material: Canadian Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada, 65747.

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