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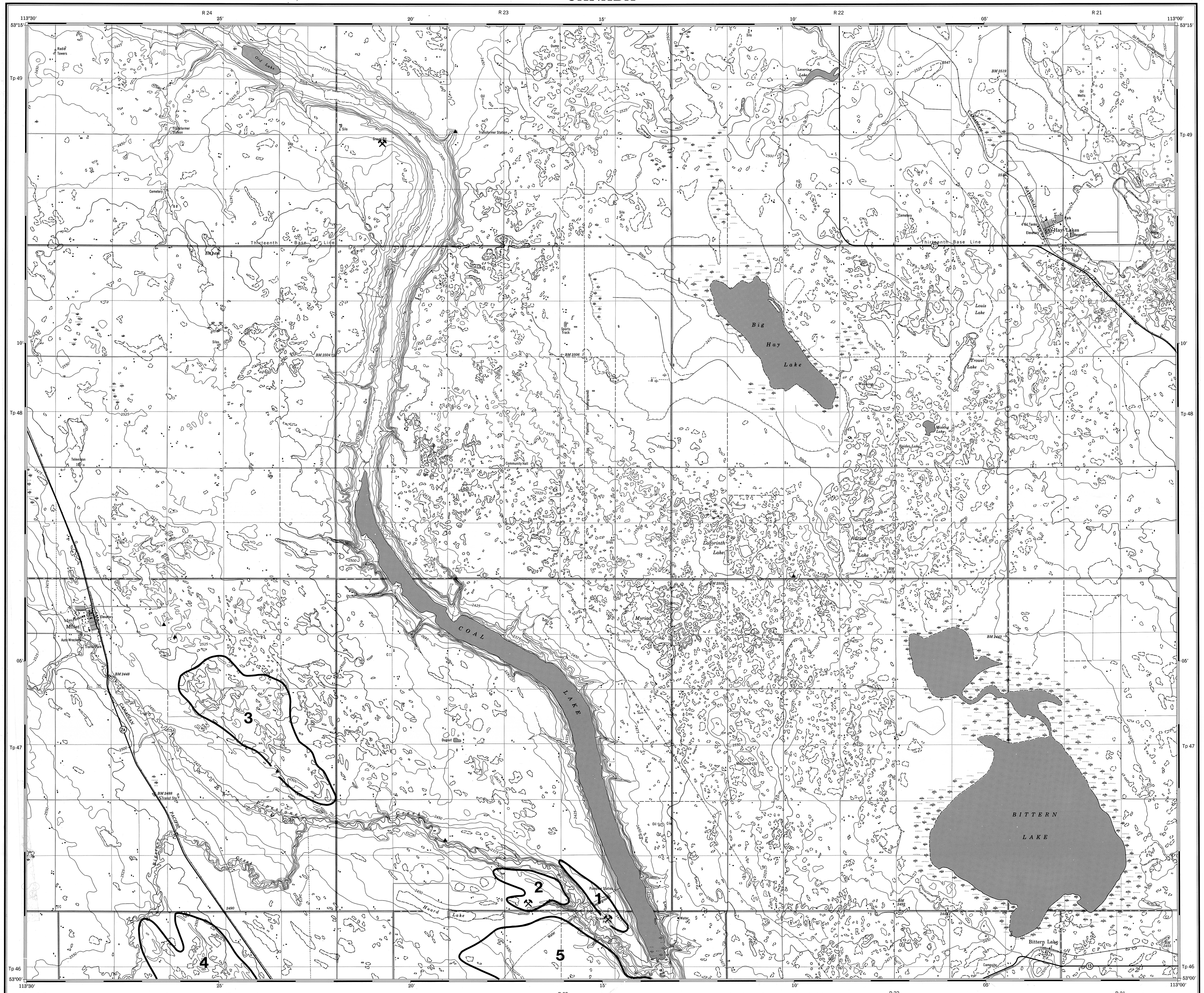

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Roads:	Routes:		
hard surface, all weather	pavée, toute saison	dual highway / 2 chaussées séparées	more than 2 lanes / plus de 2 voies
hard surface, all weather	pavée, toute saison	2 lanes / 2 voies	less than 2 lanes / moins de 2 voies
loose or stabilized surface, all weather	gravier aggloméré toute saison	2 lanes or more / 2 voies ou plus	less than 2 lanes / moins de 2 voies
loose surface, dry weather and unclassified streets	de gravier, temps sec et rues hors classe		
cart track	de terre		
trail or portage	sentier ou portage		

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WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU QUATRIÈME MÉRIDIEN

Scale 1:50,000 Échelle

Miles 1 0 1 2 3 Milles
Metres 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Mètres
Yards 1000 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Verges

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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	Dirty sandy gravel	1,110	616	Water table unknown; poor quality, abandoned.	55.5	30.8	9.7	-	0.6	2.5	80	Outwash terrace	Precambrian rocks common; medium to fine sand.
2	Clean sandy gravel	435	1,280	Water table at 2 m; massive; poorly sorted; active.	25	74	1	-	0.3	2.0	87	Outwash terrace	High % Precambrian; abundant quartzites, soft sandstones and ironstones; sand is quite clean.
3	Sand	-	9,440	Deposit contains fine grained sand, approx. 37% covered by dunes, may be suitable for soil cement.	-	90	10	-	-	3.5	810	Eolian	High water condition in interdune zone during the early spring.
4	Sand	-	6,615	Deposit contains fine grained sand, approx. 35% covered by dunes, may be suitable for soil cement.	-	90	10	-	-	6.0	350	Eolian	Stabilized U-shaped dunes.
5	Dirty sand	1,680	17,640	Thickest sand in south part of deposit.	8	84	8	-	1.0	3.5	600	Outwash delta	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 (m^3) = area (ha) × thickness (m) × 10,000 × % gravel; the same formula was used for sand.

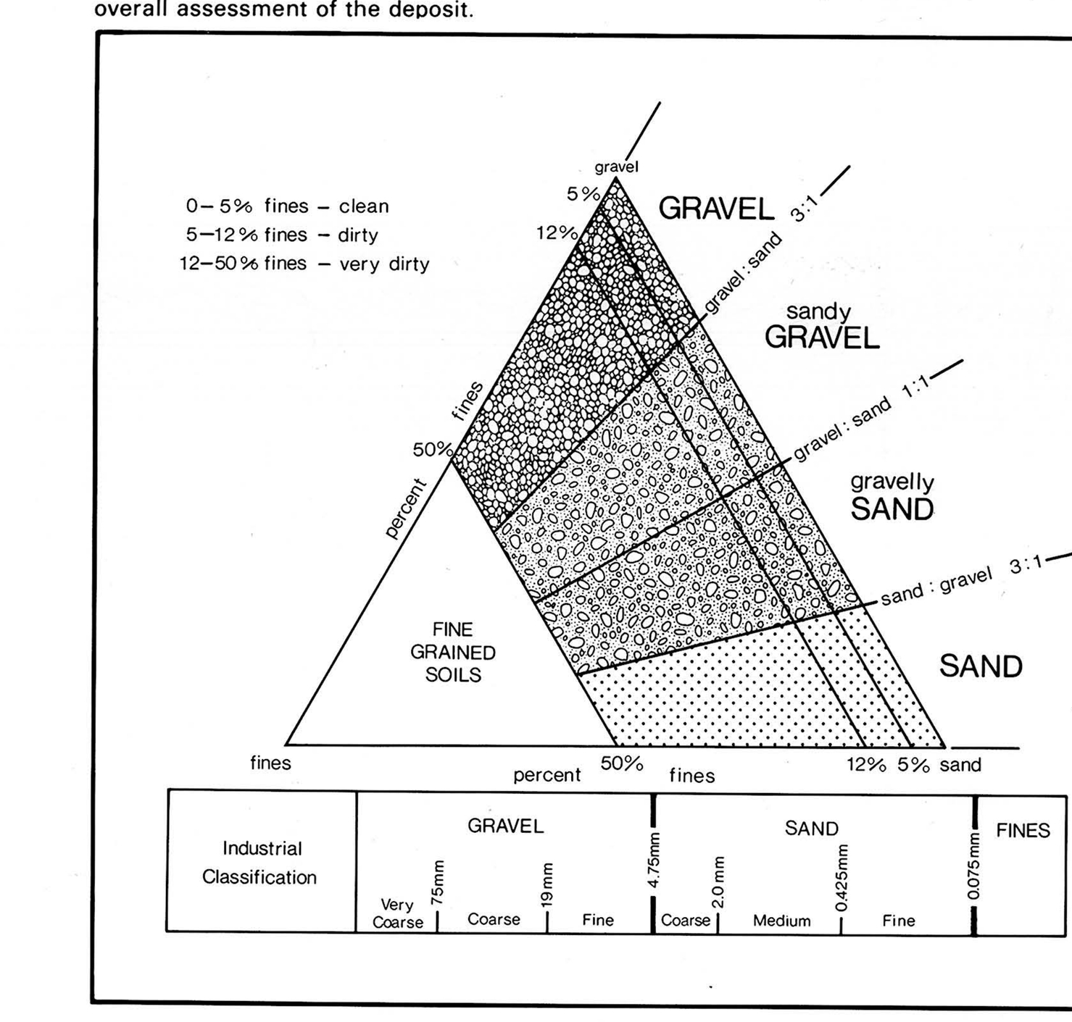
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit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

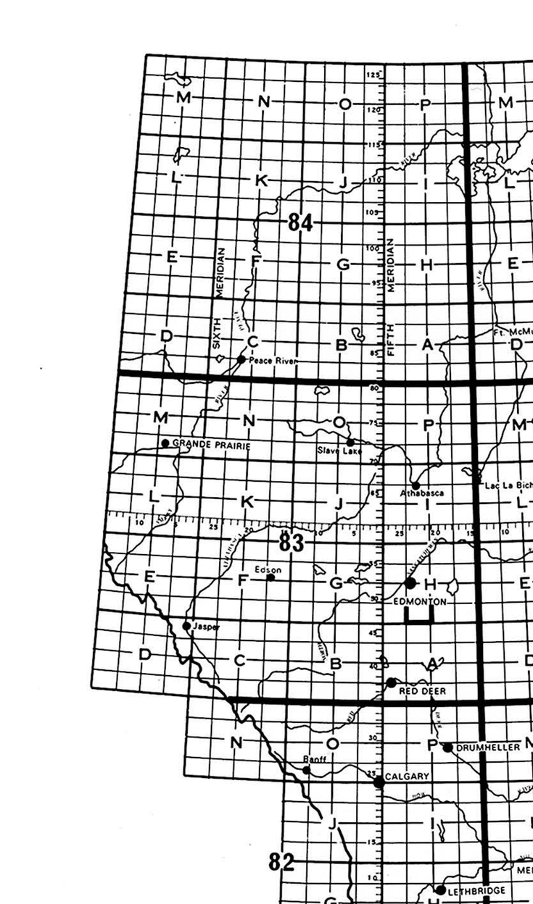
Deposit Area — Deposits in this study were delineated by interpretation of aerial photographs and the contacts should be considered approximate. Information is precise only where test holes, or geological sections, are indicated.

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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