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LUNA 24

The Luna 24 sample material (2 samples-0.7 gms) received in January has been sieved and thin sections made. The designated PI's have received their samples and the work is now progressing. The additional 2 gms of material (5 samples) is presently in hand and being prepared for distribution within the next few weeks.

The "rocks" from L-24 (>500 gm) will be allocated following review by LSAPT at the coming April meeting (April 26-May 1). At that time it is expected that all the material will have been sieved and described and we will know how many large particles are suitable for allocation.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES

The Apollo 11 catalogue is in the mail and should be received shortly by every Principal Investigator. A limited number of additional copies are available for distribution by writing to the Curator. Work is underway on an Apollo 14 catalogue revision.

LUNAR CORE

Work on the lunar cores continues at a high rate with processing in three units. 74001 is ready for the second dissection round. The dissection of 70002 is presently underway. An allocation plan for it could be prepared in April if requests are received. Core 10004 will be dissected soon, as a comprehensive description and dissection plan has been completed.

SAMPLE NUMBERING

There is some confusion within the PI community over the use of the 9000 series of numbers following a sample generic number. The 9000 series denotes a sample that has been transferred from one PI to another and replaces the original specific number. This number is a valid split number assigned by the Curators Office and should be treated as such on inventories. Reference should be made to section 6.1.1 of the handbook on Numbering Scheme and figure VI, which is a computer printout of numbers. CAUTION: Do not disregard the 9000 series numbers since they represent samples charged to a PI on his inventory.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Please submit your sample requests to the Curator before April 20, 1977. The next LSAPT review session will be held at JSC from April 26 to May 1.