

GENERAL COMMENTS

DEPOSIT CHARACTERISTICS

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	Clean gravel	3,800	1,200	Coarse gravel with medium to fine sand.	77	22	1	0	-	140	Alluvial terrace	Terrace 60 m above river level. Predominantly subrounded quartzites with minor sandstones and carbonates and occasional granitic clasts.
2	Clean gravel	-	-	Coarse gravel with medium to fine sand. Deposit is nearly depleted.	83	16	1	0	-	6	Alluvial terrace	Remnant terrace 105 m above river level.
3	Clean gravel	3,800	1,200	Coarse gravel with medium to fine sand. Most of the reserves are in the eastern portion where water table is 4.6 m below surface.	70-80	20-30	-2	Usually no overburden but up to 6 m silt and sand in places.	>6	125	Alluvial terrace	Bedrock underlies gravel throughout area.
4	Clean gravel	4,500	1,500	Coarse gravel with medium to fine sand. Area well drained, water table approx. 9 m below surface. Coal particles in sand fraction may be present in objectionally high amounts for certain uses.	76	22	2	<0.5	6.17 (average 10)	<140	Alluvial terrace	Deposit lies directly on shale-sandstone bedrock. Gravel predominantly subrounded quartzite with minor sandstone, carbonate and chert.
5	Clean gravel	15,000	5,000	Clean coarse gravel with medium fine sand. Less than half of reserves shown are recoverable due to present land use on terrace. Area utilized is becoming depleted.	78	21	1	-	<5	<396	Alluvial terrace	Predominantly quartzite.
6	Clean sandy gravel	>2,000	-	Well drained area, has potential for development. At present inaccessible to vehicular traffic.	-	-	-	0.5	up to 5	104	Alluvial terrace	Granular material rests on bedrock.

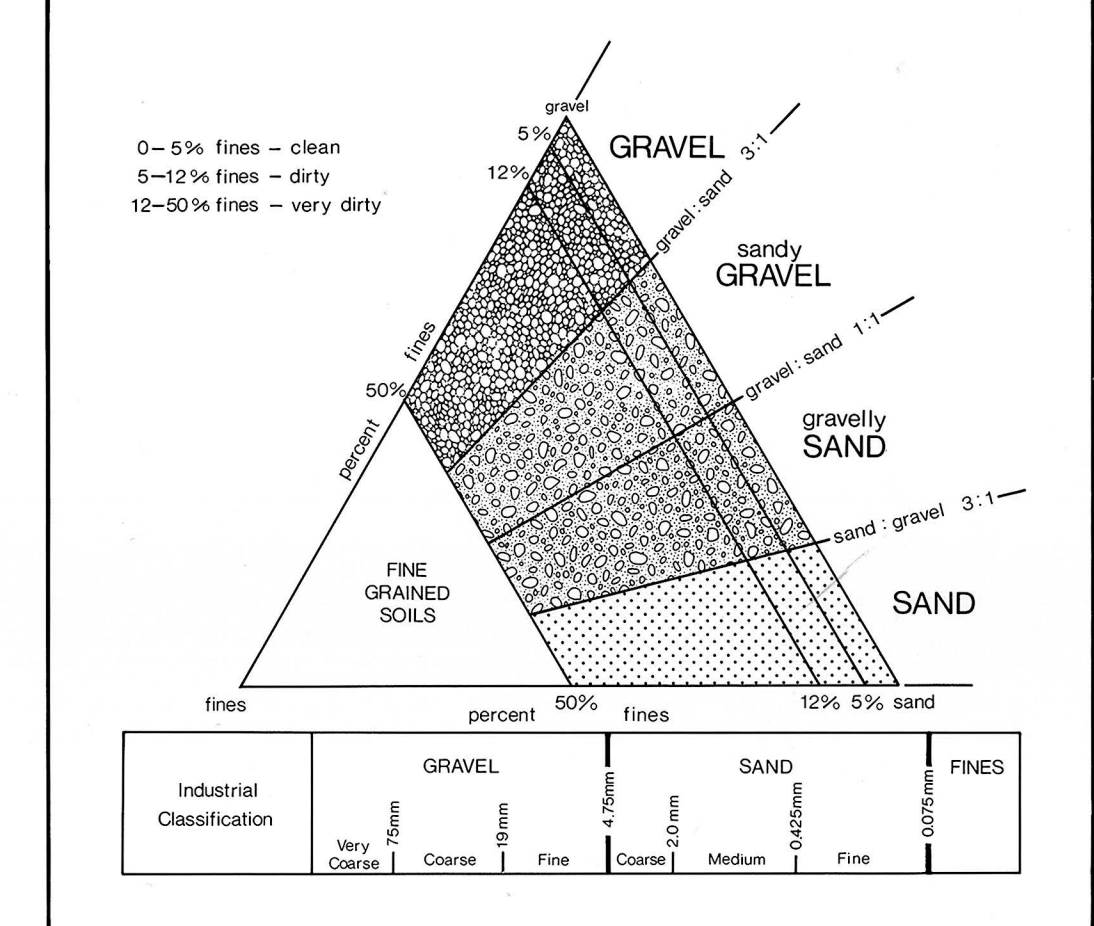
Deposit Number — Granular deposits shown on this map may have commercial possibilities. The assumption followed from two criteria used in the mapping process: study of the area considered only granular deposits greater than one metre thick, and covering an area more than one hectare; and it only considered 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.

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.

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.

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.

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) x thickness (m) x 10,000 x % gravel; the same formula was used for sand.



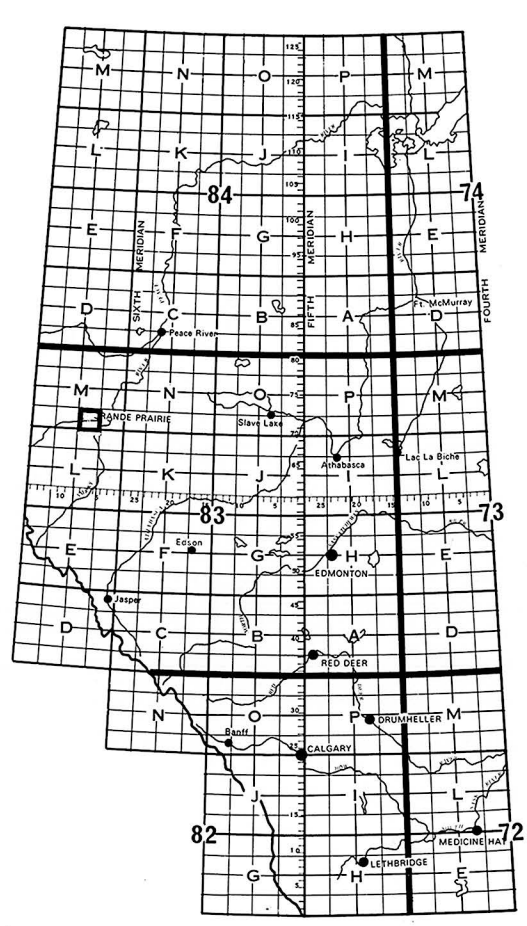
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit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

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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