

BOOK REVIEW

Chronobibliographie, Signalétique et Analytiques, des Sols à Allophane (Complément 1973–1974–1975), tirage provisoire, by J. Gautheyrou, M. Gautheyrou, F. Colmet Daage. January 1977. Prepared by ORSTOM, Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe.

Two volumes of this provisional typewritten bibliography of allophane and allophane-containing soils covering the period 1809–1972 were reviewed in *Clays and Clay Minerals*, **24**, p. 270 (1976). A further volume arranged along identical lines now extends the coverage to 1973, 1974 and 1975. The purpose of this bibliography is to provide a guide to the literature; it does not supply abstracts. By classifying the references in which allophane and allophane soils are mentioned under practically every conceivable topic, many man-hours of dreary sifting through the literature will be saved. Only a few minutes are necessary

to obtain a list of all the papers year by year, in which a particular topic is mentioned. Whether a topic is mentioned fully or briefly may require consulting the actual references, but at least this bibliography provides an excellent start in tracking down available information. The authors are to be congratulated and thanked for performing this useful service. When they have completed their work on allophane, I shall be very happy to suggest other mineral groups worthy of their attention.

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