WGS Field Trip to the Waterloo Quarry

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On Saturday, July 9, 2022 a group of WGS members drove to the Waterloo Quarry off of Wisconsin highway 19 just East of the Town of Waterloo in Dodge County. They were hosted by Dan Posthuma, General Manager at Michels Corporation for a field trip to collect mineral samples at the guarry.

The majority of samples from this quarry are Barron Quartzite and schist. Outcrops of Paleoproterozoic quartzite and metapelite occur near Waterloo, WI. The quartzite ranges in color from pink to maroon to light grey.

Michels Materials is one of Wisconsin's largest aggregate producers offering material from pea-size to 20-tom boulders. There products have a wide variety of commercial uses from sand bedding for large dairy producers to nation-wide road construction.

WGS members collected a variety of samples during their visit and following are a few pictures of their adventure.





Some of the rock specimens collected at Waterloo Quarry



WGS Members at the Waterloo Quarry on July 9, 2022



Overview of Waterloo Quarry





WGS Members collecting samples