

Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m ³)		Additional Comments	Texture (%)			Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments
		Gravel	Sand		Gravel	Sand	Fines					
1	Dirty sand	24	192	Very low potential as an aggregate source.	10	80	10	0.2	2.0-3.0	9.6	Outwash	No very coarse or coarse gravel. Well graded otherwise.
2	Clean sand	20	155	Limited uses. Low potential.	10	85	5	0.2	1.0-3.0	9.1	Outwash	No very coarse or coarse gravel. Well graded otherwise.
3	Dirty sandy gravel	5170	4130	High potential. Used by C.P.R. for ballast. Active pits.	50	40	10	0.2-0.8	3.0-6.0	229.8	Outwash	Varies from sandy gravel to equal proportion of sand and gravel. Very coarse.
4	Clean sandy gravel	1890	1100	Used principally for roads by the county, and the Town of Myrnam. Two abandoned pits, one active.	60	35	5	0.2	2.5-6.0	79.0	Outwash Terrace	Well graded. High percentage of coarse gravel.
5	Clean sandy gravel	535	310	High water table in places. Semi-active pit.	60	35	5	0.2	1.0-7.0	22.3	Outwash Terrace	Well graded.
6	Dirty sand	580	2025	Used for roads. Thick overburden in places. Semi-active pit.	20	70	10	0.0-1.5	3.0-5.0	72.4	Outwash	No very coarse gravel, little coarse gravel. Poorly graded.
7	Dirty gravelly sand	2850	4490	Semi-active pits. Near the north end of the deposit the gravelly sand is 8.0 m thick but is covered with 8.0 m of fine to medium sand.	35	55-60	5-10	0.3	0.0-4.0	408.3	Outwash	Thin and quite discontinuous, but generally widespread. Low percentage of coarse gravel.
8	Dirty gravelly sand	255	510	Gravelly sand was found from 9.0 m to 18.0 m in the drill hole just west of this deposit. The top 9.0 m is silt. Semi-active pit.	30	60	10	0.1	1.0-8.0	28.4	Outwash	No very coarse gravel. Principally coarse sand. Very carbonaceous.
9	Clean sand	25	425	Limited uses. Semi-active pit.	5	90	5	0.1	0.1-1.0	45.6	Outwash	No very coarse or coarse gravel. Slightly dirty in places. Principally medium sand.

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 (m³) = area (ha) × thickness (m) × 10,000 × % gravel; the same formula was used for sand.

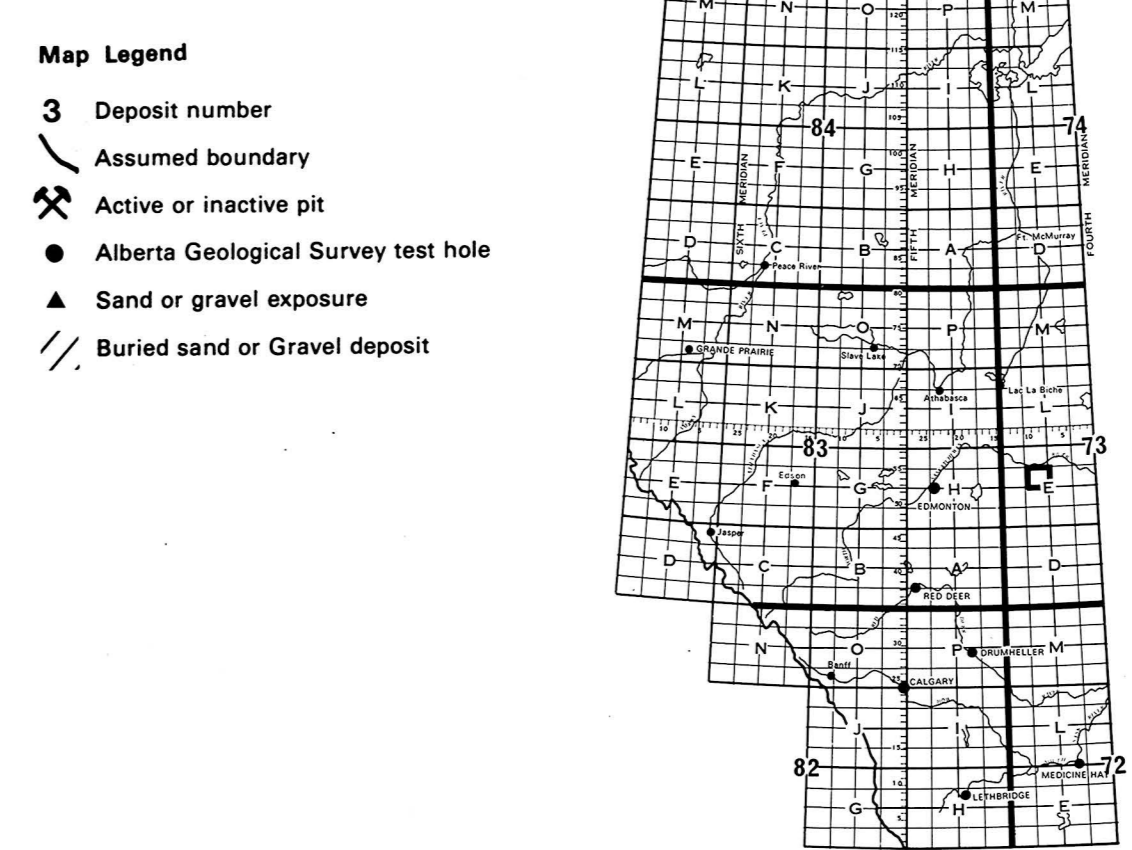
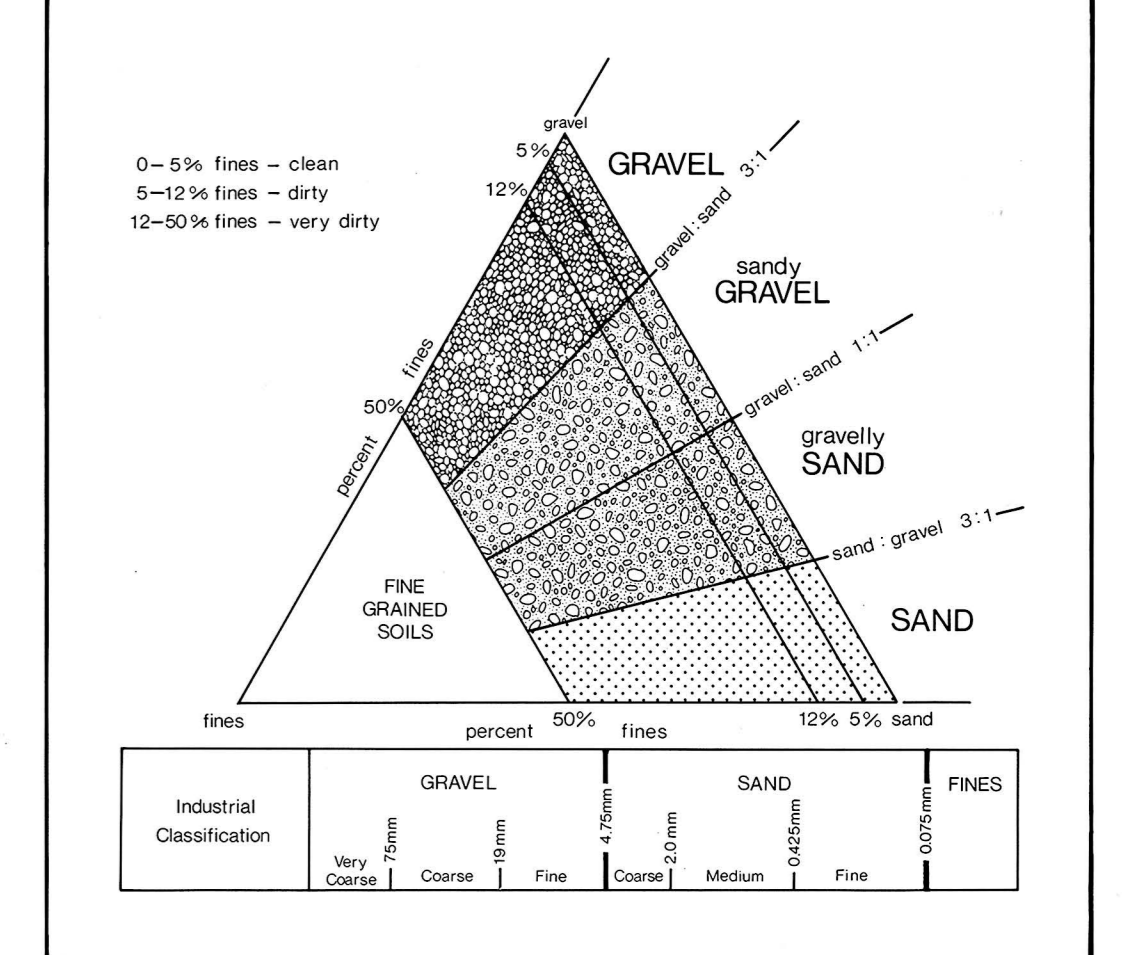
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit 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.



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WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU QUATRIEME MERIDIEN
Scale 1:50,000 Échelle

Contours Interval, 20 FEET
Divisions in Feet Above Mean Sea Level
North American Datum 1927

Échelle des courbes de niveau, 6,10 mètres
Divisions en mètres au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer
Système de référence géodésique nord-américain, 1927

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