

Mineral Industry Surveys

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DIRECTORY OF COMPANIES MINING TALC AND PYROPHYLLITE IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2003

Talc was mined by 7 companies that operated 11 mines in 5 States based on the U.S. Geological Survey producer survey. In addition, CalTalc, Inc. in California and New World Stone Co. in Virginia worked only from stocks.

U.S. talc production was 869,000 metric tons valued at \$24.1 million in 2003. Mines in Montana, New York, Texas, and Vermont accounted for nearly all of domestic talc production.

Domestic producers, listed in decreasing order of production, were Luzenac America Inc., Wold Talc Co., Barrett's Minerals, Inc., Gouverneur Talc Co., Inc., Milwhite, Inc., Suzorite Mineral Products Inc., and Steatite of Southern Oregon.

Several of these companies are subsidiaries of larger corporations. Luzenac America is owned by the Luzenac Group,

France, which is a subsidiary of Rio Tinto Group. Barrett's Minerals operates as an arm of Specialty Minerals Inc., a subsidiary of Minerals Technologies Inc. Gouverneur Talc is a subsidiary of R.T. Vanderbilt Co., Inc. and Suzorite Mineral Products is a subsidiary of Zemex Corp., Canada.

Pyrophyllite was mined by three companies, operating four mines in two States. Mine production and sales increased slightly from those of 2002. The domestic producers were Piedmont Minerals Co. Inc. and Standard Mineral Co. Inc. in North Carolina and Standard Industrial Minerals Inc. in California. Piedmont Minerals is a subsidiary of Resco Products Inc. and Standard Mineral is a subsidiary of R.T. Vanderbilt.

COMPANIES MINING AND PROCESSING TALC IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2003

State and Company	County of operation
California:	
CalTalc, Inc. 3083 Zane Circle Las Vegas, NV 89121-5130	San Bernardino
Montana:	
Luzenac America Inc. P.O. Box 130 Cameron, MT 59720-0130	Madison
Barrett's Minerals, Inc. 8625 Montana Highway 91 South Dillon, MT 59725	Madison
New York:	
Gouverneur Talc Co., Inc. P.O. Box 89 Gouverneur, NY 13642	St. Lawrence
Oregon:	
Steatite of Southern Oregon 2891 Elk Lane Grants Pass, OR 97527	Jackson
Texas:	
Milwhite, Inc. 5487 South Padre Islands Highway Brownsville, TX 78521	Culberson
Suzorite Mineral Products Inc. P.O. Box 1048 Van Horn, TX 79855	Hudspeth
Wold Talc Co. 5123 East County Road 52 Fort Collins, CO 80524	Hudspeth
Vermont:	
Luzenac America Inc. P.O. Box F Ludlow, VT 05149	Windsor
Virginia:	
New World Stone Co. P.O. Box 300 Schuyler, VA 20969	Nelson

COMPANIES MINING AND PROCESSING PYROPHYLLITE IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2003

State and Company	County of operation
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California:

Standard Industrial Minerals Inc. Mono
P.O. Box 10477
Reno, NV 89510

North Carolina:

Piedmont Minerals Co. Inc. Orange
P.O. Box 566
Hillsborough, NC 27278-0566

Standard Mineral Co. Inc. Moore
P.O. Box 279
400 Talc Mine Road
Robbins, NC 27325