

**MARWAYNE ALBERTA-SASKATCHEWAN**  
 Scale 1:50,000 Échelle  
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Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m <sup>3</sup> )		Additional Comments	Texture (%)			Wear	Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments
		Gravel	Sand		Gravel	Sand	Fines						
1	Dirty gravelly sand	310	535	High water table.	30	60	10	-	0.3	2.0	44.6	Outwash	Variable texture and thickness.
2	Clean sandy gravel	6600	6450	Active pits. Large-scale excavation is occurring throughout this deposit, therefore reserve estimates may have to be adjusted accordingly.	50-55	45	<5	-	0.3	3.0-10.0	204.1	Outwash Terrace	No very coarse gravel. Little fine sand. Principally fine gravel.
3	Clean gravelly sand	2000-	7500-	Used for road construction and concrete. Active pit.	20-60	35-75	<5	-	0.2	1.0-12.3	253.0	Outwash Terrace	Highly variable texture and thickness.
4	Clean sandy gravel	380	140	Large blocks of till are present in the aggregate thus reducing its quality. Semi-active pit.	65	30-35	<5	-	1.0	2.5	17.2	Outwash	No very coarse gravel. Principally medium sand. Thin.
5	Dirty sand and gravel	1900	1900	Inactive pit.	45	45	10	-	0.4	1.5-3.0	158.0	Outwash	No very coarse gravel. Thin.
6	Clean sand	13	400	Active pit. Material used for concrete.	5	90-95	<5	-	0.2-1.2	2.2-3.0	17.2	Outwash	Principally fine to medium sand.
7	Dirty gravelly sand	115	300	High percent of deleterious material (coal and organics). Relatively high water table (at 3.0 m depth).	25	65	10	-	1.0-1.5	2.0	22.3	Outwash	No very coarse gravel principally medium sand. Thin.
8	Clean sandy gravel	2100	1200	Good quality. Easy access. Active pit.	60	35	5	-	0.2	1.0-6.0	88.2	Outwash Terrace	Well graded.
9	Dirty sand and gravel	270	270	Moderate to low quality unless washed and screened.	45	45	10	-	1.0-2.5	2.0	30.2	Outwash	Thick overburden, relative to deposit thickness.
10	Dirty sand	240	850	Poor access. Low potential. Limited data.	20	70	10	-	0.0-1.0	1.5	80.6	Outwash	Thin, discontinuous.
11	Dirty sand	30	240	Low potential. Limited data.	10	80	10	-	0.2	1.0-2.0	20.2	Outwash	Thin. Dirty to very dirty.
12	Dirty sand	1100	4000	Limited uses. Limited data. Relatively easy access.	20	70	10	-	0.0-3.0	3.8-9.0	113.4	Outwash	Poorly sorted.
13	Dirty gravelly sand	2500	4900	Extensive deposits of moderate potential. Active pit.	30-35	60	5-10	-	0.1-2.5	1.0-6.0	367.9	Outwash	Generally thin. Relatively high percent of medium sand. Thick overburden on southeast side of Vermilion River.
14	Dirty gravelly sand	1100	2200	Semi-active pit.	30	60	10	-	0.1-1.2	0.3-6.0	183.8	Outwash Terrace	Less than 2.0 m thick in most places.
15	Clean gravelly sand	620	1550	Semi-active pits.	25-30	70	<5	-	0.4	2.5-4.0	74.9	Outwash Terrace	Low percents of very coarse and coarse gravel.

**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.

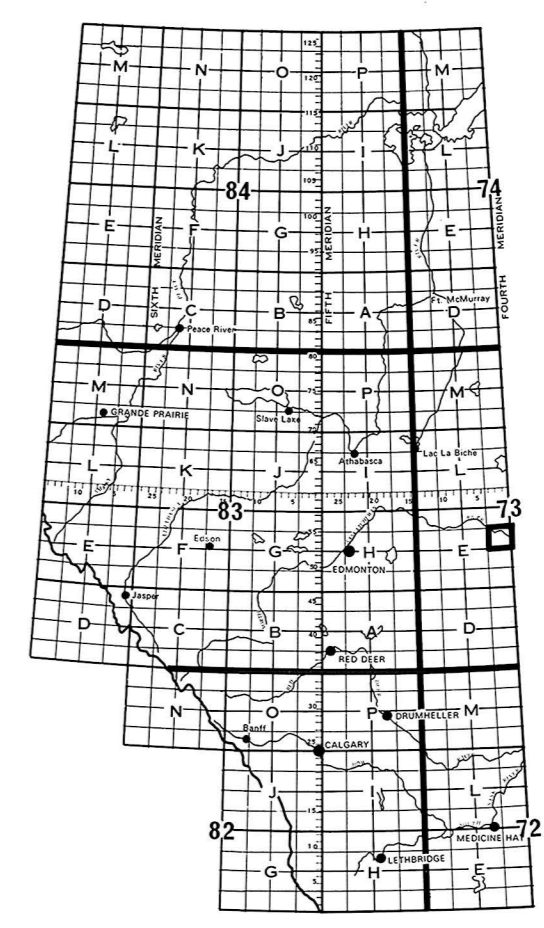
**Reserves** — The method of calculating in cubic metres the aggregate reserves of deposits took four basic steps. First, the area, in hectares, of each deposit was determined using aerial photographs. Second, geological interpretation, sometimes supported by subsurface information, was assumed in determining the geometry of each deposit, to estimate an overall, average deposit thickness in metres. Third, geological study and limited sample analysis 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 (m<sup>3</sup>) = 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 C-131, 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.

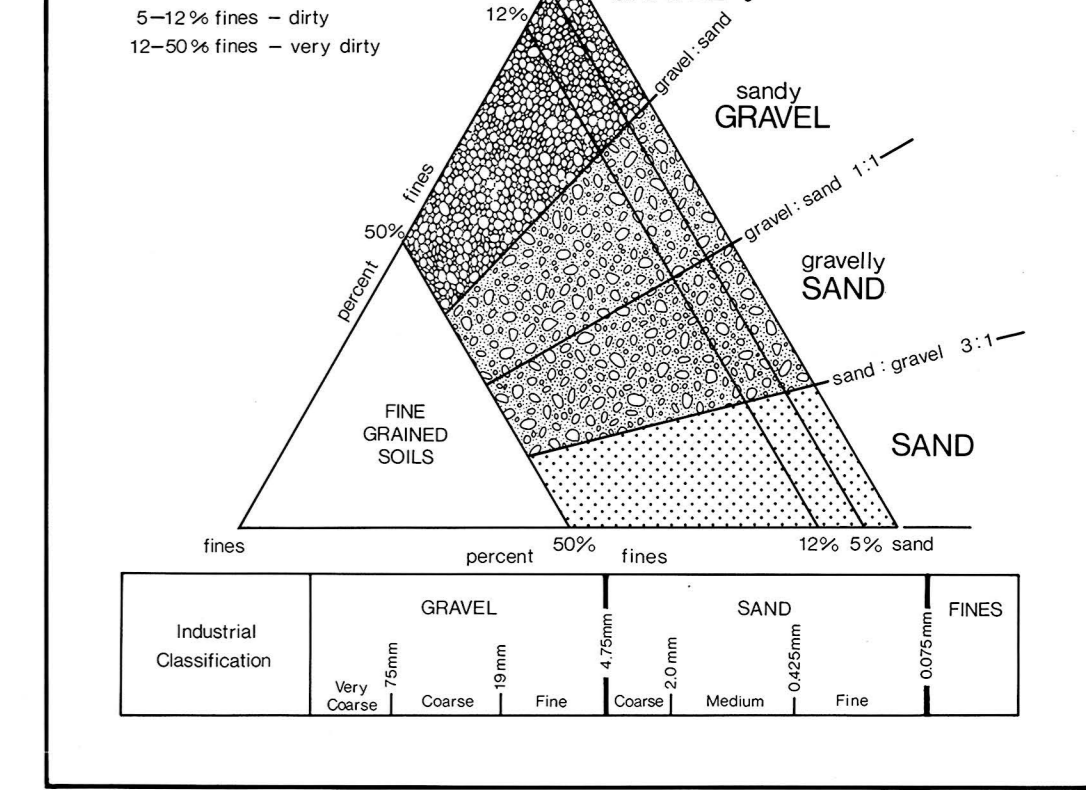
**Overburden Thickness** — The thickness of non-economic material, or overburden, covering a deposit, sometimes is a limiting factor in the exploitation of an aggregate deposit. The tabulated values given are approximate overburden thicknesses as determined from geological investigations and subsurface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

- 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



**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.



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**REFERENCES**  
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