

Overite**CaMgAl(PO₄)₂(OH)•4H₂O**

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$. Crystals are platy to lathlike, flattened on {010} and elongated along [001], to 4 mm; forms include {010}, {100}, {110}, {121}, {021}. Commonly in subparallel aggregates, massive.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {010}, perfect; {100}, poor. Hardness = 3.5–4
D(meas.) = 2.53 D(calc.) = 2.51

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Light apple-green to colorless; in transmitted light, colorless. *Luster:* Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (-). *Orientation:* $X = c; Y = a; Z = b$. *Dispersion:* $r > v$, weak.
 $\alpha = 1.568(2)$ $\beta = 1.574(2)$ $\gamma = 1.580(2)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 75(10)^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pbca$. $a = 14.723(14)$ $b = 18.746(16)$ $c = 7.107(4)$ $Z = 8$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Fairfield, Utah, USA. (ICDD 16-157).
2.832 (100), 9.4 (80), 5.29 (60), 2.889 (60), 3.70 (50), 1.975 (50), 3.42 (40)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
P ₂ O ₅	38.9	38.32
Al ₂ O ₃	13.7	13.77
MgO	11.2	10.88
CaO	16.1	15.14
H ₂ O	22.04	21.89
Total	101.9	100.00

(1) Fairfield, Utah, USA; by electron microprobe, H₂O separately determined.

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Mineral Group: Overite group.

Occurrence: In phosphate nodules (Fairfield, Utah, USA); in a complex granite pegmatite (Tanco pegmatite, Canada).

Association: Variscite, apatite (Fairfield, Utah, USA).

Distribution: Found at the Little Green Monster mine, Clay Canyon, about nine km west of Fairfield, Utah Co., Utah, USA. In the Tanco pegmatite, Bernic Lake, Manitoba, Canada.

Name: To honor Edwin J. Over (1903–1963), mineral collector, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, who first found the mineral.

Type Material: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 95482; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, R7898.

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