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GEOLOGY OF THE LATE PLIOCENE - PLEISTOCENE ACOCULCO CALDERA COMPLEX, NORTH OF PUEBLA (MÉXICO)

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Resumen:

The Acoculco Caldera Complex (ACC) is located in the eastern part of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt in the north of Puebla State. It is a potential source of geothermal energy cataloged as a high-dry rock reservoir. The complex is located at the intersection of NE-SW and NW-SE fault systems. These fault systems have controlled the caldera collapse and exerted the main control on the location of post-caldera vents. The complex was built upon a basement formed by Cretaceous limestones, the Zacatlán basaltic plateau and the Miocene pre-caldera domes and lavas (~12.7~3.9 Ma). The caldera-forming eruption occurred ~2.7 Ma ago with an explosive event that dispersed the Acoculco andesitic ignimbrite with a volume of 127 km³. A caldera structure of 20×18 km in diameter formed, followed by the establishment of an intracalderic lake and sedimentary deposition. Early post-caldera activity (2.6-2.2 Ma) was constrained within the caldera ring fault producing 27 km³ of lava flows and domes dominantly of basaltic trachyandesite to basaltic composition. This activity caused bulging of the central part of the caldera. Late post-caldera activity (2.0-1.0 Ma) migrated dominantly to the periphery of the caldera, emplacing 77 km³ of rhyolitic domes, lavas, and the Encimadas ignimbrite (26 km³). Finally, extra-caldera activity (0.9-0.06 Ma) vented scoria cones, and lava flows of basaltic trachyandesite to basaltic andesitic composition, and the rhyolitic Tecoloquillo ignimbrite (11 km³) with a total volume of 14 km³. Effusive eruptions dominated the evolution of the complex with ca. 79% of the eruptive products. Aeromagnetic data revealed the presence of at least four intrusive bodies at depths of >2 km hosted in the Cretaceous limestones. These bodies might represent a series of horizontal mafic intrusions that besides heating and mixing with the Acoculco magma reservoirs, provides the energy that maintain active the Acoculco geothermal system.

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