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GENERAL COMMENTS   DEPOSIT CHARACTERISTICS

Deposit Number	Material Description	Reserves (1000 m³) Gravel	Reserves (1000 m³) Sand	Additional Comments	Texture (%) Gravel	Texture (%) Sand	Texture (%) Fines	(%) Wear	Overburden Thickness (m)	Deposit Thickness (m)	Deposit Area (ha)	Deposit Genesis	Additional Comments
1	Clean gravel	960	218	High water table (2.0 m depth); moderate quality, requires washing and crushing. Inactive	80	18	2	-	0.5	2.0	60	Fluvial	Very high % quartzite; some Precambrian rocks, max. 20 cm clast size, medium sand common.
2	Clean sandy gravel	1160	680	Water table at 3.0 m depth; deposit may be suitable for asphalt, road base and fill aggregates. Inactive	60	35	5	-	1.0	2.0	97	Fluvial	Maximum clast size is 30 cm.
3	Clean sandy gravel	2008	1166	Water table at 4.5 m to 10 m; aggregate suitable for concrete after crushing and washing; could also be used for asphalt and base course for highway. Very active.	62	36	2	29	0.6	4.5	72	Outwash delta	Very high % of quartzite and low to moderate % Precambrian rocks. Petrographic number is 102.
4	Dirty sand	19	3230	Thickness varies from 1.5 m to 4.0 m.	5	85	10	-	0.5	2.0	190	Outwash delta	
5	Clean to dirty gravel	6100	3100	Water tables at 6.0 m to 11.0 m; material crushed and washed for concrete and also fill material. Very active.	65	32	3	-	0.6	4.5	209	Outwash delta	High % of quartzite and moderate % of Precambrian rocks; 10% deleterious material. Petrographic number is 232.
6	Clean sand	9000	36 500	Water tables at 1.5 m to 9.0 m. Active.	19	77	4	-	1.0	8.5	558	Outwash delta	Deposit is sandier to the southeast.
7	Dirty sandy gravel	1100	976	Water table at 2.0 m depth. Inactive.	50	44	6	33	0.5	1.5	148	Outwash delta	Precambrian rocks most common; deleterious rocks include shale, soft schist, and ironstones.
8	Clean sandy gravel	41 320	14 500	Water table varies from 6.0 m to 10.5 m; highly compacted gravel; good quality. Very active.	71	25	4	31	2.0	6.0	970	Preglacial	Very high % quartzite (>90%); max. size is 250 cm; some chert and hard sandstones.
9	Sand		86 300	Deposit contains fine grained sand approx. 37% covered by dunes up to 12 m high.		97	3	-		6.0	4080	Eolian	Stabilized U-shaped dunes; Marsh in interdune zone.

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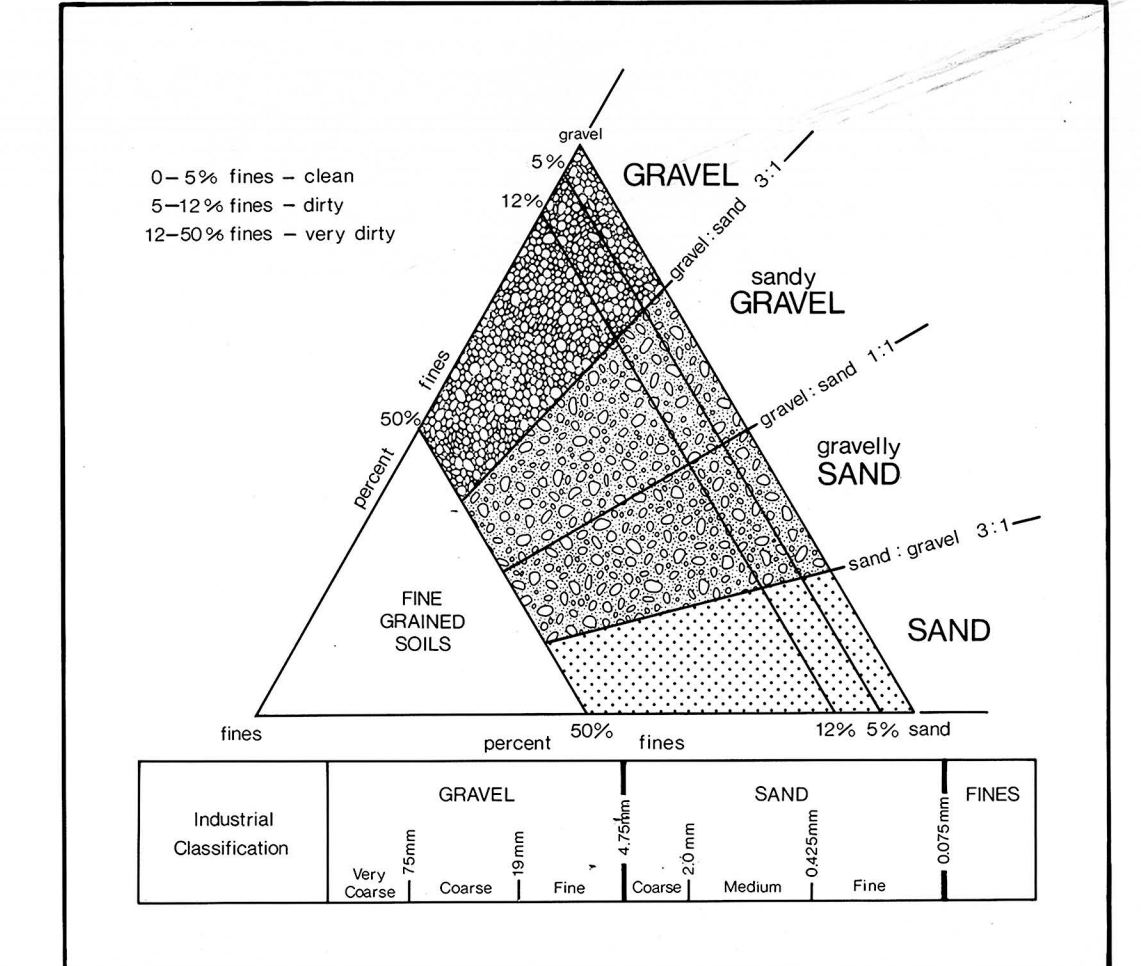
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit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

0 – 5% fines – clean
5 – 12% fines – dirty
12 – 50% fines – very dirty

GRAVEL   sandy GRAVEL   gravelly SAND   SAND   FINE GRAINED SOILS

Industrial Classification   GRAVEL   SAND   FINES

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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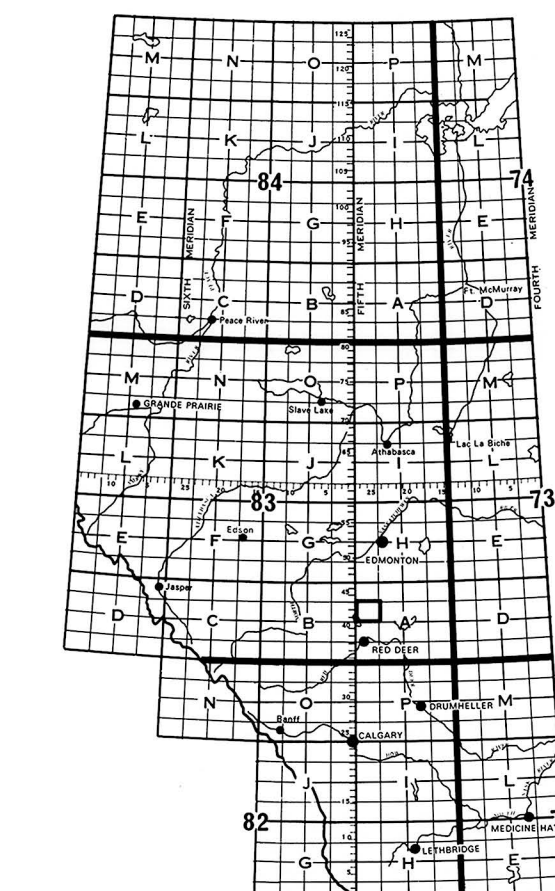
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 25 FEET   ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES 25 PIEDS

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LACOMBE COUNTY

GULL LAKE