

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	11,000	2,800	Low water table; some areas with high silt content; requires crushing and perhaps washing; very active.	79	20	1	0.5	3.5	432	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; High % quartzite; well sorted and well rounded rocks; maximum 10 cm clast size. Little data available.
2	Dirty gravel	1,020	153	Low water table; high silt content; requires crushing and washing; active.	85	10	<5	0.5	3.0	51	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; High % quartzite; white carbonaceous coating common or rocks; very well sorted; rounded; some detritous material; Petrographic Number (PN) = 152.04
3	Clean gravel	6,038	1,932	Water table unknown; poor quality; sand and gravel confined to the edge of terrace.	75	24	1	0.30	3.0	322	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; very stony surface along the edge of the terrace; probably more overburden towards north. PN = 155.59
4	Dirty gravel	-	-	Water table unknown; very poor quality; requires crushing and washing; inactive.	-	-	-	0.5	1.5	14	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; not well sorted; rocks fairly large in size; No data on textural available.
5	Clean gravel and sand	340	493	Water table low; poor quality; crushing and washing may be necessary; inactive.	40	58	2	1.0	8.5	12	Fluvial	High % quartzite; subangular; ironstones common; unsorted and massive; maximum 20 cm clast size but mainly below 2.5 cm in diameter. PN = 195.
6	Dirty sand and gravel	540	588	Part of this deposit has been extracted; poor quality; requires crushing and washing; inactive.	45	49	6	1.0	4.0	48	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; Precambrian rocks common; high % ironstones; PN = 276.
7	Clean gravel and sand	-	-	Water table low; sandier towards higher elevation; similar to Deposit 1.	-	-	-	-	>4.0	19	Fluvial	Terrace deposit; High % quartzite and Precambrian rocks. Contains detritous rock types.
8	Very clean sand	26	627	Coarse sand probably suitable for ice control purposes; waterstable unknown.	4	95	1	0	3.0	22	Glaciofluvial	Hummocky ridges.

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

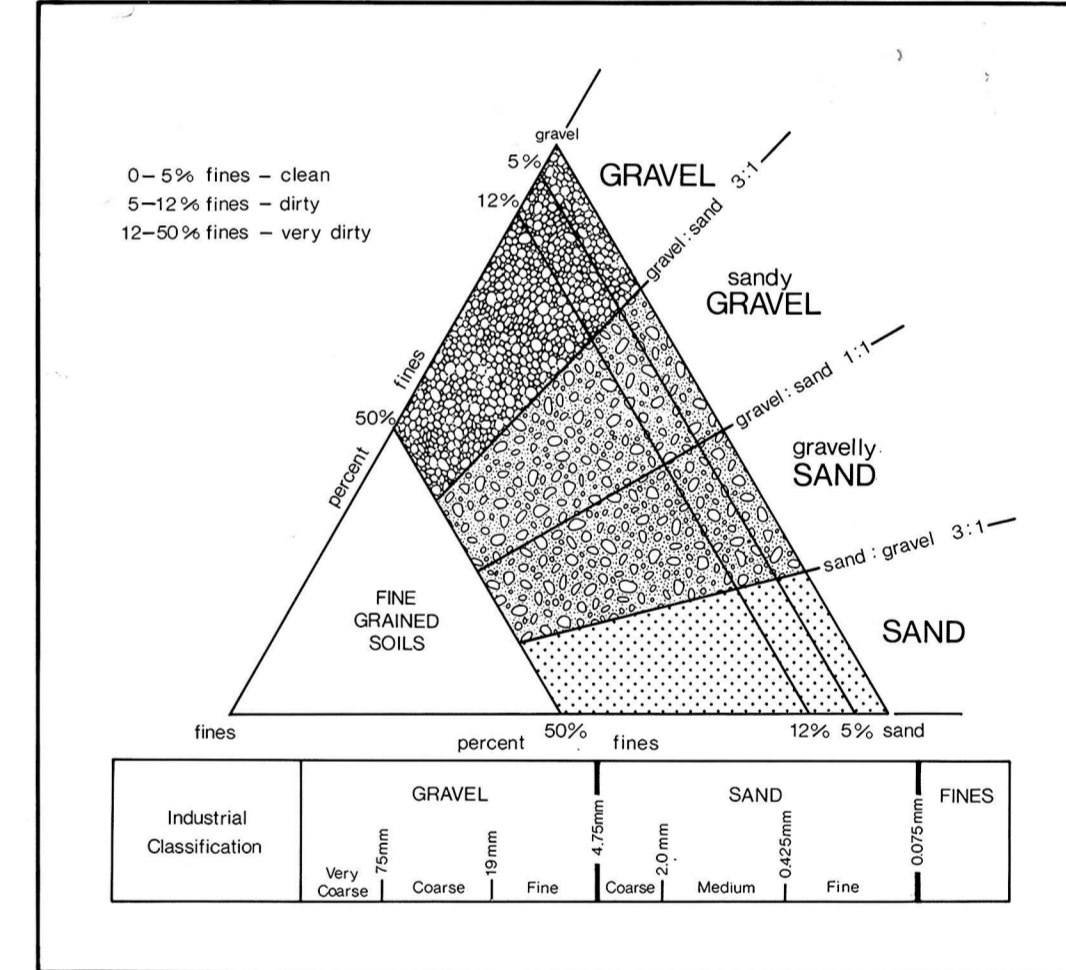
Texture — The texture of the sediment refers to the percentage of particles of various sizes. For mineral aggregate, the most important fractions are the gravel and sand. The actual dimensions of the clasts and particles in these fractions are given in the figure. The values given for a particular deposit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

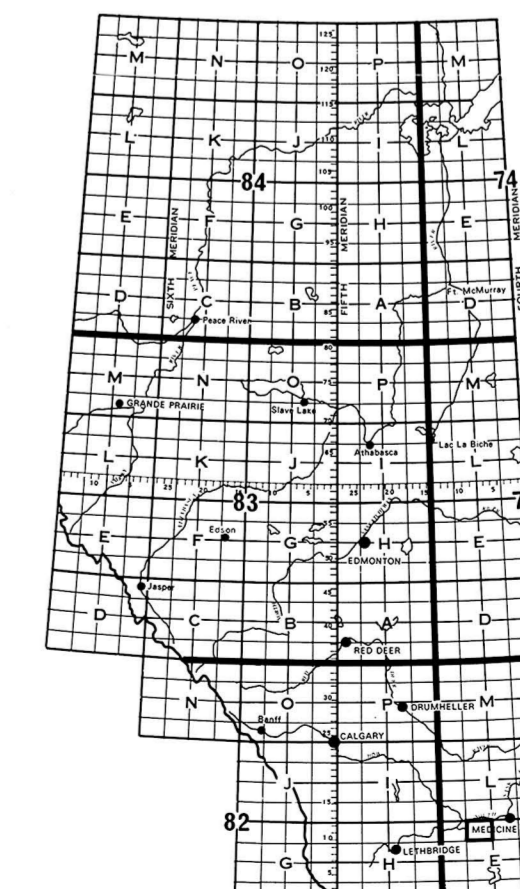
Deposit Area — Deposits in this study were delineated by interpretation of aerial photographs and the contacts should be considered approximate. Information is precise only where test holes, or geological sections, are indicated.

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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WEST OF FOURTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU QUATRIÈME MÉRIDIEN
Scale 1:50,000 Échelle

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