

GENERAL COMMENTS

DEPOSIT CHARACTERISTICS

Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m³)		Additional Comments	Texture (%)			Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments	
		Gravel	Sand		Gravel	Sand	Fines						
1	Clean sandy gravel.	170	125	The thicker and more gravelly areas have been depleted.	57	42	1	1.5	1.0-8.0	48	Fluvial	Petrographic number (PN): 150.	
2	Clean gravelly sand	1,910	4,590	Deposit has been largely built over.	28	70	2	0.2	3.0	229	Glaciofluvial; Fluvial	Deposit is more sandy in the north and east.	
3	Clean sandy gravel.	530	430	Deposit has been largely built over or depleted.	54	44	2	0.2	3.0	69	Glaciofluvial; Fluvial	Deposit is more sandy in the south and east.	
4	Sand and gravel.	-	-	Park area on low river terrace.	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fluvial	No data on aggregate texture or reserves is available.	
5	Gravel.	-	-	River terrace poorly accessible but abandoned pit present.	-	-	-	-	2.0	7	Fluvial	No data on aggregate texture or reserves is available.	
6	Gravel.	-	-	Reclaimed pit; most of deposit has been extracted.	-	-	-	-	2.0	25	Fluvial	No data on aggregate texture or reserves is available.	
7	Clean gravelly sand	29	66	Part of large deposit on map sheet 72E/15.	30	68	2	2.0	1.0+	10	Glaciofluvial		
8	Sand and gravel	-	-	Deposit may have potential for sand and gravel similar to deposit 11.	-	-	-	-	-	20	Fluvial	No data on aggregate texture or reserves is available.	
9	Sand and gravel	-	-	Deposit may have potential for sand and gravel similar to deposit 12.	-	-	-	-	-	18	Fluvial	No data on aggregate texture or reserves is available.	
10	Sand	0	0,120	Dune field.	-	-	-	-	0	2.0	134	Eolian	Little data available.
11	Clean gravelly sand	19	57	High terrace	25	74	1	0	1.0+	8	Fluvial	Texture based on one sample; PN 152.	
12	Clean sandy gravel	161	94	Sand and gravel confined to edge of terrace	63	36	1	0	0.5-5.0	10	Fluvial	Sample taken from river edge. Higher silt content away from river.	
13	Sand	0	16,150	Dune field.	-	-	-	-	2.0	2127	Eolian	Little data available.	
14	Clean gravelly sand	287	307	Proportion of sand to gravel may vary greatly in this deposit.	48	50	2	1.5	2.0	61	Glaciofluvial; Ice contact	Little data available; PN 158.	
15	Sand	0	4,845	Dune field	-	-	-	-	2.0	638	Eolian	Little data available.	
16	Sand	0	16,910	Dune field	-	-	-	-	2.0	2225	Eolian	Little data available.	
17	Sand	0	1,615	Dune field	-	-	-	-	2.0	213	Eolian	Little data available.	

Deposit Number — Granular deposits shown on this map may have commercial possibilities. That assumption followed from two criteria used in the mapping process: study of the area considered only granular deposits greater than one metre thick, and covering an area more than one hectare; and it only considered deposits where the mineral aggregate thickness was greater than the overburden thickness. Although the scale of mapping did not permit investigation of all small deposits, many small deposits containing existing pits are indicated.

Material Description — Sand and gravel has a variety of applications, such as concrete for construction, asphalt concrete, subbase and base course aggregate for roads, gravel and sand for road surfaces, and pit run for fill. Gradation, rock hardness, and binding characteristics, are some of the specific qualities that are considered in aggregate towards determining its end use. This map indicates these, and other, geological qualities of the sand and gravel within each deposit, but does not indicate their potential uses. The terms used in the table are defined in the figure below.

Reserves — The method of calculating in cubic metres the aggregate reserves of deposits took four basic steps. First, the area, in hectares, of each deposit was determined using aerial photographs. Second, geological interpretation, sometimes supported by subsurface information, was assumed in determining the geometry of each deposit; to estimate an overall, average deposit thickness in metres. Third, geological study and limited sample analyses determined the texture (gradation) of sediments in the deposit, and an overall average percentage of gravel and sand. Finally, the volume was calculated as follows: reserve gravel (m³) = area (ha) × thickness (m) × 10,000 × % gravel; the same formula was used for sand.

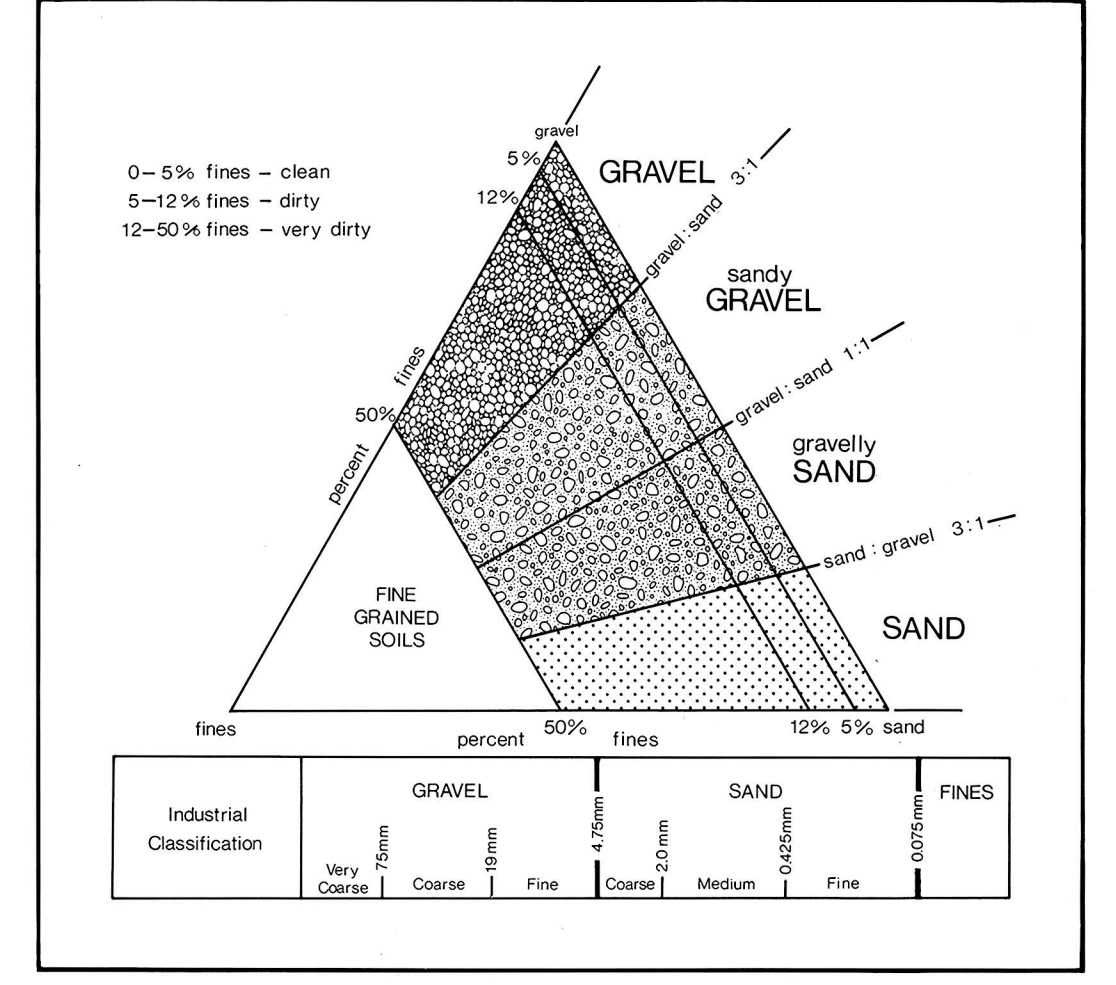
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit were determined from a field estimate, or from laboratory analysis, of one or more samples from that deposit. Where more than one sample is taken the tabulated number is the mean value.

Wear — The resistance of gravel-size clasts to wear or abrasion can be measured in a laboratory test (ASTM C131, Los Angeles Abrasion Testing). The amount of material that breaks down into smaller sizes is measured and related to the original sample weight in terms of percent wear. The higher the percentage wear the more susceptible the gravel is to breakdown under stress. Gravel with a percentage wear of less than 40 is considered very resistant.

Overburden Thickness — The thickness of non-economic material, or overburden, covering a deposit, sometimes is a limiting factor in the exploitation of an aggregate deposit. The tabulated values given are approximate overburden thicknesses as determined from geological investigations and subsurface testing.

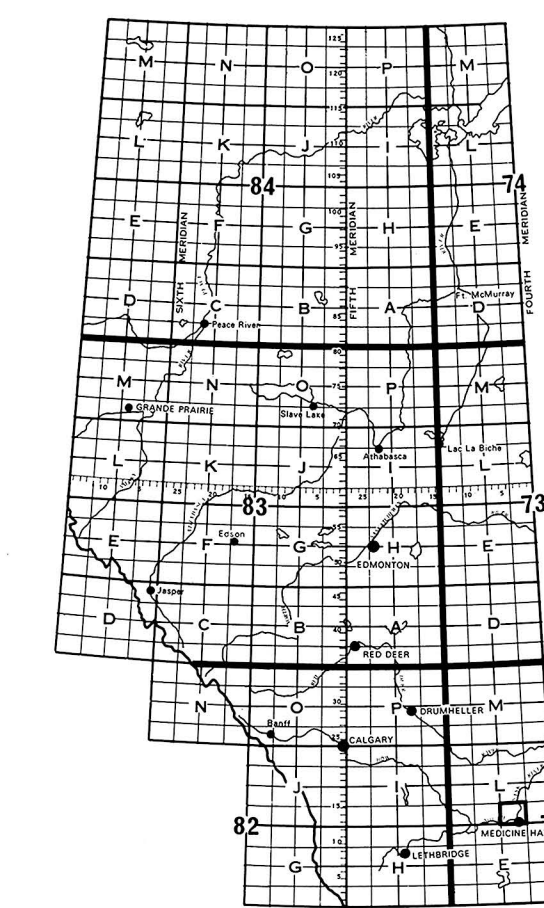
Deposit Area — Deposits in this study were delineated by interpretation of aerial photographs and the contacts should be considered approximate. Information is precise only where test holes, or geological sections, are indicated.

Deposit Genesis — The genesis, or formation, of deposits is vital to the understanding of the gradational nature, extent and geometry of the deposit. This understanding forms the basis for extrapolation from a limited number of known points (test holes, pits, sections) and permits an overall assessment of the deposit.



Map Legend

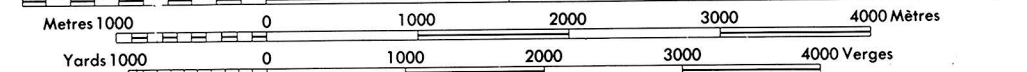
- 3 Deposit number
- Assumed boundary
- Active or inactive pit
- Alberta Geological Survey test hole
- Sand or gravel exposure
- Buried sand or Gravel deposit



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WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU QUATRIEME MERIDIEN

Scale 1:50,000 Echelle



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References
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