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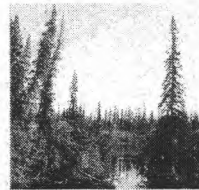
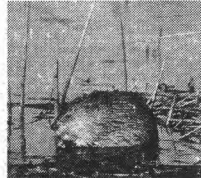
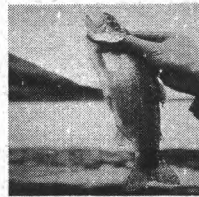
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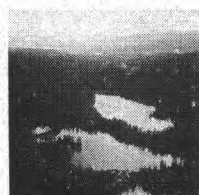
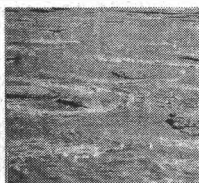
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PREFACE:

The Northern River Basins Study was initiated through the "Canada-Alberta-Northwest Territories Agreement Respecting the Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin Study, Phase II - Technical Studies" which was signed September 27, 1991. The purpose of the Study is to understand and characterize the cumulative effects of development on the water and aquatic environment of the Study Area by coordinating with existing programs and undertaking appropriate new technical studies.

This publication reports the method and findings of particular work conducted as part of the Northern River Basins Study. As such, the work was governed by a specific terms of reference and is expected to contribute information about the Study Area within the context of the overall study as described by the Study Final Report. This report has been reviewed by the Study Science Advisory Committee in regards to scientific content and has been approved by the Study Board of Directors for public release.

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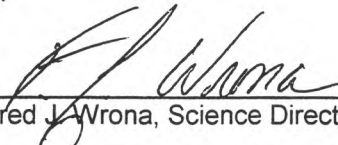
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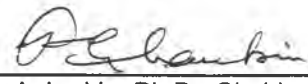
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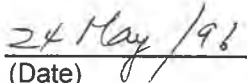
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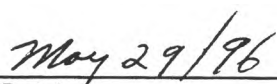
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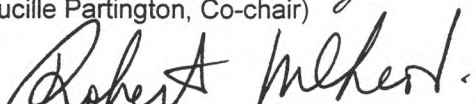
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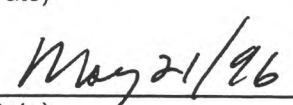
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AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CONTAMINANTS IN THE PEACE, ATHABASCA AND SLAVE RIVER BASINS

STUDY PERSPECTIVE

The aquatic environments contained within the Northern River Basins Study area (NRBS) were being described and monitored prior to the onset of the Study. Even though effluents arising from pulp and paper mills were the subject of considerable Board and public interest, other municipal and industrial effluents were also identified as potential areas of concern. Difficulties existed in understanding the cumulative effects of development because of disparate information bases and information gaps. Consequently, the NRBS Board identified a need to capitalize on existing knowledge to better understand the influence of effluents on the receiving waters of the Peace, Athabasca and Slave rivers and their major tributaries and assist in directing the future

investment of Study funds. It was also acknowledged that an existing scientific literature relating to effluents, particularly as it concerned contaminants and the ecotoxicity of various effluents to the aquatic environment, should complement any data gathering and interpretation. A seven step multifaceted project was initiated under the Contaminants Component to gather together and interpret the significance of existing data, particularly as it related to describing the cumulative effects of effluents arising from development on the aquatic environment. The different facets of this project included: identification of effluent sources, characterization of effluent arising from municipal and non-pulp mill industry sources, preparation of two annotated bibliographies, and three synthesis reports. The two bibliographies were distinct products that supported the preparation of two synthesis reports dealing with contaminants and ecotoxicity of pulp mill effluents.

This report presents the annotated bibliography on contaminants. The bibliography was intended to focus on databases dealing with chemical and microbiological contaminants existing in the aquatic environment and the potential impacts - ecotoxicological effects of these contaminants on aquatic ecosystems. The subsequent synthesis report, which was not completed, was to dwell on: a comparison of findings to present trends in effluent quality / quantity, presentation of summary statistics on the types and levels of contaminants present, a discussion of ecotoxicological significance, including human health, of contaminants and their concentration, an assessment of the significance of the presence, concentration and distribution of contaminants found in the aquatic environment, a discussion of water quality guidelines and objectives, information gaps and areas requiring monitoring.

The annotated bibliography covers all information on instream contaminants on the Athabasca, Peace and Slave rivers. It was completed on dBase IV and is presented in printed and electronic versions, the latter can be used to electronically search for specific subjects by key words.

Related Study Questions

- 2) *What is the current state of water quality in the Peace, Athabasca and Slave River basins, including the Peace-Athabasca Delta?*
- 5) *Are the substances added to the rivers by natural and man-made discharges likely to cause deterioration of the water quality?*

REPORT SUMMARY

This document is an annotated bibliography of government and industrial reports and databases pertaining to chemical and microbial contaminants existing in the water, sediment and biota of the Peace, Athabasca and Slave rivers in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. Key journal articles pertaining to contaminants from industries, particularly pulp mills, have been included because of their relevance even though the articles may refer to studies outside of northern Alberta.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 OBJECTIVE

In January 1993, SENTAR Consultants Ltd. (SENTAR) was authorized by the Northern River Basins Study (NRBS) to compile and review water quality and related data pertaining to contaminants found in the ambient aquatic environment within the specific study area. The project consists of three parts: data collection, a synthesis report, and an annotated bibliography.

The objective of the annotated bibliography is to identify and annotate the available databases, government and industry reports, journal papers, and other sources of information on chemical and microbial contaminants existing in the aquatic environment (water, sediment, biota) and potential impacts and ecotoxicological effects of these contaminants to aquatic ecosystems. Instream contaminant concentrations and loading, bioaccumulation, and the toxicity of contaminants on aquatic biota within the three northern rivers of the study are to be addressed.

1.2 SCOPE

The study area includes the Peace, Athabasca and Slave rivers within Alberta and the Northwest Territories (Figure 1 Northern River Basins Study Area). The study includes major tributaries to the three rivers; for example, the evaluation of the Peace River will include the Wapiti River-Smoky River system. The Lesser Slave River is a major tributary to the Athabasca River.

The annotated bibliography pertaining to contaminants is similar to two other annotated bibliographies prepared for the NRBS on related topics, including ecotoxicity of pulp mill effluents and nutrient loadings on the Athabasca, Peace and Slave rivers. Essentially, this bibliography covers all information on instream contaminants; industrial and municipal point source loadings are addressed by other reports and bibliographies.

The bibliography was completed on dBase IV. By using this database, topics can be searched electronically by key words. To assist users, SENTAR Consultants Ltd. has supplied the contaminants bibliography in both printed version and electronic disc. The other bibliographies have been prepared in the same format on dBase IV.

References pertaining to relevant studies conducted within the NRBS study area have been annotated (Appendix A). In some cases, these reports listed secondary sources of information which have also been included in an appendix to this bibliography (Appendix B), but have not been annotated. SENTAR considers the references in Appendix B are outside the scope of this assignment. These un-annotated references were included to give the reader the original sources of information used in the preparation of the annotated reports. Also included in this document are the annotations of major review papers dealing with contaminants and their ecotoxicity. Emphasis was placed on research which has made a significant contribution to the development of present-day knowledge.

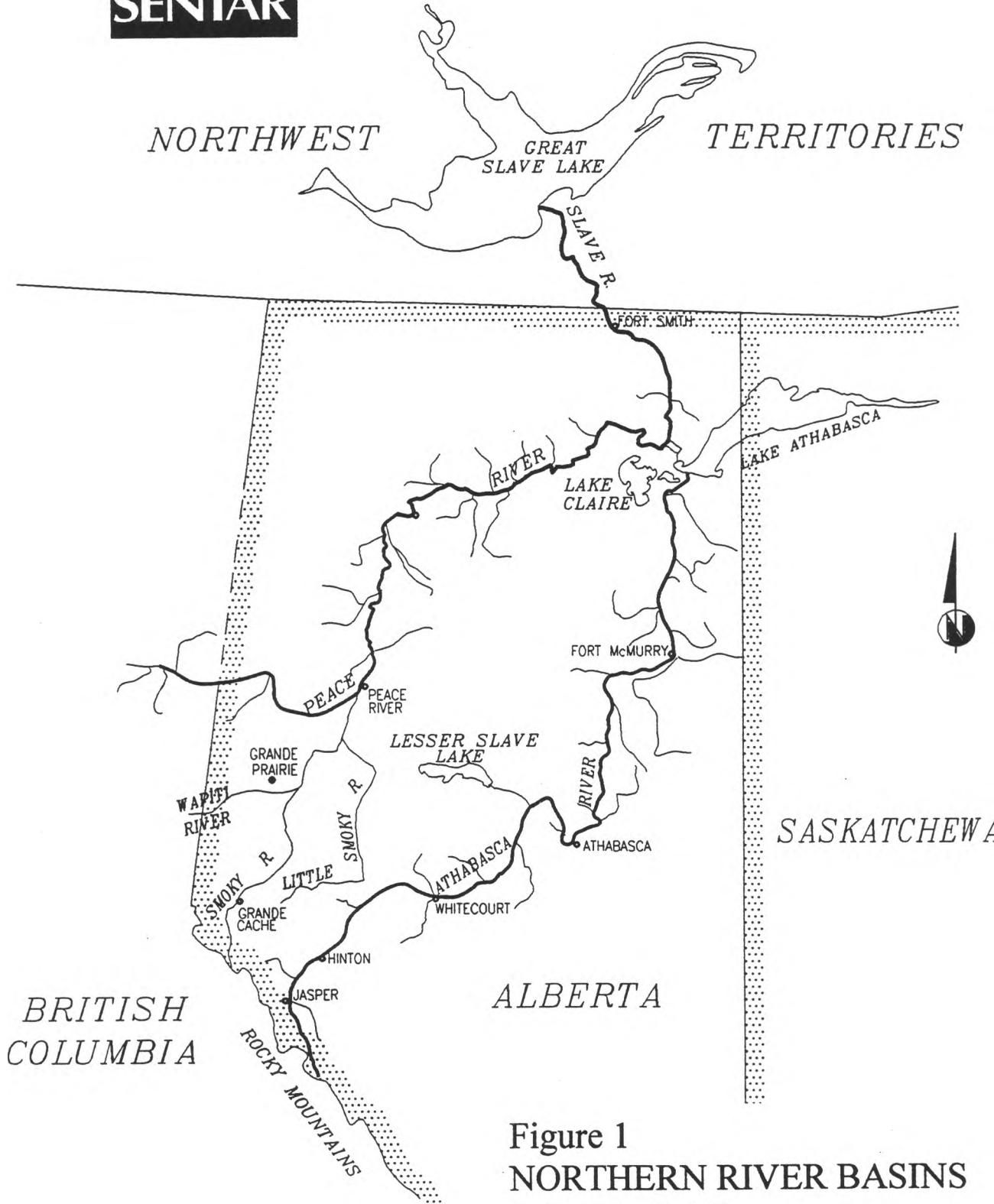


Figure 1
NORTHERN RIVER BASINS
STUDY AREA

2.0 USER'S INFORMATION

2.1 ORGANIZATION

The annotated bibliography is arranged alphabetically by author, then by date of publication. As much information as possible was included in each bibliography to provide users with several options when searching for a report or group of related reports.

The annotated bibliography is organized as follows:

AUTHOR	The name of author(s) or organizations who prepared the report.
DATE	The year in which the report was published.
DUP_DATE	A lower-case letter identifying the report from other reports published by the same author in the same year.
TITLE	The report title.
OTHER1	The name of client(s) for whom the report was prepared.
PUBLISHER	The name of the publisher or the name of the journal/publication, the volume number and the pages.
OTHER2	Additional information such as project number, detailed date, report length and appendices.
ANNOTATION	A note explaining the contents of the report. When the annotation is not original, the source of the annotation is cited.
KEY	Key word fields identifying the topics covered.

This annotated bibliography is comprised of reports pertaining to contaminants; it is a subset of a larger bibliography. For this reason, the duplicate dates (e.g. Smith 1991a, 1991c) listed for the same author and year may not be consecutive if a report with the same author and year (e.g. Smith 1991b) pertains to another topic (e.g. nutrients) within the larger bibliography.

2.2 KEY WORD FIELDS

2.2.1 Summary of Key Word Field Names

Five general categories of information were identified. Key word fields were defined for each of these five information categories (Table 1 Information Categories and Key Word Field Names). Ten "key word" fields have been created. Each field contains one or more key words.

Table 1: Information Categories and Key Word Field Names

<u>INFORMATION TYPE</u>	<u>FIELD NAME</u>
1. Location	
(a) Waterbody/Basin	KEY_WATER
(b) Geographic Descriptors	KEY_GEOG
2. Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Parameters	KEY_PARAM
3. Biota	
(a) Animals	KEY_ANIMAL
(b) Plants	KEY_PLANT
(c) Microbes	KEY_MCROBE
4. Sampling Media	KEY_MEDIA
5. Miscellaneous	KEY_MISC1 KEY_MISC2 KEY_MISC3

2.3 EXPLANATION OF KEY WORD FIELDS

2.3.1 Waterbody/Basin

Key Word Field: KEY_WATER

Key Words:

ATHABASCA	MACKAY	PEMBINA
BEAVER	MACKENZIE	RED DEER
BOW	MCLEOD	SLAVE
CLEARWATER	MUSKEG	SMOKY
FRASER	NORTH SASKATCHEWAN	SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN
HARTLEY	OLDMAN	STEEP BANK
LAKE SUPERIOR	PEACE	THOMPSON
LESSER SLAVE	PEACE-ATHABASCA	WAPITI

Words entered into this field define the water body(s) referred to in a document. Zero to many waterbodies may be listed. All of the main rivers in the Northern River Basins and their tributaries are eligible for this field. In cases where waterbodies outside of the Northern River Basins are discussed, they are also listed. The key words do not indicate waterbody type; that is, they do not designate if the waterbody is a river, lake, reservoir, etc. These designations are found in the miscellaneous key word field(s).

Some of the key words in this field appear to be redundant. For example, both "Athabasca" and "Peace-Athabasca" are used. This is done to accommodate searching strategies. For example, "Athabasca" is listed to capture documents on the Athabasca River, or on the Athabasca Basin. "Peace-Athabasca" is listed to capture documents pertaining to the Peace-Athabasca Delta.

2.3.2 Geographic Descriptors

Key Word Field: KEY_GEOG

Key Words:

ALBERTA	EMBARRASS	ONTARIO
ATHABASCA	FORT CHIPEWYAN	OREGON
BENNETT DAM	FORT MCMURRAY	PEACE RIVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA	GRANDE PRAIRIE	SLAVE LAKE
CANADA	HINTON	WHITECOURT
	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	

In some cases, it is useful to describe the location of the study in geographic terms other than the name of a waterbody/basin. This field defines political boundaries and specific locations (e.g. municipalities).

2.3.3 Physical, Chemical and Toxicological Parameters

Key Word Field: KEY_PARAM

Key Words:

CHLORINATED ORGANIC(S)	NUTRIENT(S)	OXYGEN DEMAND
EXTENSIVE	ORGANIC(S)	PHYSICAL PARAMETER(S)
METAL(S)	OXYGEN	TOXIC
NON-METAL INORGANIC(S)		

The terms listed in Table 2 Information Categories and Key Words in “Key_Parameter” Field were chosen to categorize different types of parameters, including those specifically related to contaminants.

Table 2: Information Categories and Key Words in “Key_Parameter” Field

<u>KEY WORD</u>	<u>WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS</u>
Chlorinated Organics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- dioxins- furans- chlorinated phenols- other
Extensive:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- broad spectrum survey- more than two categories
Metals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- all metals
Non-Metal Inorganics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- major ions- halides- arsenic, etc.
Nutrients:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- nitrogen- phosphorous
Organics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- non-chlorinated organics- petroleum (e.g. oil)
Oxygen:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- dissolved oxygen
Oxygen Demand:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- biochemical oxygen demand (BOD)- chemical oxygen demand (COD)- sediment oxygen demand (SOD)
Physical Parameters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- temperature- alkalinity- hardness- pH- conductivity- odour- colour- total suspended solids (filterable residue)- total dissolved solids (non-filterable residue)
Toxic:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- toxicity of contaminants

2.3.4 Animals

Key Word Field: KEY_ANIMAL
Key Words: FAUNA VERTEBRATE
INVERTEBRATE

This field indicates whether a document contains information about invertebrates, vertebrates or fauna in general. The term "fauna" is a generic term for those documents that are not specific about the animal(s) that are being discussed. Because these terms are so broad, further identification of the animal may be found in the miscellaneous key word field. For example, if a document refers to a study on the effects of contaminants on fish, the key word for this field will be vertebrates. And, in the KEY_MISC field, "fish" will be listed. (Note: the ANNOTATION field may also contain the term "fish").

2.3.5 Plants

Key Word Field: KEY_PLANT
Key Words: ALGAE FLORA
CHLOROPHYLL MACROPHYTE

This field indicates whether a document contains information about plants. The same principles apply for this field, as for the KEY_ANIMAL field.

2.3.6 Microbes

Key Word Field: KEY_MCROBE
Key Words: BACTERIA MICROBE
FUNGI

This field indicates whether a document contains information about microscopic biota: bacteria (total coliform, fecal coliform, fecal streptococci), fungi or viruses.

2.3.7 Sampling Media

Key Word Field: KEY_MEDIA
Key Words: BIOTA SEDIMENT
EFFLUENT WATER

The type of sample that has been analyzed is identified by these key words.

2.3.8 Miscellaneous

Key Word Fields: KEY_MISC1, KEY_MISC2, KEY_MISC3

Key Words:

ALBERTA-PACIFIC	FOOD CHAIN	OIL
ANNUAL REPORT	FOREST HARVESTING	OIL SANDS
ANC	FURANS	ORGANOCHLORINE
BASELINE	GENERAL REFERENCES	POLLUTION
BASIN	GEOLOGY	PROCTER & GAMBLE
BENTHOS	HINTON	PULP MILL
BIBLIOGRAPHY	HUMAN HEALTH	REPRODUCTION
BIOACCUMULATION	HYDROLOGY	RIVER
CONTAMINANT	IMPACT	SALMONID
DAISHOWA	INDUSTRY	SAMPLING
DATABASE	INVENTORY	SEWAGE TREATMENT
DELTA	INVESTIGATION	SLAVE LAKE
DIOXINS	LAKE	SPILL
ECOLOGY	LICENCE	STUDIES
ECOSYSTEM	METHODS	SUNCOR
EFFLUENT	MILLAR WESTERN	SURVEY
EIA	MINING	SYNCRUDE
EXPERIMENT	MODEL	WATER QUALITY
FATE	MONITORING	WATER RESOURCES
FISH	NAQUADAT	WATER USE
	NUTRIENT	WELDWOOD

The key words used to compile the annotated bibliography relating to contaminants were not placed in specific key word fields because the key words relating to this topic were too numerous. Creating key word fields for each relevant key word would have increased the level of complexity of the bibliography beyond a practical level. Instead, the selection of appropriate key words was left in the miscellaneous key word fields. This will allow the searcher to select the most relevant search criteria, depending on the topic in question. As the field name suggests, these key words are miscellaneous terms that help to describe a document and/or to refine the definition of a key word from another field. For example, if a document describes a study about the levels of oil in a river, and the key word "ORGANICS" is listed in KEY_PARAM1, then to narrow the description of the document further, "OIL" would be listed in KEY_MISC1.

2.4 **dBase FILE INFORMATION**

The annotated bibliography was designed using dBase IV. The database file name is CONTAMNT.dbf and is accompanied with a file named CONTAMNT.dbt. The .dbt extension refers to data contained in the memo field. The .dbt file must accompany the .dbf file.

Indices created during the use of the database will have an .mdx extension. When backing up files or transferring to other disks, it is important that all .dbf, .dbt and .mdx files are copied. When performing a search, the words selected must be in uppercase. It is advisable to use a "wild card" extension when searching key words that may or may not be pluralized (Example: INVERTEBRATE*, METAL*). Often, a field may have several key words. When searching for one key word in a list of several, place the key word in quotation marks preceded by a "\$" sign (e.g. "\$WORD"). This tells dBase that the character

string being searched is imbedded. Multiple key words and multiple fields can be searched at the same time. Several key words can be searched in one field, as long as each key word is on a separate line. Put each word on a separate row (one beneath the other) in the Query definition screen. By doing this, dBase will search for records containing any or all of the key words. The above rules apply (e.g. uppercase, \$ and quotation marks for imbedded strings, and separate lines for each key word). The following example illustrates this:

KEY_XX	KEY_YY	KEY_ZZ
\$"WORD1"		
\$"WORD2"		
	\$"WORD3"	
	\$"WORD4"	
		"WORD5"

The "WORD5" example shown above illustrates a case where only one key word would be found in that field, as opposed to a list of key words.

3.0 ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

The annotated bibliography which follows in Appendix A consists of “158” annotated references from government and industry reports, scientific papers and other print sources. References cited in the reports have been retained in Appendix B. The major databases containing data on contaminants can be found in Appendix C. A copy of the terms of reference have been included in Appendix D.

APPENDIX A

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY FROM PRINTED (HARD COPY) SOURCES

AUTHOR Akena, A.M.
DATE 1980
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality of Athabasca Oil Sands Area. Vol. 1. Data
Collection and Quality.
OTHER1 For Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research Program.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Pollution Control Division. Project
W.S. 1.2.1.
OTHER2 August 1980; 71 pp.
ANNOTATION "This report documents locations of Athabasca Oil
Sands Area sampling sites, sampling analytical and
quality control methods, and availability of
assembled data, and provides an appraisal of the
data base" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING, METHODS, RIVER, OIL SANDS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Akena, A.M. and L.L. Christian.
DATE 1981
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality of the Athabasca Oil Sands Area. Vol. 4.
An Interim Compilation of Non-AOSERP Water Quality Data.
OTHER1 For Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research Program.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Pollution Control Division.
OTHER2 October 1981; 242 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report assembles non-AOSERP water quality
data dating back to the 1950's without validating
or evaluating it" (cited from McGregor and Cary,
1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, RIVER, DATABASE, OIL SANDS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment Library.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Computer-Retrieved Bibliography from the SciTech
Database: Northern Rivers & Pulp and Paper Operations.
OTHER1 Requested by: M. Bhatnagar for P. Chambers, National
Hydrology Research Centre, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION The SCITECH database is a joint listing of
books/reports held in 3 Alberta Government
libraries: Alberta Environment, Alberta
Agriculture, Alberta Research Council. The
collection covers a wide range of scientific and
technical subjects.

Search terms used for this data search are: Set 1
- Wapiti, Athabasca, Peace, Smoky and Set 2 -
pulpwood, wood-pulp, pulp mills, water pollution,
paper, water quality.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, ATHABASCA, PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, DATABASE, POLLUTION
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1979
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Data Compilation: Vol. II.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The basin is divided into the following
sub-basin: Berland River, Lac La Biche River,
McLeod River, Lesser Slave Lake and River.
Data was assembled for Geology, Hydrology,
Hydrogeology, and Hydrometeorology, Land Use,
Water Use, Water Quality, Environmental
consideration, Fisheries, Wildlife, Recreation
Demography, Physical Resources, Archaeology and
Water Resources Management" (cited from McGregor
and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, BASIN, WATER USE, WATER
RESOURCES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1981
DUP_DATE
TITLE Peace River Basin - An Overview of Water Resource
Planning Needs.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 January 1981.
ANNOTATION "This overview presents water resource management
concerns that have been noted in the past and are
anticipated in the future. Seven major findings
and four major recommendations were produced by
the report. The findings dealt with concerns
related to water quantity and quality,
hydroelectric potential and drainage. A major
recommendation was that planning needs to
concentrate on two areas: long-term future
supply/demand; and institutional and program
aspects" (as cited in McGregor and Cary, 1991).
KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, BASIN, RIVER, WATER RESOURCES, WATER USE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE Slave River Basin Overview.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Assessment Section, Planning Services
Branch, Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report provides an inventory of existing information pertaining to geology, soils, vegetation, climate, fish, wildlife, and land use of the basin as well the water quality and hydrology of the Slave River; critical areas for fish and wildlife and unique features of the Salt River Sub-basin" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL FAUNA
KEY_PLANT FLORA
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, FISH
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1986
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Study - Water Quality Component -
Athabasca River Basin Industrial Effluent Discharges.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Athabasca River Basin Section, Planning Division, Alberta
Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report summarizes information on licensed
industrial liquid discharges in the Athabasca
River Basin, including type of industrial
operation, discharge route, liquid source,
estimated discharge volume and management
monitoring required for the license" (cited from
McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, RIVER, EFFLUENT, LICENCE, INDUSTRY, BASIN,
MONITORING, DATABASE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Alberta Water and Wastewater Facilities Survey, 1990.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Protection Services, Standards and
Approvals Division, Municipal Branch, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This document is a listing of municipal water and
wastewater systems in the Province of Alberta. It
summarizes information on municipally-owned
systems and non-municipally owned facilities that
are subject to inspection by the Municipal Branch.
Included in the non-municipally owned facilities
are mobile home parks, schools, Hutterite
colonies, subdivisions, national and provincial
parks, and other sites (industrial parks,
airports, etc.). Data are listed with drainage
route information and include locations along the
Athabasca River near Whitecourt.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 LICENCE, EFFLUENT, SEWAGE TREATMENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Dioxin and Furan Testing in Fish from the Athabasca and Wapiti Rivers: Results and Health Advisory Released by Federal and Provincial Governments.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Forestry, Lands and Wildlife, Alberta Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.

OTHER2 July 1990. 15 pp.

ANNOTATION Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife (July 27, 1990) issued a fish consumption advisory for the Athabasca, Wapiti and Smoky river systems. This provincial advisory is in response to the official release of the Health and Welfare Canada dioxin and furan test results for fish near Alberta kraft pulp mills. Fish consumption guidelines are recommended for selected fish species in the Athabasca and Wapiti rivers. Some consumption guidelines applied to tributary streams of these rivers because of the migratory nature of affected fish....Fish consumers were advised to check with local fish and wildlife offices to ensure that the guidelines were clearly understood.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, WAPITI
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 ORGANOCHLORINE, RIVER, PROCTER & GAMBLE, ANC, MILLAR WESTERN, PULP MILL, WATER QUALITY, DIOXINS
KEY_MISC2 FURANS
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1993
DUP_DATE
TITLE Nutrient Data, Northern Rivers Study Area.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Assessment Division, Environmental
Protection Services, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This is a collection of data provided by Alberta Environment on 1) nutrient data file descriptions, 2) Athabasca River sample sites, 3) a list of Peace/Athabasca/Slave government water quality background reports, 4) LTRN and MTRN sites in Northern Alberta, and 5) Alberta Environment water quality data, nitrogen and phosphorus. Forms of nutrients include particulate nitrogen, dissolved nitrogen, particulate kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen, nitrite/nitrate nitrogen, total ammonia nitrogen, total phosphorus, dissolved inorganic phosphorus, and total inorganic phosphorus.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 NUTRIENT, BIBLIOGRAPHY, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, MONITORING,
DATABASE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Study - Overview.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Planning Division.
OTHER2 October 1982; 345 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report is a comprehensive inventory of the existing information on natural resources, and natural resources issues, in the basin. Included are 23 chapters dealing with land use, water quantity and quality issues, climate, geology, mineral resources, fish and wildlife resources to name a few. No definitive conclusions were made" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BASIN, WATER QUALITY, FISH, INVENTORY, BIBLIOGRAPHY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environmental Centre.
DATE 1984.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Methoxychlor and 2,2-Bis (P-Methoxyphenyl)-1,
1-Dichloroethylene Residues in Fish in Alberta.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environmental Centre, Vegreville, Alberta,
OTHER2 AECV 84-R1. 24 pp.
ANNOTATION "Between 1980 and 1983, a total of 1284 fish were
collected from 15 major lakes and rivers in
Alberta for analysis of methoxychlor (MEO-DDT) and
its lipophilic metabolite
2,2-bis(p-methoxyphenyl)-1, 1-dichloroethylene
(MEO-DDE). Analysis was conducted on both edible
muscle and intestinal fat" (as cited in document).
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN, BEAVER, WAPITI, BOW, SOUTH
SASKATCHEWAN, OLDMAN, RED DEER, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, FATE, CONTAMINANT, STUDIES, SAMPLING, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environmental Centre.
DATE 1987.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Toxicity and Environmental Chemistry of Wastewater from a
Kraft Pulp and Paper Mill: Fish Toxicity Studies.
OTHER1 Report AECV87-R4.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environmental Centre.
OTHER2 67 pp.

ANNOTATION "The purpose of this investigation was to
determine if effluent discharged from the Procter
& Gamble Cellulose Ltd. (Grande Prairie) kraft
process pulp and paper mill was deleterious to
fish in the Wapiti River. The presence and
concentrations of organic and inorganic chemicals
in effluent, river water and selected fish tissues
were determined. In addition, selected tissues
from fish resident in the river adjacent to the
mill were examined for evidence of pathological
changes....The results reported herein represent a
more in-depth assessment of water and effluent
chemistry than is normally carried out for
monitoring purposes" (cited from document
abstract).

KEY_WATER WAPITI
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS, METALS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN
DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, FATE, CONTAMINANT, NUTRIENT,
SAMPLING, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Allan, R.J. and T.A. Jackson.
DATE 1978.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Heavy Metals in Bottom Sediments of the Mainstem
Athabasca River System in the AOSERP Study Area.
OTHER1 Prepared for the Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research
Program.
PUBLISHER Fisheries and Environment Canada, Freshwater Institute.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 34. 72 pp.

ANNOTATION Dredged sediments and sediment cores were
collected from sites along the Athabasca River
system from between Fort McMurray and the
confluence of Riviere des Rochers with the Slave
River. A selected sample suite representing all
of the drainage units and textural variations was
analysed by several total and partial element
extraction techniques. Sediment samples were
collected during late August to early September
1976.

The first general objective of this study was to
provide baseline information on the historic
concentrations of heavy metals in the bottom
sediments of the different components (river,
delta, lake) of the mainstem Athabasca River
system. The second general objective was to
employ selective dissolution analyses (SDA) and
measurement of other sedimentological and
minerological parameters to better understand the
forms in which these heavy metals occur in the
bottom sediments. Specific objectives were: 1. to
determine concentration and distribution of
various heavy metals in the bottom sediments from
just above Fort McMurray to the Slave River
confluence; 2. to comment on the historic input of
metals to the drainage system and on any detected
contamination; 3. to use selective SDA to develop
a better understanding of the forms in which heavy
metals are held in the bottom sediments; 4. to
recommend any necessary continuation of bottom
sediment collection and analysis so as to monitor
toxic metal impact on the mainstem Athabasca River
of extraction and processing of the Athabasca Oil
Sands.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER

KEY_MISC1 RIVER, OIL SANDS, SAMPLING, HYDROLOGY, CONTAMINANT, FATE,
BASELINE, INVENTORY

KEY_MISC2

KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Anderson, A.M.
 DATE 1989.
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE An Assessment of the Effects of the Combined Pulp Mill and Municipal Effluents at Hinton on the Water Quality and Zoobenthos of the Athabasca River.

OTHER1
 PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental Assessment Division, Alberta Environment.
 OTHER2 December 1989. 205 pp.

ANNOTATION "This document combines the results of two survey programs carried out between 1984 and 1986 on the upper Athabasca River. It evaluates the effects of the combined pulp mill and municipal effluent discharges at Hinton on the zoobenthic community during spring 1984 and fall 1985, and on physical/chemical water quality during low flow conditions in fall 1985 and winter 1986" (cited from document).

Water quality parameters measured include nutrients, physical characteristics, non-metal inorganics, oxygen, oxygen demands, organics, bacteria and chlorophyll. Mass loadings are reported for various constituents in effluent (kg/d and R.U./d). NAQUADAT analytical method codes are provided.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, HINTON
 KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
 KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT CHLOROPHYLL
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT, BIOTA
 KEY_MISC1 WELDWOOD, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, NAQUADAT, NUTRIENT, RIVER, SEWAGE TREATMENT, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS
 KEY_MISC2
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Anonymous.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Northern River Basins Study Status Report on Companion
Studies.
OTHER1 October 20, 1992. 15 pp.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This report reviews some known sources of studies
as well as parallel studies that are relevant to
the Northern River Basins Study and that are
available to coordinators of and specialist
contributors to the Northern River Basins Study.

KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, SLAVE, WAPITI, SMOKY, LESSER SLAVE,
MACKENZIE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, OXYGEN, ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 BIBLIOGRAPHY, PULP MILL, BASIN, MONITORING, CONTAMINANT
KEY_MISC2 FOOD CHAIN, REPRODUCTION, FISH
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Anonymous.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE List of Aquatic Environment Studies by Alberta Pulp and Paper Mills.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION A list of environmental studies categorized by pulp mill: 1) Peace River Pulp, 2) Slave Lake Pulp, 3) Millar Western Pulp, 4) Alberta Newsprint Company, and 5) Procter & Gamble Cellulose.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, WAPITI, PEACE, SMOKY, MCLEOD, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT, GRANDE PRAIRIE, HINTON, PEACE RIVER, SLAVE LAKE
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 BIBLIOGRAPHY, DAISHOWA, EFFLUENT, FISH, BIOACCUMULATION, MONITORING, BENTHOS, SLAVE LAKE, ANC
KEY_MISC2 ORGANOCHLORINE, PULP MILL, RIVER, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, PROCTER & GAMBLE, MILLAR WESTERN
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Aquatic Environments Ltd.
DATE 1981
DUP_DATE
TITLE Chemical and Biological Monitoring of Muskeg Drainage at
the Alsands Site: Vol. III Program Evaluation and
Suggestions for Continued Monitoring.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alsands Energy Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report describes suggestions for continued
aquatic biomonitoring that apply specifically to
the Muskeg drainage, but can serve as a guide for
monitoring other rivers of a similar nature in the
AOSERP area. There are few, if any, universally
accepted monitoring methods for aquatic biota, and
those suggested in the report are those that were
found useful in Alsands 1980 studies.

This report also discusses impacts, mitigation
measures, monitoring parameters and methods, water
quality, biological parameters, benthic
invertebrates, periphytic algae, data storage and
retrieval and preliminary studies" (cited from
McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MUSKEG
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, BASIN, MONITORING, OIL, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Aquatic Environments Ltd.
DATE 1982
DUP_DATE
TITLE Spawning and Distribution of Lake Whitefish (Coregonus
clupeaformis) in Athabasca River and Lake Athabasca.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Environment.
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 April 1982. 38 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION "This report describes one of the fisheries
studies conducted in the vicinity of an
ice-control structure proposed for the Athabasca
River upstream of Fort McMurray. The area is
important for Lake Whitefish spawning. The
concern is about fish that reside most of their
lives in Lake Athabasca and migrate upstream in
late summer to spawn in this area. The major
objective of the study is to determine the areas
of Lake Athabasca which the fish frequent during
the period of lake residence. The study takes
into consideration water quality, movements and
distribution of fish in the study area, spawning
period, distribution of eggs, abundance of
spawners, re-captures of tagged fish, separation
of river and lake spawning fish and distribution
of river spawners in Lake Athabasca" (as cited in
McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, WATER QUALITY, LAKE, REPRODUCTION
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Aquatic Environments Ltd./Hardy Assoc. Ltd.
DATE 1981
DUP_DATE
TITLE Chemical & Biological Monitoring of Muskeg Drainage at
the Alsands Site - Vol. II - Fish Studies.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment and Alsands Energy Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION The main objective of this report is "to study the
effect of drainage in the Muskeg River Basin on
biological communities. Drainage from the mine
site ditch reduced the biomass of periphelegic
algae but increased the circumstance of certain
invertebrates and predators a short distance below
the outfall. Only algae biomass on glass showed
evidence of environmental impact for downstream"
(cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, FISH, IMPACT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Barton, D.R. and R.R. Wallace.
DATE 1979
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE The Effects of an Experimental Spillage of Oil Sands
Tailings Sludge on Benthic Invertebrates.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environ. Pollut. 18:305-312.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION A minor (0.11 m³) instantaneous spillage of oil
sands tailings sludge was introduced to a 30 m
reach of the Muskeg River about 1 km above its
confluence with the Athabasca River on 2 October
1976. Benthic samples were collected with a
scoop. Loss on ignition, grain size, total
organic carbon, and oil and grease analyses were
done on the sludge.

KEY_WATER MUSKEG, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 OIL, SPILL, BENTHOS, STUDIES, IMPACT, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Barton, D.R. and R.R. Wallace.
DATE 1979
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Effects of Eroding Oil Sand and Periodic Flooding on
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Communities in a Brown-Water
Stream in Northeastern Alberta, Canada.
OTHER1 In Canadian Journal of Zoology 57(3): 533-541.
PUBLISHER National Research Council of Canada.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION A portion of the Steepbank River, a tributary of
the Athabasca River which cuts through the
Athabasca oil sands deposit, was studied
seasonally in 1976 and 1977. Benthic
invertebrates were sampled above and within the
oil sands deposit. Substrate and flooding were
examined.

KEY_WATER STEEPBANK, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 OIL SANDS, RIVER, BENTHOS, STUDIES, HYDROLOGY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Barton, D.R. and R.R. Wallace.
DATE 1980.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Ecological Studies of the Aquatic Invertebrates of the Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research Program Study Area of Northeastern Alberta.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment and Environment Canada, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 88, Project AF 2.0.1.

ANNOTATION Invertebrate fauna of the Athabasca River and its tributaries, the Muskeg and Steepbank rivers are described from baseline information gathered in 1976 and 1977. Twelve sites on the Muskeg and Steepbank rivers were sampled four to five times between July 1976 and July 1977. Samples were collected by kick sampling using a coarse meshed dip net. Sampling of the Athabasca River in 1977 illustrated that development of benthic communities is strongly influenced by substrate. A study of the effects of exposure to oil sands on the composition of benthic invertebrates was also conducted.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MUSKEG, STEEPBANK
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCRUBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, RIVER, BENTHOS, OIL SANDS, SURVEY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE (Draft).
TITLE 1987 Athabasca River Water Quality Program, Phase One.
OTHER1 Prepared for Suncor Inc. Oil Sands Group.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 June 1988. Project No. 10-191-01-01. 42 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION In 1987, a study was carried out to collect
baseline data on EPA priority pollutants, chronic
toxicity to fish, water odour and fish taste
within the Athabasca River and to determine
whether or not environmental impacts of the Suncor
operation could be detected in the river.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, TOXIC, SUNCOR, OIL, IMPACT, FISH, STUDIES,
SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, EFFLUENT, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE 1982 Athabasca River Water Quality Assessment, Suncor
Inc. Oil Sands Group, June, 1988.
OTHER1 Draft.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 February 2, 1989. Project No. 10-234-01-01. 58 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION In response to upset conditions at the Suncor oil
sands plant, research was initiated to determine
the impact of the upset on the Athabasca River.
The research included an assessment of fish
distribution and tainting, and benthic
invertebrate monitoring using artificial
substrates. Benthic sampling was done at seven
sites on the Athabasca River in August and
September 1982. Artificial samplers consisting of
baskets of cobble-sized rocks were suspended in
the river for approximately one month.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE-ATHABASCA, BEAVER, MACKAY
KEY_GEOG ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, SAMPLING, SUNCOR, EFFLUENT, OIL SANDS, ECOLOGY,
SALMONID, FISH, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE
TITLE Winter Water Quality Survey on the Athabasca River,
February 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company Ltd. and Millar
Western Pulp Ltd., Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 1990. Project No. 9-013-01-01. 15 pp.

ANNOTATION Water quality sampling was conducted at 11
locations from Windfall bridge to just upstream of
Smith on the Athabasca River, plus tributary
streams and effluents on February 21-23, 1990.
Nutrient measurements included total phosphate,
total Kjeldahl nitrogen, ammonia nitrogen and
nitrite-nitrate nitrogen. Water quality
parameters examined included physical
characteristics, metals, non-metal inorganics,
organics, dissolved oxygen, BOD, phenolics and
resins.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD, PEMBINA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT
KEY_PARAM METALS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND,
ORGANICS, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, RIVER, ANC, MILLAR WESTERN, PULP
MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca
and McLeod Rivers Near Whitecourt, Alberta, 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 1991. Project No. 09-020-01-01. 63 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate sampling (using a modified
Neill-Hess cylinder) was conducted during May
14-17, and October 11-15, 1990 at 8 sites (5
replicates per site) on the McLeod and Athabasca
Rivers in the vicinity of the ANC and Millar
Western effluent and Town of Whitecourt sewage
discharges.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, ORGANICS,
METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, MILLAR WESTERN,
SURVEY, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company Ltd., Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 1991. Project No. 09-021-01-01. 62 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate and water quality sampling was conducted on May 14-17 and October 11-15, 1990 to provide pre-operational and operational (start-up) data for the Athabasca River above and below the ANC CTMP mill which began operations in August 1990. Five replicate samples were collected at seven sites using a modified Neill-Hess cylinder sampler. Water quality analyses for nutrients (total phosphorus and total Kjeldahl nitrogen) was assessed by testing organics, metals and non-metal inorganics.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, ORGANICS, METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 SURVEY, BENTHOS, RIVER, ANC, WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING, MONITORING, EFFLUENT, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Associates.
 DATE 1991
 DUP_DATE c.
 TITLE Winter Water Quality Survey on the Athabasca River,
 February 1991.
 OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd. and Alberta
 Newsprint Company, Whitecourt, Alberta.
 PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
 OTHER2 June 1991. Project No. 09-055-01-01. 20 pp.

ANNOTATION In February 1991 a 2-day survey was conducted at
 13 locations on the Athabasca River and its
 tributaries (near Whitecourt), to determine the
 water quality both upstream and downstream of
 effluent discharge points coming from Millar
 Western Pulp Ltd. and Alberta Newsprint Company.

Parameters were measured using "standard methods"
 of analyses. Parameters include dissolved oxygen,
 BOD, major ions, metals, nutrients, suspended
 solids, physical parameters, color, phenols,
 chelators, coliforms and resin acids.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT
 KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND,
 TOXIC, ORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NUTRIENTS

KEY_ANIMAL
 KEY_PLANT
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA WATER
 KEY_MISC1 RIVER, MILLAR WESTERN, ANC, WATER QUALITY, NUTRIENT, PULP
 MILL, MONITORING

KEY_MISC2
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Consultants Limited.
DATE 1977
DUP_DATE
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Survey of the Athabasca
River 1976.
OTHER1 Prepared for North Western Pulp and Power Ltd., Hinton,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Consultants Limited, Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 March 1977.

ANNOTATION A biological and water quality survey of the
Athabasca River was conducted on 96 km of river in
the vicinity of Hinton during September and
October 1976. The chemical analysis included
physical characteristics, organics and BOD.
Benthic invertebrates were sampled using six
artificial substrate trays at ten locations.
Trays remained in the river for one month. Biota
were not analyzed for contaminants.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, TOXIC, ORGANICS, OXYGEN
DEMAND
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, BENTHOS, EFFLUENT, PULP MILL,
STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beak Consultants Limited.
DATE 1978
DUP_DATE
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Survey of the Athabasca
River 1977.
OTHER1 Prepared for North Western Pulp and Power Ltd., Hinton,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Consultants Limited, Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 January 1978.

ANNOTATION Athabasca River water samples were collected on
April 25 to May 20, 1977 from nine stations
extending 4.8 km upstream of the St. Regis pulp
mill effluent and 44 km downstream. The chemical
analyses performed included physical parameters,
organics and BOD. Benthic invertebrates were
sampled using artificial substrate trays.
Siltation of the samplers occurred in this survey.
Minimal contaminant information.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, TOXIC, ORGANICS, OXYGEN
DEMAND
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, BENTHOS, EFFLUENT, PULP MILL,
STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beaubien, V.
DATE 1983
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Water Quality of the Athabasca River Basin. A
Compilation of Non-NAQUADAT Water Quality Data.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Planning Division.
OTHER2 September 1983; 36 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report provides an index only of Athabasca
River Basin water quality data not available in
NAQUADAT File. It is a listing of data collection
sites, periods of record, data source and
collection purpose, but no actual water quality
data" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 DATABASE, RIVER, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Beaubien, V.
DATE 1983
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Water Resources Information for Coal Developments in the Athabasca River Headwaters.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Planning Division.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Report summarizes and presents water resources information on existing and proposed coal developments in the Athabasca River headwaters. Focus is on the water management systems for the mines and the potential impacts on the surrounding watersheds.

Information has been compiled for: type of mine, type of coal, production, location, project status, area of disturbance, schedule, work force, water supply watershed, changes in flow regime, changes in water quality, water management, fisheries, wildlife and recreation, monitoring programs, sources of information" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 WATER RESOURCES, BASIN, MINING, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, FISH
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Boerger, H.
DATE 1983.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Distribution and Abundance of Macroinvertebrates in the Athabasca River near Fort McMurray.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Research Management Division, Alberta Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 Report OF-53.
ANNOTATION Benthic macroinvertebrates were collected from gravel bars with a cylinder sampler at two-week intervals May 13 to August 18, 1982 at 16 sites along an 85 km stretch of the Athabasca River between Fort McMurray and the Ells River. The average densities of macroinvertebrates at locations downstream of the Suncor plant were 31% lower than upstream locations, but average densities were also influenced by the Fort McMurray sewage treatment plant and the Clearwater River. Contaminant levels in the invertebrates were not measured.
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, RIVER, SUNCOR, OIL, SURVEY, SAMPLING, SEWAGE TREATMENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Bramm, S.
DATE 1983.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Bibliography of the Peace-Athabasca Delta.
OTHER1 For Alberta Environment Library.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment. Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 March 1993.

ANNOTATION This is a bibliography of the holdings of the Alberta Environment Library which refer to the watercourses and adjacent land areas of the Peace-Athabasca Delta, the watershed of Lake Athabasca (Alberta portions), and Wood Buffalo National Park. Included are books, reports and periodical articles referring to the following areas of interest: surface water and ground water, water resources management, water quality and pollution, aquatic flora and fauna, land use planning, inventory and impacts, and geology. There are 150 distinct entries, each indexed by author(s), title and geographic location(s).

KEY_WATER PEACE-ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL FAUNA
KEY_PLANT FLORA
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BIBLIOGRAPHY, GENERAL REFERENCES, RIVER, STUDIES, WATER
RESOURCES, WATER QUALITY, GEOLOGY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Brownlee, B. and W.M.J. Strachan.
DATE 1977
DUP_DATE
TITLE Distribution of some organic compounds in the receiving
waters of a kraft pulp and paper mill
OTHER1
PUBLISHER J. Fish. Res. Board Can. 34:830-347
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Water, seston, sediment, and macrophyte samples
were collected from Nipigon Bay, Lake Superior, at
distances up to 6.8 km from the effluent discharge
of a kraft pulp and paper mill at Red Rock,
Ontario. Fifteen compounds have been identified
in mill effluent and six of these were found in
samples from the Bay. Mill-related compounds were
found most often in water and sediment samples,
less often in seston samples, and in none of the
macrophytes samples." (from Introduction)

KEY_WATER LAKE SUPERIOR
KEY_GEOG ONTARIO
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT MACROPHYTE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 SAMPLING, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, LAKE, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Brownlee, B., M.E. Fox, W.M.J. Strachan and S.R. Joshi.
DATE 1977.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Distribution of Dehydroabietic Acid in Sediments Adjacent
to a Kraft Pulp and Paper Mill.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER J. Fish. Res. Board Can. 34:838-843.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Sediments adjacent to a kraft pulp and paper mill
on western Nipigon Bay, Lake Superior, were
examined for resin acids. Dehydroabietic acid was
the predominant resin acid with surficial
concentrations of less than 5-100 ug/g.

The areal distribution indicated the mill to be
the primary source of this compound. Depth
profiles of the acid and core dating by ^{210}Pb
methods enabled the calculation of a mean sediment
accumulation rate of $0.11 \text{ cm x yr}^{-1}$ and a
half-life for the disappearance of dehydroabietic
acid in the sediments of approximately 21 yr. A
half-life of 0.12 yr was estimated for this
compound in the water column. It appears,
therefore, that the primary removal mechanism of
dehydroabietic acid is degradation in the water
column" (cited from document abstract).

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG CANADA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 GEOLOGY, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Brownlee, B.G., G.A. MacInnis and L.R. Noton.
DATE 1992.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Chlorinated Anisoles and Veratroles in a Canadian River
Receiving Bleached Kraft Pulp Mill Effluent:
Identification, Distribution and Olfactory Evaluation.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Rivers Research Branch, National Water Research
Institute, Environment Canada and Environmental Quality
Monitoring Branch, Alberta Environment.

OTHER2 NWRI Contribution No. 92-144.

ANNOTATION "One chlorinated anisole and three chlorinated
veratroles have been identified in extracts of
Athabasca River water collected in the winter
downstream from a bleached kraft pulp mill
effluent (at Hinton). Their potential for causing
off-flavours in the receiving waters was
evaluated...Several of these compounds were found
as far as 1100 km downstream from the pulp mill,
consistent with field observations of odour in
this river during the ice-covered winter period"
(as cited in document).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, BIOACCUMULATION, ORGANOCHLORINE, PULP MILL,
RIVER, SAMPLING, STUDIES, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Campbell, D., D. Dowhaniuk, J. Kostler, C. Ng, G. Scammell and M. Vukadinovic.

DATE 1981

DUP_DATE

TITLE 1981 Annual Report, Industrial Effluent Monitoring.

OTHER1

PUBLISHER Water Quality Control Branch, Pollution Control Division, Alberta Environment.

OTHER2

ANNOTATION This program reviews: 1) monthly reports by the industries, identifying and following up problem areas, 2) random sampling of industrial effluents, 3) inspection of industrial wastewater treatment facilities, and 4) working with the industry to solve problems and achieve compliance. The report summarizes 1981 activities. It provides a summary of wastewater compliance for the industries licenced under the Clean Water Act. It gives annual volume of effluent discharges for the last four years. It covers individual licensee performance in 1981. And it includes other operations that are not included in the industrial summary (licensee performance in 1981).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN, RED DEER, WAPITI, SMOKY

KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE, FORT MCMURRAY, HINTON

KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE

KEY_ANIMAL

KEY_PLANT

KEY_MCROBE

KEY_MEDIA

KEY_MISC1 EFFLUENT, HINTON, INDUSTRY, RIVER, MONITORING, PROCTER & GAMBLE, OIL SANDS, SUNCOR, SYNCRUDE

KEY_MISC2 WATER QUALITY, PULP MILL, WATER USE, LICENCE, ANNUAL REPORT

KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Canadian Bio Resources Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1979
DUP_DATE
TITLE Peace River Site C Hydroelectric Development -
Environmental & Socio-economic Assessment - Water Quality
and Use.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER B.C. Hydro.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Purpose of study was to project the effects of
proposed Peace River Site C hydroelectric
development on water quality, and on use of water;
for water supply and waste water disposal
purposes" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, WATER USE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Canadian Council of Resource and Energy Ministers
(CCREM).
DATE 1987
DUP_DATE
TITLE Canadian Water Quality Guidelines.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Task Force on Water Quality Guidelines, Canadian Council
of Resource and Environment Ministers, Environment
Canada, Ottawa. (updated to 1993)

OTHER2

ANNOTATION The Task Force on water quality guidelines for the
Canadian Council of Resource and Environment
Ministers, prepared water quality guidelines
relevant to Canadian conditions.

In preparing this document, the Task Force reviewed the water quality guidelines for inland waters available from Canadian and other sources. These guidelines were reviewed for applicability in Canada and adapted to suit Canadian conditions where necessary. The information gaps identified during the development of the guidelines were noted and reported to Council as research priorities. The guidelines are updated as new information becomes available. Topical categories include: 1. raw water for drinking water supply; 2. recreational water quality and aesthetics; 3. freshwater aquatic life; 4. agricultural uses; and 5. industrial water supplies.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG CANADA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Charlton, S.E.D. and M. Hickman.
DATE 1984.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Seasonal Physical, Chemical and Algal Changes in Five Rivers Flowing Through the Oil Sands Region of Alberta, Canada.
OTHER1 In Int. Revue ges. Hydrobiol. 69(3): 297-332.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION Epilithic algal communities and water quality were studied seasonally in 1978 and 1979 at specific sites in five tributary rivers flowing through the northeastern Alberta oil sands region to the Athabasca River. The tributaries are the Muskeg, Steepbank, Hangingstone, Ells and MacKay rivers. Algae were collected quantitatively, identified to species and enumerated.

KEY_WATER MUSKEG, STEEPBANK, MACKAY, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM NON-METAL INORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 OIL SANDS, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, NUTRIENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Charlton, S.E.D., M. Hickman and C.G. Jenkerson.
DATE 1981.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Longitudinal Physico-chemical and Algal Surveys of Rivers
Flowing Through the Oil Sands Region of Northeastern
Alberta, Canada.
OTHER1 In Nova Hedwigia 35: 465-522. Edited by J. Cramer.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION Longitudinal synoptic surveys of five rivers
flowing through the oil sands region of Alberta
included measurement of various physico-chemical
parameters, algal species composition and standing
crops. Synoptic surveys were conducted in June on
the Ells River, July on the Muskeg River, and
September for the Hangingstone, MacKay and
Steepbank rivers. Algae were collected
quantitatively, identified to species and
enumerated.

KEY_WATER MUSKEG, STEEPBANK, MACKAY, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM NON-METAL INORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 OIL SANDS, RIVER, SURVEY, NUTRIENT, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Clayton, D.
DATE 1972
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality Summary, Athabasca River, 1966-1971.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Standards and Approvals Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 11 pp + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This document summarizes pollution surveys between 1966 and 1971 that were conducted on the Athabasca River. Recommendations for new water quality standards are provided. Information is provided regarding biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), dissolved oxygen, odour, and levels of phenols, phosphate, nitrogen, tannins and lignins, heavy metals and bacteria.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, POLLUTION, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Cook, P.M., D.W. Kuehl, M.K. Walker and R.E. Peterson.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioaccumulation and Toxicity of TCDD and Related
Compounds in Aquatic Ecosystems.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER In: Banbury Report 35: Biological Basis for Risk
Assessment of Dioxins and Related Compounds, Cold Spring
Harbor Laboratory Press.
OTHER2
ANNOTATION This study looked at how the exposure of aquatic
organisms to 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin
(TCDD) and related chemicals is linked to toxic
and other biological effects in fish, wildlife or
humans. Key elements of this linkage are (1) the
bioconcentration factor (BCF) of TCDD and (2) the
identification of the most sensitive toxic effects
associated with TCDD exposure. Mean steady-state
BCFs were determined in the laboratory for carp
and fathead minnows exposed to TCDD.
KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, BIOACCUMULATION, HUMAN HEALTH, ORGANOCHLORINE,
REPRODUCTION, SALMONID, STUDIES, DIOXINS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Corkum, L.
DATE 1985.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality of the Athabasca Oil Sands Area: A Regional Study.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Water Quality Control Branch, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report L-85. 273 pp.

ANNOTATION "The objective of this report is to summarize water quality constituents in the AOSERP study area and to examine relationships between these constituents and changes in land formation, hydrology, and development.

Summaries of routine parameters, nutrients, and metals are presented for sampling sites along the Athabasca River to detect longitudinal and seasonal changes in water quality and to determine the effects of point source effluents on the river. A principal component analysis (PCA) was used for the simultaneous examination of selected water quality parameters on the Athabasca River. Sites exhibiting similar water quality characteristics were delineated on schematic maps of the river.

Baseline data and relationships among parameters also are presented for east, west and south drainages entering the Athabasca River between Fort McMurray and Embarras Airport, as well as the Athabasca Delta drainage. An overall analysis of the four regions was conducted using PCA to delineate those sites with similar water quality characteristics. Site groupings often reflected the geological type of the region" (as cited in document).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, CLEARWATER, MUSKEG
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, EMBARRAS, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, METALS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, EFFLUENT, RIVER, NUTRIENT, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, GEOLOGY, SAMPLING, STUDIES, OIL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Crowther, R.A.
DATE 1979.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Ecological Investigations of Hartley Creek, Alberta.
OTHER1 A thesis submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies in
partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree of
Doctor of Philosophy.
PUBLISHER Department of Biology, University of Calgary.
OTHER2 November 7, 1979.
ANNOTATION This thesis examined the ecology of adult and
immature benthic invertebrates inhabiting Hartley
Creek, a tributary to the Athabasca River, monthly
during the open water season from May 1976 to
November 1977. Algae, bacteria and physical
parameters were also measured. Data was analyzed
by reciprocal averaging ordination and
discriminant analysis.
KEY_WATER HARTLEY, MUSKEG, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 OIL SANDS, RIVER, BENTHOS, STUDIES, REPRODUCTION, ECOLOGY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Crowther, R.A. and B.J. Lade.
DATE 1981
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Assessment of Benthic Secondary Production in the
Muskeg River of Northeastern Alberta.
OTHER1 Prepared for the Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research
Program.
PUBLISHER IEC International Environmental Consultants Ltd.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 116. 106 pp.

ANNOTATION This study of benthic invertebrates in the Muskeg
River, a tributary of the Athabasca River in the
oil sands area, assessed changes in the level of
secondary production and related these to changes
in substrate. Ten replicate benthic samples were
collected at three sites with a modified Neill
cylinder.

KEY_WATER MUSKEG, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, RIVER, SURVEY, STUDIES, ECOSYSTEM
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR D.A. Westworth & Associates. Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Overview of Potential Forest Harvesting Impacts on Fish and Fish Habitat in the Northern Boreal Forests of Canada's Prairie Provinces.
OTHER1 Prepared for Department of Fisheries and Oceans.
PUBLISHER Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The principle objectives of this 1991 study were to 1) identify potential impacts of forestry operations on fish and fish habitat, 2) evaluate regulatory and administrative mechanisms that are in place to protect fish and fish habitat, and 3) to identify inventory and research requirements. Two existing forestry projects in Manitoba and Alberta were used as case studies. An effort was made to demonstrate the feasibility of using existing data to evaluate the environmental risks associated with timber harvesting at the watershed scale." (cited from document).

A very general discussion is given on increased oxygen demand and eutrophication, in lakes and rivers, as a result of timber harvesting. The Alberta case study describes and demonstrates the feasibility of the Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to evaluate environmental risks associated with timber harvesting at the watershed scale... Information was compiled from eleven watersheds in northeastern Alberta, including the Athabasca River.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, BASIN, FISH, FOREST HARVESTING, ECOSYSTEM
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Dutka, B.J., K.K. Kwan, S.S. Rao, A. Jurkovic, R.
McInnis, G.A. McInnis, B. Brownlee, and D. Liu.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Ecotoxicological Study of Waters, Sediment and Suspended
Sediments in the Athabasca, Peace and Slave Rivers.
OTHER1 June 1990.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report describes an exploratory
ecotoxicological study of the waters, sediments,
and suspended sediments in the Athabasca, Peace
and Slave Rivers. During the study a variety of
concentration and extraction procedures were
evaluated in order to enhance the sensitivity of
the various bioassays used to screen for
toxicant/genotoxicant activity. As part of this
project an intensive study was carried out on the
bacterial and nutrient content associated with the
various sized suspended particulates fractions.
Based on ecotoxicological data collected from
sediments, suspended sediments and water samples,
there appears to be an indication of an effect
downstream of the Suncor and Syncrude oil sands
plants, even though samples from above the plants
indicated the presence of sufficient contaminants
to trigger responses in various toxicant screening
tests" (cited from document abstracts).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, CONTAMINANTS, OIL SANDS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Environment Canada.
DATE 1978
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioaccumulation of Toxic Compounds in Pulpmill Effluents
by Aquatic Organisms in Receiving Waters.
OTHER1 Prepared by New Brunswick Research & Productivity
Council. Progress Report to April 30, 1978.
PUBLISHER Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada.
OTHER2 Pulp and Paper Pollution Abatement: A Research Program
Sponsored by the Department of the Environment in
Cooperation with the Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry.

ANNOTATION "After development of analytical techniques,
sediments and tissues of estuarine plankton, fish
and benthos from five stations in Saint John
Harbour were examined for the presence of
bioaccumulated compounds from pulp mill effluents.
Chlorinated compounds and resin acids were
identified by comparison with fingerprints of
effluents from a groundwood and bleached kraft
mill in the study area. Chlorinated compounds
detected were dichlorophenol, trichlorophenol,
trichloroguaiacol and tetrachloroguaiacol.
Dehydroabiatic acid was detected in some samples
but further analysis of tissue was prevented by
interference from the presence of other compounds
accumulated in the samples" (cited from document
abstract).

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG CANADA
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 BIOACCUMULATION, FISH, FATE, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT,
SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Environment Canada.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE Polychlorinated Dibenzop-Dioxins (PCDDs) and
Polychlorinated Dibenzofurans (PCDFs): Sources and
Releases
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report provides a preliminary overview of
sources and releases of polychlorinated
dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated
dibenzofurans (PCDFs) in the Canadian environment.
Available data on PCDD and PCDF concentrations in
air emissions, liquid effluents, solid wastes and
chemicals in commerce have been
summarized...Forest fires may represent the
largest combustion source of PCDD releases to the
environment." (from abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG CANADA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA AIR, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, DIOXINS, FURANS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Environment Canada.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE
TITLE Update on Water Quality Monitoring in Wood Buffalo
National Park.
OTHER1 October, 1991.
PUBLISHER Environment Canada.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This report presents data available from August
1989 to August 1991 to provide a record of ongoing
Park water quality monitoring. Analyses include
nutrients, metals, major ions and general
parameters for the Athabasca River at 27 baseline,
the Peace River at Peace Point, and the Peace
River at Garden River. Additional analytical
results for fish and sediments are included as
well. The report does not interpret the data.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS, ORGANICS, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, OXYGEN, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT, FISH
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, NAQUADAT, SAMPLING, BASELINE, FISH,
STUDIES, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Environment Canada.
DATE 1992.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Technical Guidance Document For Aquatic Environmental
Effects Monitoring.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada.
OTHER2 156 pp.

ANNOTATION This document provides "guidance on how to perform
the tasks needed to fulfill the requirements for
the environmental effects monitoring (EEM) program
under the Fisheries Act" (cited from document).
General topics discussed include: 1) description
of a study area, 2) sampling design, 3) general
quality assurance/quality control for conducting
EEM, 4) statistical sampling design, 5) sample
collection for physical, chemical, bacteriological
and toxicological studies, 6) physical, chemical,
bacteriological analyses, 7) toxicity tests and
fish tainting and behaviour evaluation, 8) adult
fish survey, and 9) benthic community assessment.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 EFFLUENT, FISH, BENTHOS, SAMPLING, RIVER, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Environmental Management Associates (EMA).
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Wapiti-Smoky River Synoptic Water Quality Survey.
OTHER1 Prepared for Water Quality Control Branch, Alberta
Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Environmental Management Associates, Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 March 1989.

ANNOTATION This report contains the results of a March 1-9,
1989 synoptic water quality survey at sixteen
sites on the Wapiti-Smoky River system during the
critical low-flow, ice-cover period. Samples were
analyzed for general water quality and effluent
parameters, metals, major ions, nutrients,
conventional organics and bacteria.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY, PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS,
ORGANICS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS

KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 SEWAGE TREATMENT, PROCTER & GAMBLE, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT,
NAQUADAT, WATER QUALITY, MODEL, RIVER
KEY_MISC2 SAMPLING
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1984.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Suncor Tailings Ponds Water Quality and Reclamation,
1984.
OTHER1 Presentation to Suncor, Inc., November 29, 1984.
PUBLISHER EVS Consultants.
OTHER2 11th Annual Aquatic Toxicity Workshop. Introductory
comments by John Sprague.

ANNOTATION This report contains the material on the overheads
which supported a presentation to Suncor, Inc.
Contains summary tables and graphs of limnological
(chemistry, biology, toxicology) studies on
tailings ponds. Not directly related to Athabasca
River.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN,
OXYGEN DEMAND, ORGANICS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 ECOLOGY, FISH, STUDIES, MONITORING, SAMPLING, SUNCOR,
OIL, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, HYDROLOGY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1986.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Biological Effects Study of Dredged Material Discharge to
the Athabasca River near Fort McMurray, Alberta.
OTHER1 Prepared for Environmental Affairs, Suncor, Inc., Oil
Sands Division, Fort McMurray, Alberta.
PUBLISHER EVS Consultants Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION Natural and artificial substrates were used to
collect benthic invertebrates at seven sites
within the Athabasca River located upstream and
downstream of the summer 1986 dredging of the raw
water pond at the Suncor oil sands operation.
Dredging had no appreciable effect.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE FUNGI, BACTERIA, MICROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 SUNCOR, BENTHOS, OIL, EFFLUENT, IMPACT, RIVER, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Volume I Baseline Environmental Studies of the Lesser Slave River.
OTHER1 Prepared for Slave Lake Pulp Corporation, Edmonton.
PUBLISHER EVS Consultants, North Vancouver, B.C.
OTHER2 August, 1990. EVS Project No. 3/405-01.

ANNOTATION Pre-operational baseline studies of the Lesser Slave River reported in this volume include the results of field work in the spring and fall of 1989 and the winter of 1990. The surveys included a habitat survey, water chemistry for a wide range of parameters including nutrients, organics, metals, dissolved oxygen modelling, bacteriological studies, periphyton, benthos and fisheries. Epilithic periphyton was sampled by artificial substrates (ceramic tiles) and analyzed for chlorophyll a. Benthic invertebrates were sampled (three replicates per sample) in May and October using a Ponar grab for silty areas and a Hess sampler for riffle areas.

KEY_WATER LESSER SLAVE, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, BASELINE, RIVER, FISH, HYDROLOGY, EIA, NUTRIENT, BENTHOS, SAMPLING, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2 WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
 DATE 1991.
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE Volume II Baseline Environmental Studies of the Lesser Slave River.
 OTHER1 Prepared for Slave Lake Pulp Corporation, Edmonton.
 PUBLISHER EVS Consultants Ltd., North Vancouver, B.C.
 OTHER2 May, 1991. EVS Project No. 3/405-03.

ANNOTATION Pre-operational baseline studies of the Lesser Slave River reported in this volume include the results of field work in the spring and fall of 1990 and a comparison with the 1989 pre-operational data. The surveys included water chemistry for a wide range of parameters including nutrients, dissolved oxygen modelling, dioxins and furans, phenolics, resin acids and metals, bacteriological studies, periphyton, benthos and fisheries. Epilithic periphyton was sampled by scraping natural rock substrates and analyzed for chlorophyll a. Benthic invertebrates were sampled (3 replicates per sample) in May and October.

KEY_WATER LESSER SLAVE, ATHABASCA
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
 KEY_PARAM METAL, TOXIC, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
 KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, SEDIMENT
 KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, BASELINE, RIVER, FISH, EIA, NUTRIENT, BENTHOS, ORGANOCHLORINE, SURVEY, WATER QUALITY
 KEY_MISC2 SLAVE LAKE, REPRODUCTION
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Review and Analysis of ANC River Monitoring Studies on
the Athabasca River. Final Report.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company, Whitecourt,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER EVS Consultants, North Vancouver, B.C.
OTHER2 EVS Project No. 3/561-01.2. July 1992.

ANNOTATION The report is divided into two tasks:

1) Task I - Review of ANC River Monitoring Studies
on the Athabasca River. "This report provides a
brief review and critique of three Beak/Sentar
reports on benthic monitoring studies conducted on
the Athabasca River in the vicinity of the ANC
paper mill (1990, 1991, 1992)" (cited from
document). Data are presented for chemical
analyses, dissolved oxygen, benthic communities,
EEM protocols and recommendations.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, RIVER, ANC, WATER QUALITY, INVENTORY, SURVEY,
NUTRIENT, PULP MILL, ANC
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR EVS Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Volume III - 1991, 1991 Operational Monitoring of the Lesser Slave River.
OTHER1 Prepared for Slave Lake Pulp Corporation, Edmonton.
PUBLISHER EVS Consultants Ltd., North Vancouver, B.C.
OTHER2 April 1992.

ANNOTATION Operational monitoring of the Lesser Slave River reported in this volume includes the results of field work from May to September, 1991 and a comparison with the two years of pre-operational data. The surveys included sediment chemistry, water chemistry for a wide range of parameters including nutrients, diurnal dissolved oxygen, organics and metals in water, sediments and fish tissue, bacteriological studies, periphyton, benthos and fisheries. Epilithic periphyton was sampled by scraping natural rock substrates and analyzed for chlorophyll a. Benthic invertebrates were sampled (three replicates per sample) in May and October.

KEY_WATER LESSER SLAVE, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN DEMAND, METAL, TOXIC, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCRUBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, MONITORING, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS, ORGANOCHLORINE, NUTRIENT, FISH, SURVEY, EIA
KEY_MISC2 SLAVE LAKE, REPRODUCTION, BASELINE
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Goudey, J.S. and B.R. Taylor.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE
TITLE Toxicity of Aspen Wood Leachate to Aquatic Life. Part I:
Laboratory Studies. Final Report (Executive Summary
only).
OTHER1 Prepared for Environmental Protection Branch, Northern
Interior Region, B.C. Environment, Ministry of
Environment, Lands and Parks.
PUBLISHER HydroQual Laboratories Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 September 1992. iv.

ANNOTATION This report briefly documents: (1) the rate and
quantity of leaching loss from aspen wood, (2) the
strength and persistence of aspen leachate to
aquatic life, (3) the chemical nature of the
leachate, and (4) the main classes of toxic
constituents. Both fresh, non-aerated and aerated
leachate were tested and compared. The main
parameters observed were pH, conductivity,
dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand,
organic carbon, and phenols. The experiments
conducted included tests of toxicity to rainbow
trout and Daphnia, algal growth tests and a
Microtox bacterial luminescence assay. Results
determine that uncontrolled leachate is harmful to
aquatic life "through direct toxicity (pH,
phenols) and through deoxygenation of the water
(BOD)." (cited from document). Analytical methods
are not provided.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, ORGANICS,
TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, BENTHOS, EXPERIMENT, FOREST HARVESTING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Gregoire, P.E. and A.M. Anderson.
DATE 1987
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Zoobenthic Survey in the Vicinity of
Athabasca, Fall 1985.
OTHER1 Environmental Assessment Division Internal Report.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Pollution Control Division,
Edmonton. 18 pp.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This study uses the benthic invertebrate community
in the Athabasca River as an indicator of the
impact on water quality from the sewage treatment
plant at the Town of Athabasca. A survey was
conducted on the Athabasca River in the fall of
1985. The invertebrate community was measured
using total numbers of invertebrates, population
of individual taxa, percent composition of major
taxa and multivariate analysis.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 SEWAGE TREATMENT, RIVER, BENTHOS, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Hamilton, H.R., M.V. Thompson and L. Corkum.
DATE 1985.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality Overview of the Athabasca River Basin.
OTHER1 Prepared for Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
PUBLISHER Nanuk Engineering Ltd.
OTHER2 117 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report is an overview of water quality patterns for the Athabasca River and its tributaries. The information is taken from historical water quality records collected since 1970 and sampling surveys from 1984 and early 1985. The surveys were of mainstream and tributary sites, as well as effluents from municipal and pulp mill sources on the river. The parameters examined include organics, inorganics, metals, toxic compounds, oxygen demands and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus). The forms of nitrogen studied are nitrite-nitrate, ammonia and total nitrogen concentrations (mg/L). Concentrations of particulate and dissolved forms of phosphorus are presented as well. Biological data collected include chlorophyll a, total and fecal coliforms, algae and macrophytes. NAQUADAT codes are provided.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, TOXIC, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, METALS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL, MACROPHYTE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, SEWAGE TREATMENT, EFFLUENT, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, BASIN, NAQUADAT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Hamilton, H.R., R. Wallace, D. Westlake, J. Foght, B.R.
Taylor and S. Hrudehy.
DATE 1987.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Aquatic Fate of Fish Tainting Compounds in the Athabasca
River.
OTHER1 Prepared for Research Management Division, Alberta
Environment.
PUBLISHER Hydroqual Consultants Inc., Dominion Ecological Ltd., and
University of Alberta.
OTHER2 RMD Report L-96. 127 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report investigates the relationship between
certain hydrocarbons that are present naturally,
or could be introduced due to surface oil sands
mining and upgrading activities, and their
potential bioaccumulation and tainting of the
commercial fishery in the Athabasca River. This
includes defining the contaminants of concern,
reviewing their bioavailability and
bioconcentration properties and consideration of
their persistence in the aquatic environment of
the Athabasca River. A water management approach
for setting ambient surface water objectives and
effluent standards for fish tainting compounds is
discussed within the context of basin-wide water
resource planning" (cited from document).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MicroBE BACTERIA, MICROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, FATE, FISH, CONTAMINANT, EFFLUENT, OIL SANDS,
BIOACCUMULATION, MODEL, GEOLOGY, HYDROLOGY, SUN
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Hartland-Rowe, R.C.B., R. W Davies, M. McElhone, and R. Crowther.
DATE 1979
DUP_DATE
TITLE The Ecology of Macrobenthic Invertebrate Communities in Hartley Creek, Northeastern Alberta.
OTHER1 Prepared for the Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research Program (AOSERP).
PUBLISHER Department of Biology, University of Calgary.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 49. ws 1.3.3. March 1979. 144 pp.

ANNOTATION Hartley Creek is a tributary of the Muskeg River in the Athabasca Oil Sands area of northeastern Alberta. Invertebrate samples were collected during the 1976 and 1977 seasons, at six sites. Over 160 species of macroinvertebrates were collected. The goal of this project was to "assess invertebrate production and the factors that affect it in a small watershed in the oil sands area. Objectives were grouped within two broad areas, life cycle studies and community studies.... Ultimately the baseline information accumulated by this project was to be related to effects of oil sands developments." (as cited in document)

KEY_WATER HARTLEY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, BENTHOS, OIL SANDS, RIVER, INVENTORY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR HBT AGRA Limited.
DATE 1992.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Division Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
May 1992.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER HBT AGRA Limited (formerly Monenco Consultants Ltd.).
OTHER2 November 30, 1992. CE 9001-6.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 15 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers upstream and
downstream of the Peace River Pulp Division mill
during May 21-22, 1992. A Hess cylinder sampler
was used. Water quality analysis included
nutrients, physical parameters, non-metal
inorganics and metals.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, METALS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING, DAISHOWA, PULP MILL,
MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Hickman, M., S.E.D. Charlton and C.G. Jenkerson.
DATE 1982.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Comparative Study of Benthic Algal Primary Productivity
in the AOSERP Study Area.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research
Program.
PUBLISHER Department of Botany, University of Alberta and
Department of Plant Sciences, University of Western
Ontario.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 128. 139 pp.
ANNOTATION Studies concentrating upon the epilithic algal
community were conducted in five tributary rivers
to the Athabasca River: the Muskeg, Steepbank,
Hangingstone, MacKay and Ells rivers. Samples
were collected at one site in each river in 1978
and 1979. Epilithic algae were collected by
scraping a defined area of natural rock. Species
were identified and enumerated, chlorophyll a was
measured, and primary productivity was measured
using the carbon-14 technique. Water chemistry
was analysed.
KEY_WATER MUSKEG, STEEPBANK, MACKAY, ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, RIVER, OIL SANDS, NUTRIENT, SAMPLING, WATER
QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Holmberg, R.
 DATE 1992.
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE Pulp Mills and the Environment: An Annotated Bibliography
 of Northern Alberta.
 OTHER1 May 1992.
 PUBLISHER Athabasca University, Athabasca; Canadian Circumpolar
 Institute, University of Alberta, Edmonton; Environmental
 Research and Study Centre, University of Alberta,
 Edmonton.
 OTHER2
 ANNOTATION "An annotated list of books, technical reports and
 periodical articles related to the development and
 operation of pulp and paper mills in northern
 Alberta" (cited from document). This is a very
 general annotated bibliography.
 KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, CLEARWATER, PEACE, PEACE-ATHABASCA, MACKAY,
 HARTLEY, MUSKEG, STEEPBANK, BEAVER, WAPITI
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
 KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
 KEY_ANIMAL FAUNA, INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT FLORA, ALGAE
 KEY_MCROBE
 KEY_MEDIA
 KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, EIA, ALBERTA-PACIFIC, DAISHOWA, MILLAR
 WESTERN, FISH, OIL, MODEL
 KEY_MISC2 BASELINE, WATER QUALITY, BIBLIOGRAPHY, ANNUAL REPORT,
 EFFLUENT, SUNCOR, SYNCRUDE, BENTHOS
 KEY_MISC3 SAMPLING, PROCTER AND GAMBLE, ANC, SLAVE LAKE, HYDROLOGY

AUTHOR HydroQual Consultants Inc.
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE
TITLE Selection of Water-Quality Modelling Techniques for the Athabasca River Basin - Assignment #1.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Environment Planning Division.
PUBLISHER Hydroqual Consultants Inc., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 November 1988. 70 pp + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report focuses on water quality modelling for the Athabasca River Basin Planning Program. The information contained includes: 1) a review of the proceedings of a workshop held in Edmonton on April 29-30, 1988 regarding water pollution and water quality modelling issues, 2) an overview of the modelling process, 3) an examination of available models, 4) detailed recommendations relevant to the models to be used by the Athabasca River Basin Planning Committee. Appendices include: discussions of the effects of organic compounds, nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), and effluents in general on aquatic systems; water quality standards for the protection of aquatic life; and a water quality model.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, ORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATES, INVERTEBRATES
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, MACROPHYTES
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 MODEL, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, WATER QUALITY, ECOSYSTEM
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Jaakko Poyry Oy.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Complementary Scientific Review of the Proposed
Alberta-Pacific Pulp Mill Project Environmental Impact
Assessment, Main Report.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Research Council, ARC Contribution
Series 1855. June 1990.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This report was "carried out to study the earlier
environmental impact assessment on the proposed
Alberta-Pacific Pulp Mill Project (Athabasca
River), and to find complementary scientific data
to better assess the potential and probable
effects of the proposed development. The team
also reviewed the effluent releases and water
pollution control measures in the context of the
entire Athabasca and Peace River watersheds....
The terms of reference for this project were to
review all of the available data on the effects of
chlorinated organic compounds and the biological
oxygen demand that would be discharged in the pulp
mill effluents.... The review has attempted to
provide a detailed environmental evaluation of all
pulp mills in the study area so that an assessment
can be made of the potential cumulative effects"
(cited from document).

Water quality characteristics reviewed included
nutrients, oxygen demand, physical parameters,
metals, non-metal inorganics and organics. The
toxicity of these various contaminants was also
discussed.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS, OXYGEN DEMAND, METAL, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, RIVER, ALBERTA-PACIFIC, EIA, EFFLUENT,
ORGANOCHLORINE, FISH, NUTRIENT, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2 PROCTER & GAMBLE, WELWOOD, DAISHOWA, ALBERTA-PACIFIC
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Kloepper-Sams, P., T. Marchant, J. Bernstein and S. Swanson.
DATE 1991.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Use of Fish Biomarkers and Exposure Measures to Assess Fish Health at a Canadian Bleached Kraft Mill Site.
OTHER1 In: Environmental Fate and Effects of Bleached Pulp Mill Effluents, Swedish Environmental Protection Agency Report 4031.
PUBLISHER Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Several physiological and biochemical measures ("biomarkers") were used to evaluate the health of natural fish populations exposed to bleached kraft mill effluent (BKME) in the Wapiti-Smoky River system in Alberta, Canada. Chemical and biomarker data were obtained from longnose sucker and mountain whitefish individuals and used to evaluate cause and effect relationships. There were no significant histopathological differences for either species between the exposed and reference river systems. Suckers in the Wapiti exhibited no significant differences in estradiol or testosterone serum levels when prespawners, spawners, and postspawners were compared with those in the reference river. P450IA was induced to a greater extent in whitefish than in suckers over several seasons. While P450IA induction in whitefish correlated well with some BKME exposure measures, there was no correlation with liver or gonad weights, histopathology, reproductive capacity, or population level parameters. In contrast to studies at historically degraded pulp mill sites, P450IA induction is the only major response found to date at this site and could thus be best classified as a biomarker of exposure to BKME" (cited from document abstract).

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 FISH, BENTHOS, ORGANOCHLORINE, PULP MILL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, RIVER, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Lock, M.A., R.R. Wallace, D.R. Barton and S. Charlton.
 DATE 1981.
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE The Effects of Synthetic Crude Oil on Microbial and
 Macroinvertebrate Benthic River Communities: Part II -
 The Response of an Established Community to Contamination
 by Synthetic Crude Oil.
 OTHER1 In Environmental Pollution (Series A) 24(1981): 263-275,
 edited by Kenneth Mellanby.
 PUBLISHER Applied Science Publishers Ltd., Essex, England.
 OTHER2
 ANNOTATION The effects of synthetic crude oil and its major
 components (naphtha, kerosene and gas/oil) on
 benthic macroinvertebrates, algae and bacteria
 were tested in the Muskeg River, northeastern
 Alberta, using limestone bricks as substrates.
 Oiled and unoiled bricks were studied for 161 days
 in 1977.
 KEY_WATER MUSKEG, ATHABASCA
 KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ATHABASCA, ALBERTA
 KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
 KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT ALGAE
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA WATER
 KEY_MISC1 OIL, RIVER, BENTHOS, SPILL, STUDIES, CONTAMINANT,
 NUTRIENT
 KEY_MISC2
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE
TITLE Baseline Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the
Athabasca and McLeod Rivers Near Whitecourt, Alberta,
1987.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 1988. Project No. 10-185-01-01. 44 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION Pre-operational baseline benthic invertebrate
sampling (using a modified Neill-Hess cylinder)
was conducted during June 2-7 and November 13-16,
1987 (after completion of diffuser installation)
at 10 sites (five replicates per site) on the
McLeod and Athabasca Rivers in the vicinity of the
ANC and Millar Western effluent and Town of
Whitecourt sewage discharges. Contaminant data
available for water but not invertebrates.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, MILLAR WESTERN,
WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE Baseline Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the
Athabasca and McLeod Rivers, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1988.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Whitecourt,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 October 1989. Project No. 10-209-01-01. 47 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate sampling (using a modified
Neill-Hess cylinder) was conducted during June 1-4
and October 16-21, 1988 at 10 sites (five
replicates per site) on the McLeod and Athabasca
Rivers in the vicinity of the ANC and Millar
Western effluent and Town of Whitecourt sewage
discharges. The spring measured pre-operational
conditions and the fall measured operational
conditions although effluent discharge was not at
capacity. Contaminants were not determined in
biota, but study included water sampling and
analysis.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, MILLAR WESTERN,
WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca
and McLeod Rivers, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Whitecourt,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 September 1990. Project No. 09-007-01-01. 54 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate and water quality sampling
was conducted in June 22-25 and October 6-9, 1989
to provide pre-operational data for the Athabasca
River above and below the ANC CTMP mill. Five
replicate samples were collected at seven sites
using a modified Neill-Hess cylinder sampler. The
physical characteristics of the substrates sampled
were recorded. Contaminants were not determined
in biota, but water quality analyses were
included.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, MACROPHYTE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, MILLAR WESTERN,
EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, SEWAGE TREATMENT, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study and Fish Habitat Assessment on the Athabasca River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company Ltd., Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 June 1990. Project No. 9-009-01-01. 54 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate and water quality sampling were conducted in June 22-25 and October 6-10, 1989 to provide pre-operational data for the Athabasca River above and below the ANC CMTF mill. Five replicate samples were collected at seven sites using a modified Neill-Hess cylinder sampler. The physical characteristics of the substrates sampled were recorded. Water quality analyses were included.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, ANC
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE c.
TITLE A Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company, Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 June 1990.

ANNOTATION This report presents baseline benthic invertebrate monitoring data that was collected for the Alberta Newsprint Company, as part of the permit requirements for the construction of a proposed chemi-thermomechanical newsprint mill near Whitecourt, Alberta.

Sampling locations extend from just upstream of the proposed ANC mill site to 33 km downstream of the proposed mill outfall. Collections were made in June and October, 1989. Water quality field measurements were taken. Water samples were collected and analysed. Invertebrate samples were collected, but were not analyzed for contaminants.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 ANC, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, RIVER, BENTHOS, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE A Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study and Fish Habitat Assessment on the Athabasca River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company, Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 June 1990.

ANNOTATION This report presents the results of monitoring the Athabasca River in March and October of 1990. The objectives of this study were to "establish spring pre-operational and fall post-operational (start-up) conditions in the Athabasca River" (cited from document).

Sampling locations extend from just upstream of the ANC mill site to 33 km downstream of the mill outfall.

Water quality field measurements were taken. Water samples were collected and analysed for parameters associated with treated effluent discharge. Invertebrate samples were collected (using a Neill-Hess cylinder). Contaminants were not measured in biota.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, RIVER, MONITORING, ANC, WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca
and McLeod Rivers Near Whitecourt, Alberta, 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 1991. Project No. 09-020-01-01. 63 pp. +
Appendices.

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate sampling (using a modified
Neill-Hess cylinder) was conducted during May
14-17, and October 11-15, 1990 at 8 sites (5
replicates per site) on the McLeod and Athabasca
Rivers in the vicinity of the ANC and Millar
Western effluent and Town of Whitecourt sewage
discharges. Contaminants were not determined in
biota, but this monitoring also included water
sampling and analysis.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, ORGANICS,
METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, BENTHOS, MONITORING, MILLAR WESTERN,
SURVEY, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE A Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca
and McLeod River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd., Whitecourt,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER SENTAR Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 November 1992.

ANNOTATION Benthic samples were collected May 20-23, 1991 and
October 1-4, 1991. Eight sites were sampled: one
on the McLeod River, and seven on the Athabasca
River. Water quality field measurements were
taken. Water samples were collected and analysed
for parameters associated with treated effluent
discharge.

Invertebrate samples were collected (using a
Neill-Hess cyclinder), sorted and identified (to
Genus where possible) and counted. Standing crop
and Shannon-Weaver species diversity were
calculated. Analysis of variance determined
differences in numbers of taxa and organisms
between sites. All benthic data were analyzed
using Reciprocal Averageing Ordination in
conjunction with a trophic guild analysis.
Comparison was made between pre-operational and
post-operational surveys to further assess the
effects of pulp mill effluent on benthic
invertebrates. Contaminant data available for
water but not invertebrates.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 MILLAR WESTERN, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER
QUALITY, RIVER, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Luoma, M.E. and R.M. Shelast.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE A Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca
River, Whitecourt, Alberta, 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company, Whitecourt,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER Beak Associates Consulting Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 March 1992.

ANNOTATION This 1991 benthic monitoring program monitored the
conditions in the Athabasca River. Sampling
locations extend from just downstream of the ANC
mill site to 33 km downstream of the mill outfall.
Water quality field measurements were taken.
Water samples were collected and analysed for
parameters associated with treated effluent
discharge. Invertebrate samples were collected
(using a Neill-Hess cylinder). Contaminants were
not measured in biota.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 ANC, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, RIVER
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Lutz, A. and M. Hendzel.
DATE 1977.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Survey of Baseline Levels of Contaminants in Aquatic
Biota of the AOSERP Study Area.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research
Program.
PUBLISHER Fisheries and Environment Canada. Freshwater Institute.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 17. Project AF 2.1.1. 51 pp.

ANNOTATION "Analyses are given for up to 12 metals and 4
pesticides with PCBs, of aquatic environmental
samples from 15 study sites along or near the
Athabasca River from Fort McMurray north to the
confluence of the Peace and Slave Rivers. There
were 560 fish (8 species), 15 water, 14 sediments
and a few phytoplankton and invertebrate samples.
Methods of analysis (by AAS and GLC) are outlined,
and standard deviations and detection limits
given. In a few cases, where suspected, elevated
concentrations of metals and pesticides are
discussed" (as cited in document).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, TOXIC, ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 OIL, FISH, BENTHOS, CONTAMINANTS, BASELINE, SAMPLING,
STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR MacDonalD, D.D. and S.L. Smith.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Approach to Monitoring Ambient Environmental Quality
in the Slave River Basin, Northwest Territories: Toward
a Consensus.
OTHER1 Prepared for Water Resources Division, Renewable
Resources and Environment, Indian and Northern Affairs
Canada.
PUBLISHER MacDonalD Environmental Sciences Ltd., Ladysmith, British
Columbia.

OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The territorial portion of the Slave River basin
is a pristine watercourse which provides a host of
benefits to Canadians, in general, and residents
of the NWT, in particular. The system supports a
variety of economically and sociologically
important water uses. Specifically, the Slave
River provides raw water for domestic water supply
and an abundance of aquatic life that are
essential to local area residents. Recreation is
an emerging water use in the basin that has the
potential to benefit residents and visitors to the
area, alike.

...The present report provides a framework for
environmental quality monitoring in the Slave
River by incorporating the suggestions from the
Strategy Session into the draft monitoring program
design recommended by MacDonalD (1990). The
resultant integrated multi-media monitoring
program is designed to provide baseline data on
levels of contaminants in water, suspended
sediment and biota in the territorial portion of
the Slave River basin. As such, the monitoring
program design provides recommendations on the
location of sampling sites, sampling frequency,
sampling methods, sample archiving, and quality
assurance/quality control. In addition, a
complete listing of variables which should be
measured in each environmental compartment (ie.
water, suspended sediment, and biota) is provided"
(as cited in document).

KEY_WATER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, NON-METAL INORGANICS,
ORGANICS, TOXIC, METALS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 ORGANOCHLORINE, RIVER, BASIN, SAMPLING, MONITORING,

KEY_MISC2 MODEL, WATER QUALITY, FISH, CONTAMINANT
REPRODUCTION, BIOACCUMULATION, ECOSYSTEM, GEOLOGY,
KEY_MISC3 NUTRIENT

AUTHOR MacDonalD, G. and B.R. Taylor.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Implementation of Water Quality Models for the
Wapiti-Smoky and Peace River Systems.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Environment, Standards and Approvals
Division.
PUBLISHER HydroQual Canada Ltd.
OTHER2 127 pp + Appendices.

ANNOTATION Water quality models were implemented to evaluate
the effects of pulp mill effluents on the Wapiti,
Smoky and Peace Rivers. The model input file uses
information collected by Alberta Environment in
1988 and 1989 for the Peace River, and in 1989
and 1990 for the Wapiti-Smoky Rivers. The
collected data include: river flow, effluent
quality and quantity, dissolved oxygen, sediment
oxygen demand, biochemical oxygen demand,
suspended solids, and water chemistry.

The water chemistry analyses include the following
parameters: colour, organics, toxic organics,
metals, ions, non-filterable residue, total
nitrogen and total phosphorus. Data as
concentrations (mg/L) and effluent loads (kg/day)
are provided. Future model applications and
recommendations are outlined. A hydraulic
analysis (by NANUK Engineering, 1990) is included
in the Appendix.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY, PEACE
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, PEACE RIVER, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, TOXIC

KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT, SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, RIVER, MODEL, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Mah, F.T.S., D.D. MacDonald, S.W. Sheehan, T.M. Tuominen
and D. Valiela.
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Dioxins and Furans in Sediment and Fish from the Vicinity
of Ten Inland Pulp Mills in British Columbia.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Water Quality Branch, Inland Waters, Conservation and
Protection, Pacific and Yukon Region, Environment Canada,
Vancouver, B.C.
OTHER2 May 1989.
ANNOTATION "Bed sediments and fish were collected upstream
and downstream of ten pulp mills in the interior
of British Columbia and analysed for dioxins and
furans....Fish samples (generally composed of
composites of muscle tissue from seven fish)
exhibited higher levels of dioxins and furans in
fish collected downstream than upstream of the
mills....Highest levels of dioxins and furans were
found in whitefish (*Proposium williamsoni* and
Coregonus clupeaformis) and squawfish
(*Ptychocheilus oregonesis*). There was a
significant positive correlation between furan
concentration and lipid content of fish muscle
tissue" (cited from document abstract).
KEY_WATER FRASER
KEY_GEOG BRITISH COLUMBIA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, EFFLUENT, BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, IMPACT, FATE, SAMPLING,
CONTAMINANT, DIOXINS, FURANS, SALMONID, SURVEY,
KEY_MISC2 RIVER
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR McCart, P., P. Tsui, W. Grant and R. Green.
DATE 1977.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Baseline Studies of Aquatic Environments in the Athabasca
 River near Lease 17. Volume 1: Baseline Studies.
OTHER1 Environmental Research Monograph 1977-2.
PUBLISHER Syncrude Canada Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This baseline study of the Athabasca River was
 carried out in 1974 and 1975 at the request of
 Syncrude Canada Limited in the vicinity of Lease
 Number 17, which borders the west bank of the
 Athabasca River north of Fort McMurray. Benthic
 invertebrates were collected from 15 stations
 using artificial substrate samplers and a modified
 Ekman-type grab sampler. Three replicates were
 usually collected at each site monthly from June
 to October, 1975. Periphyton samples were
 collected monthly from December 1974 to October
 1975 using glass microscope slides as artificial
 substrates. Periphyton biomass was estimated and
 taxa were identified and enumerated. The baseline
 also included water quality and a fisheries study.
 Species were collected by electrofishing.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, BENTHOS, RIVER, BASELINE, SYNCRUDE, OIL, WATER
 QUALITY, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR McCart, P., P. Tsui, W. Grant, R. Green and D. Tripp.
DATE 1978.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Baseline Study of the Water Quality and Aquatic Resources
of the Mackay River, Alberta.
OTHER1 Environmental Research Monograph 1978-4.
PUBLISHER Syncrude Canada Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This baseline study of the MacKay River, a
tributary to the Athabasca River, includes water
quality, periphyton, benthic macroinvertebrate,
fish and habitat data collected in 1977 and/or
1978. Three sampling techniques were used for
periphyton and two methods, Surber sampler and
artificial substrate, were used for invertebrates.
Stations at the upper, middle and lower reaches of
the river were sampled.

KEY_WATER MACKAY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, RIVER, BENTHOS, BASELINE, OIL, SYNCRUDE, SURVEY,
WATER QUALITY, NUTRIENT, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR McCubbin, N. and J. Folke.
DATE 1992.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Review of Literature on Characteristics of Effluent from
Pulp and Paper Mills in Northern River Basins of Alberta,
BC and Northwest Territories.
OTHER1 Prepared for Northern River Basins Study.
PUBLISHER N. McCubbin Consultants Inc., Foster, Quebec.
OTHER2 Project No. 2085. 84 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report is a brief overview of the literature
on the characteristics of pulp and paper mill
effluents which are relevant to the Northern River
Basins in Alberta. Topics include: 1) pulp
manufacturing processes (wood preparation, kraft
pulp, bleaching of kraft pulp, recovery of kraft
pulp chemicals, mechanical-sulphite spectrum of
pulp), 2) effluent treatment (wastewater
treatment classification, biological treatment
processes, nutrients, removal of metals in
biological treatment), and 3) effluent
characteristics (chemical characterization,
general wastewater variables (including
nutrients), resin acids, steroids, chelating
substances, AOX, organochlorine compounds,
lipophilic/neutral organochlorines, PCDD/PCDF,
chlorate, metals)" (cited from document).

Summary data are provided on dioxin (pg/l, ug/day,
ug/ton), AOX (kg/day, kg/t), color (kg/d, kg/t),
phenols (mg/l, g/day, g/t pulp), resins and fatty
acids (ug/l, kg/day, g/t), and metals (ug/l) for
selected pulp mills' effluents. No data summary
is given for nutrients in effluents.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, SLAVE, PEACE, WAPITI
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 DAISHOWA, EFFLUENT, NUTRIENT, ORGANOCHLORINE, PULP MILL,
RIVER, WATER QUALITY, PROCTER & GAMBLE
KEY_MISC2 WELDWOOD, MILLAR WESTERN, SLAVE LAKE, ANC, DIOXINS
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR McGregor, C. and P. Cary.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE (Draft).
TITLE Peace/Athabasca/Slave River Basins, P A S - Northern Rivers, Inventory and Evaluation, Summary of Existing Information.
OTHER1 August 21, 1991.
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This database contains existing information regarding the Peace, Athabasca and Slave River basins. Areas covered include: biophysical studies (invertebrates, vertebrates, geology, hydrology, water quality), modifications (drainage, flood control, structures), planning studies (bibliographies, economics, policy, land use, waste management, water use), and resource studies (coal, hydropower, oil, gas, sand, gravel, tar sands). Each entry contains the bibliographical reference as well as a reference number and an annotation.

KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, SLAVE, PEMBINA, STURGEON, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN, CLEARWATER, LESSER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ATHABASCA, FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 INVENTORY, DATABASE, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR McLeay, D. and Associates Ltd.
DATE 1987.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Aquatic Toxicity of Pulp and Paper Mill Effluent: A Review.
OTHER1 Prepared for Environment Canada, Fish and Oceans Canada, Can. Pulp and Paper Association, and Ontario Ministry of the Environment.
PUBLISHER Environment Canada.
OTHER2 Report EPA 4/pf/1. 191 pp.
ANNOTATION "This report was prepared for Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, as part of their shared effort to gain an understanding of current knowledge, concerns and monitoring techniques associated with the aquatic toxicity of pulp and paper mill effluents. The report constitutes an objective review and evaluation of publicly available documents and published reports that deal with this subject. The intent of the review was to undertake a critical assessment of the literature specific to the following topics: a) toxic constituents in mill effluents, receiving waters and sediments; b) laboratory monitoring for toxicity; c) toxic effects of mill effluents within receiving waters; d) bioaccumulation and elimination of organic constituents in mill effluents; and e) bioassay tests for predicting the impact of whole mill effluents in the aquatic environment" (cited from document preface).

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG CANADA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT, BIOTA, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, FATE, BIOACCUMULATION
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1987
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Study. Water Quality Component.
Task 6C Mainstream and Tributary Loading Forecasts. Vol.
1. Summary of Loadings.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 October, 1987; 195 pp.

ANNOTATION "Identifies and forecasts pollutant loadings from
point and non-point sources to 11 areas of the
Athabasca River Basin. Point Loadings include
sanitary sewage, storm sewage and industrial waste
water. Non-point source loadings were estimated
from a water quality database" (cited from
McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, RIVER, SEWAGE TREATMENT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Company Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
July, 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 January 1, 1990.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted on the Peace and Smoky rivers
upstream and downstream of the Daishowa Peace
River Pulp Division mill during July 7-9, 1989. A
Hess cylindrical sampler was used to collect 5
replicate samples per site. Contaminants were not
determined in biota.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, MONITORING, RIVER, BENTHOS, WATER
QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Company Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
September 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 February 9, 1990.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 14 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers upstream and
downstream of the Peace River Pulp Division mill
during September 26 to October 1, 1989. A Hess
cylindrical sampler was used. Contaminants were
not determined in biota.

KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, MONITORING, DAISHOWA, RIVER, BENTHOS, WATER
QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE c.
TITLE Fish Tissue and Sediment Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Division Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
29 September - 1 October, 1989.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 September 28, 1990.

ANNOTATION This report is a "survey of chlorinated and
nonchlorinated organic compounds in sediments and
northern pike (Esox lucius) muscle tissue in the
vicinity of the Peace River pulp mill near Peace
River, Alberta.... The levels of chlorinated
organics in both sediment and fish...are
low...[and] none of the compounds in either
sediment or fish tissue could be considered a
threat to human health" (cited from document).

KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, MONITORING, FISH, RIVER, HUMAN
HEALTH, STUDIES, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE d.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Company Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
April, 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 November 15, 1990.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 11 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers upstream and
downstream of the Daishowa Peace River Pulp
Division mill during April 21-24, 1990. A Hess
cylindrical sampler was used. Contaminants were
not determined in biota.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 DAISHOWA, PULP MILL, MONITORING, RIVER, BENTHOS, WATER
QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Mill at Peace River, Alberta, September,
1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 January 9, 1991.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 13 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers 14 km upstream and
55 km downstream of the Peace River Pulp Division
mill during September 17-19, 1990. A Hess
cylindrical sampler was used. Water quality
characteristics examined included nutrients,
oxygen demand, physical parameters, metals and
non-metal inorganics.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS, METALS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, MONITORING, RIVER, BENTHOS, WATER
QUALITY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Chlorinated Organics, Water Quality and Fisheries Survey
in the Peace, Smoky and Slave Rivers, Alberta and
Northwest Territories (3 volumes).
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 April 8, 1991.

ANNOTATION Pre-operational study for the Daishowa BKME pulp
mill on the Peace River. Examined contaminant
burdens of fish muscle tissue, suspended solids
and bottom sediments from 110 km upstream to 700
km downstream of mill site. Sampling sites were
concentrated along length of Peace River but also
included the Smoky and Slave Rivers. Observed low
concentrations of chlorinated organics, resin and
fatty acids in all three media tested. Water
testing conducted included dissolved oxygen, pH,
and AOX. Physical characteristics of fish
habitats sampling were described but not
categorized as to their suitability for each
species under study. Volume II = Appendix.
Volume III = Seakem Analytical Services Laboratory
Reports.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, TOXIC, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, PHYSICAL
PARAMETERS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, RIVER, FISH, ORGANOCHLORINE,
STUDIES, EFFLUENT, MONITORING, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2 HYDROLOGY, NAQUADAT
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Division Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
April, 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 January 3, 1992.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 10 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers 14 km upstream and
30 km downstream of the Daishowa Peace River Pulp
Division mill during April 26-30, 1991. A Hess
cylindrical sampler was used. Water quality
characteristics examined included nutrients,
oxygen demand, physical parameters, metals and
non-metal inorganics.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, MONITORING, RIVER, BENTHOS,
SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2 EFFLUENT, IMPACT
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Monenco Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Environmental Monitoring Studies in the Vicinity of the
Peace River Pulp Division Mill at Peace River, Alberta,
October, 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd.
PUBLISHER Monenco Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 January 3, 1992.

ANNOTATION A water quality and benthic invertebrate survey
was conducted at 13 sites (5 replicates per site)
on the Peace and Smoky rivers 14 km upstream and
30 km downstream of the Daishowa Peace River Pulp
Division mill during October 5-6, 1991. A Hess
cylindrical sampler was used. Water quality
characteristics examined included nutrients,
oxygen demand, physical parameters, metals and
non-metal inorganics.

KEY_WATER PEACE, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, PEACE RIVER
KEY_PARAM NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN DEMAND, METALS, PHYSICAL
PARAMETERS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, DAISHOWA, MONITORING, RIVER, WATER QUALITY,
EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Moore, J.W., S. Ramamoorthy and A. Sharma.
DATE 1986.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Mercury Residues in Fish from Twenty-Four Lakes and Rivers in Alberta.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment Centre, Vegreville, Alberta.
OTHER2 AECV86-R4.
ANNOTATION "This report describes methyl mercury and total mercury levels in fish collected from 24 lakes and rivers in Alberta during 1984. Analysis was conducted using a mercury hollow cathode lamp emitting monochromatic light" (as cited in document).
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN, SMOKY, WAPITI
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METAL, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, FISH, STUDIES, CONTAMINANT, LAKE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Moraglia, V.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Study. Water Quality Component.
Progress Report.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, Planning Division.
OTHER2 27 pp.
ANNOTATION "Reviews the status of the water quality modelling
and monitoring program in Athabasca Basin.
Provides a basis for future work" (cited from
McGregor and Cary, 1991).
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, RIVER, MODEL, DATABASE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI).
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Pulping Effluents in the Aquatic Environment - Part 1: A Review of the Published Literature.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER NCASI, New York, New York.
OTHER2 Technical Bulletin No 572. October 1989.

ANNOTATION "This technical bulletin, the first of two containing the results of this compilation, summarizes the published information on pulping effluents (especially bleached kraft mill effluents) and the aquatic environment..... Information is included on (a) the impacts and characteristics of pulp mill effluents, (b) wastewater treatment practices, (c) the fate and transport of chemicals found in pulping effluents, and (d) the production processes that generate the chemicals found in pulp mill effluents" (cited from document).

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 EFFLUENT, BIBLIOGRAPHY, PULP MILL, WATER QUALITY, ORGANOCHLORINE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI).

DATE 1989

DUP_DATE b.

TITLE Pulping Effluents in the Aquatic Environment: A Report of the Scientific Panel on Pulping Effluent in the Aquatic Environment.

OTHER1

PUBLISHER NCASI, New York, New York.

OTHER2 Special Report No. 89-08. December 1989.

ANNOTATION Information was assembled on the available information on pulping effluents in the aquatic environment. An independent, scientific panel was asked to "examine the (a) North American data to determine whether it provided evidence of the compatibility of biologically treated effluents with healthy and productive aquatic ecosystems and (b) identify the sources of apparent contradictions between recent North American and Northern European research" (cited from document). This report contains the findings of the panel.

KEY_WATER

KEY_GEOG

KEY_PARAM EXTENSIVE

KEY_ANIMAL

KEY_PLANT

KEY_MCROBE

KEY_MEDIA WATER

KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, ORGANOCHLORINE, EXPERIMENT

KEY_MISC2

KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR National Council of the Paper Industry for Air and
Stream Improvement, Inc. (NCASI).
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE
TITLE Observations on the Bioaccumulation of 2,3,7,8-TCDD and
2,3,7,8-TCDF in Channel Catfish and Largemouth Bass and
their Survival or Growth During Exposure to Biologically
Treated Bleached Kraft Mill Effluent in Experimental
Streams.
OTHER1 Technical Bulletin No. 611. June 1991.
PUBLISHER NCASI, New York, New York.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "This report describes investigation designed to
determine bioaccumulation factors for 2,3,7,8-TCDD
and TCDF for channel catfish and largemouth bass
exposed in experimental streams receiving
biotreated bleached kraft mill effluent. The
concept of using nominal concentrations to
calculate BCFs or BAFs is also described and
compared to BCFs or BAFs calculated using measured
water concentrations." (cited from document)
Catfish were exposed as free-living fish and also
in cages in two streams (North Carolina).
Largemouth bass were also stocked in three
streams.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BIOACCUMULATION, CONTAMINANT, FISH, IMPACT,
INVESTIGATION, RIVER, ORGANOCHLORINE, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Neill, C.R., B.J. Evans and A.W. Lipsett.
DATE 1981.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Circulation of Water and Sediment in the Athabasca Delta Area.
OTHER1 Prepared for the Alberta Oils Sands Environmental Research Program.
PUBLISHER Northwest Hydrualic Consultants Ltd. and the Alberta Research Council.
OTHER2 AOSERP Report 123. 182 pp.

ANNOTATION The objective of the study was to describe how water and sediment from the Athabasca River are distributed through the delta system and how they circulate and mix in Lake Athabasca and flow through to the Slave River, with a view to understanding the pathways and destinations of contaminants that might reach the Athabasca River. Study components included literature reviews, remote sensing interpretations, field investigations and mathematical analyses. The project was viewed as a first stage study to sketch the essentials of the system and to outline needs and methodologies for a better definition.

...Data collected included water depths, current velocities, water quality parameters, and sediment concentrations (as cited in document).

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, DELTA, HYDROLOGY, CONTAMINANTS, WATER QUALITY, SAMPLING, MODEL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Niimi, A.J.; H.B. Lee and G.P. Kisson.
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE Kinetics of Chloroguaiacols and Other Chlorinated
Phenolic Derivatives in Rainbow Trout (Salmo gairdneri)
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Vol. 9, pp.
649-653
OTHER2 1990

ANNOTATION "Subadult rainbow trout (Salmo gairdneri) were
exposed to six dichloro to tetrachloroguaiacols, two
chlorinated vanillins and trichlorosyringol
through waterborne and dietary exposure.
Equilibrium concentrations were attained within 2
d in waterborne exposed fish, and bioconcentration
factor (BCF) values ranged from 1 to 270 among the
guaiacols, less than 5 for the chlorovanillins and
125 for trichlorosyringol. Dietary exposure
indicated these chemicals are poorly absorbed and
have half-lives of less than several days.
Waterborne uptake appears to be the primary mode
for accumulation." (from abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 EFFLUENT, PULP MILL, ECOSYSTEM, DIOXINS, FURANS, SALMONID
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Northern Rivers Intergovernmental Task Force.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Water Resource Database Assessment for the
Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin.
OTHER1 Report to Peace-Athabasca-Slave Basins Federal/Provincial
Steering Committee.
PUBLISHER Northern Rivers Intergovernmental Task Force.
OTHER2 June 1990. 40 pp.

ANNOTATION Between October 1989 and June 1990 the Northern
River Intergovernmental Task Force prepared an
overview of ongoing programs, initiatives and data
gaps pertaining to the Peace-Athabasca-Slave River
Basins. The objectives were to: 1) identify the
jurisdictional responsibilities for water resource
management, 2) assess existing and emerging
water-related resource issues, 3) document
existing data describing the physical, chemical
and biological quality of the aquatic ecosystem,
as well as the patterns of water use and
development, 4) describe conditions within the
aquatic environment of the study area, 5) assess
the information deficiencies, 6) recommend Terms
of Reference and arrange a study program to
address these deficiencies. Collected data
pertain to hydrology/hydraulics, water use, water
quality, fisheries and wildlife.

KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, WATER QUALITY, NUTRIENTS, RIVER, FISH,
HYDROLOGY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Northern Rivers Intergovernmental Task Force.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Water Resource Database Assessment for the
Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin. Appendix.
OTHER1 Report to Peace-Athabasca-Slave Basins Federal/Provincial
Steering Committee. June 1990.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2 Appendix.

ANNOTATION Appendices include: 1) a summary and
classification of hydrological/hydraulic data
collection sites, operated from 1910 to 1990, in
the Slave River basin and delta, 2) water use in
the Athabasca/Peace/Slave River basins as it
pertains to industrial and municipal withdrawals
and licencing, 3) maps and descriptions of
NAQUADAT water quality stations within the basins,
4) fisheries data for the Slave River and Great
Slave Lake including life history information for
identified species, and 5) annotated bibliographic
information on wildlife; North of 60o and Alberta
reports. Each section listed above provides an
annotated bibliography.

This document provides general data on the
characteristics of and uses within the basins. It
does not provide specific data on contaminants.

KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 HYDROLOGY, NAQUADAT, BIBLIOGRAPHY, LICENCE, RIVER, BASIN,
FISH
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R.
DATE 1988.
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Overview of Water Quality in the Fort Chipewyan Area.
OTHER1 Presented at Fort Chipewyan - Fort Vermilion Bicentennial
Conference, Provincial Museum of Alberta, 23-25 September
1988.
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental
Assessment Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 Session 5B: Workshop on Local Benefits/Costs and
Environmental & Community Effects - Ft. Chipewyan.
ANNOTATION This is a short workshop paper which discusses
water quality issues in a general way. It
contains no detailed information.
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE
KEY_GEOG FORT CHIPEWYAN, ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 MONITORING, WATER QUALITY, SUNCOR, FISH, OIL, EFFLUENT,
CONTAMINANT, PULP MILL, HUMAN HEALTH, LAKE
KEY_MISC2 INDUSTRY, SEWAGE TREATMENT
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R.
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE The Peace and Athabasca River Systems: A Synopsis of Alberta Environment's Monitoring Programs and the Water Quality Effects of Existing Pulp Mill Effluents.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental Assessment Division, Alberta Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 October 1989. 11 pp.
ANNOTATION This document outlines the extent of monitoring done to date, summarizes assessments regarding pulp mill effects, and examines the direction of future river monitoring and assessments for the Peace and Athabasca River systems. Regarding the effects of pulp mill effluent on receiving waters, the factors examined include heat, salts, nutrients, some metals, organic compounds, suspended solids, colour, odour, chlorinated organic compounds, and bacteria. Most of the monitoring is on the effects on water quality, sediment, bacteria, algae, benthic invertebrates and fish. No specific data are presented.
KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, ORGANICS, METAL, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, CONTAMINANT, MONITORING, RIVER
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R.
DATE 1990
DUP_DATE
TITLE Adsorbable Organic Halide Sampling in the Athabasca and
Wapiti-Smoky Rivers, Fall and Winter 1989-1990.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environment Quality Monitoring Branch, Alberta
Environment.
OTHER2 17 pp.

ANNOTATION "Adsorbable organic halide (AOX) has become an
accepted measure of chlorinated organic material,
and is used to monitor and regulate bleached kraft
pulp mill effluents (BKME). Two surveys on the
Wapiti-Smoky river system and one on the Athabasca
River were carried out in 1989-90 to assess the
presence and downstream persistence of AOX. Both
of these systems receive BKME" (cited from
document). The BKME studied include the Weldwood
mill at Hinton and the Procter & Gamble mill at
Grande Prairie. AOX was measured as a
concentration (mg/L) and load (kg/day). The
analytical method used (#E128.0; NAQUADAT #95080L)
measures both dissolved and particulate organic
halogens.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, PROCTER & GAMBLE, WELDWOOD, RIVER,
SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Water Quality in the Wapiti-Smoky River System Under
Low-Flow Conditions 1987-1991: A Synopsis of Government
Surveys and Monitoring.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental
Assessment Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 May 1992. Supplement - 3 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report provides an update on water quality
conditions in relation to pulp mill and municipal
effluents in the Wapiti and Smoky River systems.
Outlined are government surveys from 1987 to 1991.
The surveys encompass effluent effects, water
quality, sediments, benthic biota (algae and
invertebrates), and fish. Some of the variables
included in the surveys are physical parameters,
oxygen, some metals, toxic compounds, organics,
nutrients, and bacteria. Observed water quality
is compared to objectives and guidelines. The
appendices contain the specific water quality
data. The Supplement provides brief notes and
graphs that describe the water quality variables
that were non-compliant with objectives or
guidelines. The type of analytical codes provided
is not identified.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, ORGANICS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, PHYSICAL
PARAMETERS, TOXIC, METALS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SEWAGE TREATMENT, WATER QUALITY,
RIVER, BENTHOS, ORGANOCHLORINE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Water Quality in the Wapiti-Smoky River System Under
Low-Flow Conditions, 1987-1991: A Synopsis of Government
Surveys and Monitoring. Supplement.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental
Assessment Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 June 1992. Supplement - 9 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This document supplements the Synopsis as listed
in the title. That Synopsis "provided a brief
update on recent water quality conditions in the
Wapiti-Smoky River system" (cited from Noton,
1992a). "This Supplement provides graphs and
short notes on water quality variables that were
non-compliant with objectives or guidelines, in
order to better support the conclusions in the
Synopsis and to illustrate the degree and
frequency of non-compliance" (cited from
document). Data on odour, color, TDS, sulphide,
total chromium, manganese, total nitrogen, total
phosphorus, phenolics, coliforms and 2,4-DCP are
provided.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, TOXIC,
ORGANICS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 PROCTER & GAMBLE, RIVER, PULP MILL, NUTRIENT, WATER
QUALITY, ORGANOCHLORINE, EFFLUENT, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R. and N.R. Chymko.
DATE 1978.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality and Aquatic Resources of the Beaver Creek
Diversion System.
OTHER1 Environmental Research Monograph 1978-3.
PUBLISHER Syncrude Canada Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION The Beaver Creek Diversion System, a tributary to
the Athabasca River, was investigated from March
to November, 1977 to describe post-diversion
conditions in Beaver Creek, Ruth Lake and Poplar
Creek. Ten sites were sampled for
physical-chemical parameters, phytoplankton,
zooplankton and benthic macroinvertebrates. An
Eckman dredge was used to collect
macroinvertebrates. The diversion was undertaken
by Syncrude Canada Ltd. to permit mining and
extraction of bitumen.

KEY_WATER BEAVER
KEY_GEOG ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, BENTHOS, FISH, SAMPLING, SYNCRUDE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R. and R.D. Shaw.
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Winter Water Quality in the Athabasca River System,
1988-1989.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Environmental
Assessment Division, Environmental Protection Services,
Alberta Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 August 1989. 200 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report presents and interprets the findings
of two water quality surveys that were carried out
on the Athabasca River in 1988, from February to
March, and three surveys that were carried out in
1989, from January to March. The objectives of
these surveys were to obtain additional data that
could be used for 1) water quality protection
planning, 2) to define a baseline for present
winter water quality conditions, and 3) to better
assess the impacts of existing effluents on river
water quality" (cited from document).

Water quality and contaminant issues discussed
include nutrients, metals, non-metal organics and
organics. Methods for water quality analyses are
provided in the report's appendices.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, METALS,
NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 NAQUADAT, RIVER, PULP MILL, WATER QUALITY, EFFLUENT,
SAMPLING, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Noton, L.R., A.M. Anderson, T.B. Reynoldson and J. Kostler.
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality in the Wapiti-Smoky River System Downstream of the Procter and Gamble Pulp Mill, 1983.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environment Quality Monitoring Branch, Alberta Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 113 pp.

ANNOTATION This document assesses the "effects of the Procter & Gamble pulp mill on water quality and aquatic biota in the Smoky River" and increases the water quality data base for that river system. Sampling at various sites along the Wapiti-Smoky-Peace River System took place four times in 1983: March, May, September and November.

The parameters examined include: inorganics, organics, physical river conditions, metals, oxygen demand, acute toxicity and nutrients.

Samples of benthic macroinvertebrates, algae and bacteria were collected to study the effects of the effluent on aquatic biota. Acute toxicity of the effluent was measured by testing its lethality to rainbow trout. Possible effects on water use were also examined with respect to drinking water and municipal supply, recreation, aquatic life and agriculture. NAQUADAT codes are provided.

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, MACROPHYTE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, EFFLUENT, WATER QUALITY, RIVER, NAQUADAT, FISH
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Oikari, A. and E. Anas.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE Chlorinated Phenolics and Their Conjugates in the Bile of
Trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) Exposed to Contaminated Waters
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Bull. Environ. Contam. Toxicol. (1985) 35:802-809
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This laboratory study determined the
concentrations of free and conjugated chlorinated
phenolics in the bile of rainbow trout exposed to
solutions of biologically-treated kraft pulp mill
effluent. Seven individual phenolic compounds and
mixtures of three phenolic compounds were studied.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, EFFLUENT, FISH, INVESTIGATION, PULP MILL,
SALMONID
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Oikari, A., B. Holmbom, E. Anas, M. Miilunpalo, G.
Kruzynski and M. Castren.

DATE 1985

DUP_DATE

TITLE Ecotoxicological Aspects of Pulp and Paper Mill Effluents
Discharged to an Inland Water System: Distribution in
Water, and Toxicant Residues and Physiological Effects in
Caged Fish (Salmo Gairdneri).

OTHER1

PUBLISHER Aquatic Toxicology 6:219-239.

OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Simultaneous studies were conducted on
concentrations of chlorinated phenolics (CP) and
resin acids (RA) in bleached kraft pulp mill
effluents (BKME), their distribution in the
receiving water, their uptake and accumulation in
the blood plasma of rainbow trout caged in the
recipient, as well as short-term physiological
effects developed in fish" (cited from document
abstract).

KEY_WATER

KEY_GEOG

KEY_PARAM TOXIC, ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS

KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE

KEY_PLANT

KEY_MCRUBE

KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, EFFLUENT

KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, BIOACCUMULATION

KEY_MISC2

KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Oikari, A., E. Anas, G. Kruzynski and B. Holmborn.
DATE 1984
DUP_DATE
TITLE Free and Conjugated Resin Acids in the Bile of Rainbow
Trout, Salmo Gairdneri
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Bull. Environ. Contam. Toxicol. (1984) 33:233-240
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This laboratory study determined the
concentrations of free and conjugated resin acids
in the bile of rainbow trout exposed to
biologically treated kraft pulp mill effluent,
untreated effluent from a mechanical pulp mill,
wood rosin and dehydroabiestic acid.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, FISH, SALMONID, SAMPLING, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Oikari, Aimo and Tiina Kunnamo-Ojala.
DATE 1986
DUP_DATE
TITLE Tracing of Xenobiotic Contamination in Water with the Aid
of Fish Bile Metabolites: A Field Study with Caged
Rainbow Trout (*Salmo gairdneri*)
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Aquatic Toxicology, 9 (1987) 327-341
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Caging experiments were conducted using juvenile
rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) in a lake area
receiving chlorine-bleached kraft pulp mill
effluents (BKME) from a single discharge pipe.
The trout were exposed for 10 and 15 days at four
locations downstream (1, 4, 6 and 11 km) and at
one reference location upstream (2 km) from the
effluent pipe. Water, blood and bile samples were
collected and analysed for concentrations of seven
resin acids (RA) and eight chlorphenolic (CP)
compounds. Establishment of the pattern of
metabolically converted xenobiotics in the bile of
caged rainbow trout is both a sensitive and
(semi)quantitative way to assess low levels of
contamination in recipient waters." (from
abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BIOACCUMULATION, FISH, SALMONID, EFFLUENT, PULP MILL,
LAKE, CONTAMINANT, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Opperhuizen, Antoon and Dick T.H.M. Sijm.
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE Biaccumulation and Biotransformation of Polychlorinated
Dibenzo-p-Dioxins and Dibenzofurans in Fish
OTHER1 Presented at the Symposium of Environmental Toxicology
and Chemistry, Pensicola, Florida
PUBLISHER Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Vol. 9, pp.
175-186, 1990
OTHER2 November 9-12, 1989

ANNOTATION "In spite of their hydrophobicity, not all
polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin (PCDD) and
dibenzofuran (PCDF) congeners accumulate
significantly in fish or other aquatic organisms.
Many PCDDs and PCDFs with four or more chlorine
atoms, such as octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin, are
taken up very slowly, if at all, during aqueous
exposure. The relatively low bioconcentration and
biomagnification factors of lower chlorinated
PCDDs and PCDFs should thus be explained by high
rates of excretion, probably by biotransformation.
These results support the hypothesis that
biotransformation is of paramount importance for
the bioaccumulation of several PCDDs and PCDFs."
(taken from abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, BIOACCUMULATION, DIOXINS, FURANS, SALMONID,
CONTAMINANT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Owens, J.W., S.M. Swanson and D.A. Birkholz.
DATE 1993
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioaccumulation of 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin,
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzofuran and Extractable Organic
Chlorine at a Bleached-Kraft Pulp Mill Site in a Northern
Canadian River System
OTHER1 Presented at the 12th International Symposium on
Chlorinated Dioxins and Related Compounds, Finland,
August 1992
PUBLISHER Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Vol. 13, No. 2.,
pp 343-354, 1994
OTHER2 Presented at the 13th Annual Meeting of the Society of
Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Cincinnati,
November 1992
ANNOTATION "Abiotic and biotic environmental compartments in
a northern Canadian river system have been
analyzed for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins
(PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs),
and extractable organochlorines (EOCl) downstream
of a bleached kraft pulp mill. The water column,
deposited and suspended sediments, invertebrates,
and tissues from several fish species were
analyzed...Food-chain biomagnification of TCDD and
TCDF was not observed in omnivorous and predatory
species...Organism lipid levels alone are not
sufficient to predict species-specific
bioaccumulation and site-specific transport and
species food choice parameters should be included
in bioaccumulation models for hydrophobic
compounds such as PCDDs and PCDFs." (from
abstract)
KEY_WATER SMOKY, WAPITI
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BIOACCUMULATION, CONTAMINANT, DIOXINS, EFFLUENT, FOOD
CHAIN, FURANS, ORGANOCHLORINE
KEY_MISC2 PROCTOR & GAMBLE, PULP MILL, RIVER, SAMPLING, STUDIES
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Paasivirta, J., K. Keinola, T. Humpi, A. Karjalainen,
J. Knuutinen, K. Mantykoski, et al.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE Polychlorinate Phenols, Guaiacols and Catechols in
Environment
OTHER1 Depts. of Biology and Chemistry, University of Jyvaskyla
PUBLISHER Chemosphere, Vol. 14, No. 5, pp 469-491
OTHER2
ANNOTATION "Emissions, bioaccumulation and possible food
chain enrichment of polychlorinated phenols,
guaiacols and catechols have been studied by
analyses of water, snow, ash, benthic animal, fish
and bird samples in Finland. Seventeen individual
compounds were analyzed." (from abstract)
KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA AIR, SEDIMENT, WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, BIOACCUMULATION, CONTAMINANT, FISH, FOOD CHAIN,
PULP MILL, SALMONID, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin Intergovernmental Task Force.
DATE 1991.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Northern River Basins Study Proposed Program Description.
OTHER1 Report on the Study Board from the Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin Intergovernmental Task Force.
PUBLISHER Northern River Intergovernmental Task Force.
OTHER2 October 1991.

ANNOTATION Description of a proposed program for the study of the cumulative effects of industrial development on the aquatic environment in the Peace-Athabasca-Slave River Basin. The study was proposed to take place from 1991-1995 and was designed to cover four components: 1) hydrology/hydraulics, 2) water quality, 3) fish and fish habitat, 4) use of aquatic resources.

KEY_WATER PEACE, ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, NUTRIENT, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY, FISH, WATER RESOURCES, BASIN, INDUSTRY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Perrin, C.J. and M.L. Bothwell.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Chlorate Discharges from Pulp Mills: An Examination of
Potential Ecological Effects on River Algal Communities.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Limnotek Research and Development Inc., Vancouver, B.C.,
and Environmental Sciences Division, National Hydrology
Research Institute, Environment Canada, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 NHRI Contribution No. 92052.

ANNOTATION Chlorine dioxide, used in the bleaching process of
pulp mills, will form chlorate. It is known to
have toxic effects in some marine algae. This
study examines potential effects of chlorate on
freshwater riverine periphytic algal communities.
The study includes measurements of effects of
nitrate (ug/l) on potential chlorate (ug/l)
toxicity. Ammonium (ug/l) was also introduced
into the experiment.

The study was conducted at an experimental
facility on the South Thompson River at Chase,
British Columbia. The year of this study is not
actually stated anywhere in the document; however,
algal data from the Columbia River is listed and
dated from 1991.

KEY_WATER THOMPSON
KEY_GEOG BRITISH COLUMBIA
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 EXPERIMENT, RIVER, BENTHOS, PULP MILL, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Rogers, I.H., J.A. Servizi and C.D. Levings
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioconcentration of Chlorophenols by Juvenile Chinook
Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Overwintering in the
Upper Fraser River: Field and Laboratory Tests
OTHER1 Department of Fisheries and Oceans
PUBLISHER Water Poll. Research J. Canada, Vol. 23, No. 1, 1988
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Juvenile chinook salmon were sampled from August
1986 to March 1987 at stations near Prince George
and Quesnel, influenced by sewage and pulp mill
discharges...at reference sites in November 1986
and at Agassiz in April 1987. Fingerling chinook
were exposed at 0.7 deg.C to a commercial wood
preservative containing 2,3,4,5-tetrachlorophenol
(TeCP) and pentachlorophenol (PCP) in the
laboratory to simulate winter conditions in the
upper Fraser River...Chinook salmon can
bioconcentrate persistent chlorophenols and
chloroguaiacols directly from cold water (<1
deg.C)." (from abstract)

KEY_WATER FRASER
KEY_GEOG BRITISH COLUMBIA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, CONTAMINANT, FISH, IMPACT, INDUSTRY, PULP MILL,
RIVER, SALMONID, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR SENTAR Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1993.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Wapiti/Smoky River Ecosystem Study.
OTHER1 Prepared for Weyerhaeuser Canada, Grande Prairie,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2 158 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION "This report describes a 2 1/2 year, multidisciplinary study of the Wapiti/Smoky River ecosystem in northwestern Alberta. The Wapiti/Smoky River system receives effluent from the Procter & Gamble Cellulose Ltd. (now Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.) bleached kraft pulp mill at Grande Prairie....The main objectives of the study were to: (1) determine the fate and transport of chlorinated organic compounds in the river; (2) examine fish population parameters, as well as individual health parameters; and (3) document the fish habitat types upstream and downstream of the mill, and determine whether the mill effluent has affected habitat quality, with emphasis on spawning habitat....Water, bottom sediments, suspended sediments, fish and insects were collected for analyses of an extensive list of substances, including metals and chlorinated organic compounds. Mountain whitefish and longnose sucker were the main species examined for contaminants" (cited from document).

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY, NORTH SASKATCHEWAN
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS, ORGANICS,
NON-METAL INORGANICS, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, EFFLUENT, SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, EFFLUENT, FISH, FATE, WATER
QUALITY, RIVER, CONTAMINANT, STUDIES
KEY_MISC2 SURVEY
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR SENTAR Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Winter Water Quality Survey on the Athabasca River,
February 1992.
OTHER1 Prepared for Millar Western Pulp Ltd. and Alberta
Newsprint Company, Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER SENTAR Consultants Ltd., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 July 1992. Project No. 09-614-01-01.

ANNOTATION A 2-day winter water quality monitoring survey on
the Athabasca River was conducted during February
1992. This survey was part of an ongoing
monitoring program for Millar Western Pulp Ltd.
and Alberta Newsprint Company.

Parameters measured include dissolved oxygen, BOD,
specific conductance, major ions, metals,
nutrients, suspended solids, color, phenols,
chelators, coliforms, resin and fatty acids.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, WHITECOURT
KEY_PARAM METAL, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND,
PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, MONITORING, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, ANC, MILLAR
WESTERN, NUTRIENT, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR SENTAR Consultants Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE A Benthic Invertebrate Monitoring Study on the Athabasca River, Whitecourt, Alberta.
OTHER1 Prepared for Alberta Newsprint Company, Whitecourt, Alberta.
PUBLISHER SENTAR Consultants Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION Benthic invertebrate and water quality sampling was conducted on May 20-22 and October 1-3, 1991 on the Athabasca River above and below the ANC CTMP mill. Five replicate samples were collected at seven sites using a modified Neill-Hess cylindrical sampler. Water quality analyses included nutrients, physical parameters, metals, organics, oxygen demand, dissolved oxygen and non-metal inorganics.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, METALS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, NON-METAL INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 ANC, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING, WATER QUALITY, RIVER
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Sergy, G.A. and R.G. Ruggles.
DATE 1975.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Toxicity of Wastewater Discharges and Their Effects on Receiving Waters at Northwest Pulp and Power Co. Ltd., Hinton, Alberta.
OTHER1 Prepared for Water Pollution Control Section, Environmental Protection Service, Environment Canada, Northwest Region.
PUBLISHER Environment Canada.
OTHER2 Surveillance Report EPS 5-NW-75-1. January 1975. 40 pp.
ANNOTATION "Samples of waste water discharges from Northwest Pulp and Power Ltd. were collected in August of 1974, for bacteriological and chemical analysis and toxicity testing. All samples bioassayed exhibited acute lethal toxicity to rainbow trout which can be attributed to toxic components in the waste water. Benthic sampling along the banks of the Athabasca River below the main effluent outfall showed little change in diversity and density of bottom organisms except at one location below the mouth of Hardisty Creek. Benthic sampling above and below the bark pile runoff into Hardisty Creek showed drastic changes had occurred in the stream bottom conditions and in the composition of the bottom invertebrate community" (cited from document).
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS, SAMPLING, RIVER, CONTAMINANT, FATE
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Servizi, James A., Robert W. Gordon and John H. Carey
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioconcentration of Chlorophenols by Early Life Stages of
Fraser River Pink and Chinook Salmon
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Water Poll. Research J. Canada, Vol. 23, No. 1, 1988
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Chlorophenol content of emergent pink salmon fry
from five natal spawning grounds of fingerling
chinook from the Fraser River was determined.
Major chlorophenols identified were
pentachlorophenol, 2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol,
2,4,5-trichlorophenol, 2,4-dichlorophenol.
Sources of these compounds appear to be lumber
mills using chlorophenol based fungicides and pulp
and paper mill effluents...The 96-hr LC50 of a
chlorophenol based fungicide to pink salmon during
the egg-to-fry stage was determined to be about
100 times higher than average levels reported for
Fraser River water." (from abstract)

KEY_WATER FRASER
KEY_GEOG BRITISH COLUMBIA
KEY_PARAM CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE FUNGI
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, EFFLUENT, FISH, PULP MILL, RIVER, SALMONID
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Servos, M.R., D.C.G. Muir, D.M. Whittle, D.B. Sergeant
and G.R.B. Webster
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE Bioavailability of Octachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin in Aquatic
Ecosystems
OTHER1 Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Natural Water
Research Institute, Environment Canada
PUBLISHER Chemosphere, Vol. 19, Nos. 1-6, pp 969-972
OTHER2 Department of Soil Science, University of Manitoba

ANNOTATION "Octachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (OCDD) was added to
replicate 5 m diam. x 2 m deep lake enclosures at
the Experimental Lakes Area in Northwestern
Ontario. OCDD partitioned rapidly to particulate
and dissolved organic matter and was removed from
the water column with a half-life of 4.0 d. Only
24 d after additions to the enclosures >98% of the
OCDD could be accounted for in the sediments. A
detrital based food chain transfer appears to be
the source of OCDD in biota although assimilation
efficiency is low. OCDD concentrations in suckers
(Catostomus sp.) collected below two pulp mills in
western Canada ranged up to 756 ng/kg." (from
abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG ONTARIO
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE, VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, SEDIMENT, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, CONTAMINANT, DIOXINS, FISH, FOOD CHAIN, PATHWAY,
STUDIES
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Shaw, R.D. and L.R. Noton.
DATE 1989.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Preliminary Assessment of the Impact of Existing Pulp
Mills on the Peace River.
OTHER1 Prepared for Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch,
Environmental Assessment Division, Environmental
Protection Services, Alberta Environment.
PUBLISHER Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch, Alberta
Environment.
OTHER2 October 1989. 15 pp.

ANNOTATION "In 1988, the Environmental Quality Monitoring
Branch, Alberta Environment, initiated a baseline
survey of water quality in the Peace River system.
Based on data collected for the survey, a
preliminary evaluation of the impact of the
existing pulp mill effluents on the Peace River in
Alberta is provided in this report...For the
constituents and sites investigated in the 1988-89
surveys, there were no adverse impacts from the
existing mills on the water quality of the Peace
River mainstem. The lack of impacts reflects the
high effluent dilution capacity of the river
and/or the assimilation capacity of intervening
water bodies...The persistence and effect of
chlorinated organic compounds, which emanate from
bleached kraft mills on sediment or aquatic biota
were not examined" (cited from document).

KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, METALS, TOXIC,
CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA WATER, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, IMPACT, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, HYDROLOGY,
CONTAMINANT
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Shaw, R.D., L.R Noton, A.M. Anderson, and G.W. Guenther.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Water Quality of the Peace River in Alberta.
OTHER1 June 1990.
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION Water quality samples were collected monthly during May through September 1988 and once in December 1988 and February 1989 from ten sites along the Peace River and from ten tributary rivers. A comprehensive list of physical, chemical and biological constituents were analyzed including some trace organics. Benthic invertebrates were sampled (5 replicates) using a modified Neill cylinder in September 1988 in the mainstem with some additional samples in May and September 1987 and July and October 1988. Epilithic chlorophyll a was sampled by scraping rocks in a defined area. Analyses included major ions, metals, conventional organics, nutrients and general water quality parameters.

KEY_WATER PEACE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS, METALS, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Sodergren, A. (ed.).
DATE 1989
DUP_DATE
TITLE Biological Effects of Bleached Pulp Mill Effluents.
OTHER1 Final Report, Environment/Cellulose I Project.
PUBLISHER Nat. Swedish Environ. Prot. Bd. Report #3558. 139 pp.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The extent of the biological effects in aquatic ecosystems that are caused by effluents from pulp industries, especially from bleaching processes, was studied in a joint biological/chemical field project consisting of several sub-projects. The principal study was devoted to the effects of biologically-active chlorinated organic compounds.

A receiving body of water for pulp bleach plant effluents at the Baltic Sea was chosen for the three-year study" (cited from document abstract). Effluent discharges included organic bound chlorine (EOCl), chloroguaiacols, 2,3,7,8-TCDD and 2,3,7,8-TCDF.

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM TOXIC, CHLORINATED ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, WATER, EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, FISH, FATE, STUDIES, BENTHOS
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd.
DATE 1982
DUP_DATE
TITLE Slave River Hydro Feasibility Study - Task Area 4B -
Surface Water Quality of the Peace-Athabasca Delta.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER R.L. Walker & Partners Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "Report defines the environmental implication of altering the hydrological regime in the Peace-Athabasca Delta (Task Area 4B) as a result of the hydro development. One component of the study deals with the quality of surface waters within the study area. This report presents a review of existing water quality information and an assessment of potential changes to surface water are based on historical and field data from 1976-1982. Water quality data throughout the delta are of limited value and availability due mainly to lack of sampling consistency and frequency" (cited from McGregor and Cary, 1991).

KEY_WATER PEACE-ATHABASCA, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA
KEY_MISC1 DELTA, RIVER, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Suntio, Leena R., Wan Ying Shiu, Donald Mackay.
DATE 1988
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Review of the Nature and Properties of Chemicals
Present in Pulp Mill Effluents
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Chemosphere, Vol. 17, No. 7, pp 1249-1290
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "A compilation is presented of some 250 chemicals
identified in the effluents from pulp mills. The
chemicals are categorized and available from data
on their environmentally relevant properties
tabulated, including water solubility, vapour
pressure, dissociation constant, and octanol-water
partition coefficient. Data are also presented on
the amounts produced, bioconcentration potential,
and toxicity. It is concluded that available data
on individual compound properties is not adequate
to permit accurate assessments of environmental
fate or effects." (from abstract)

KEY_WATER
KEY_GEOG
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, CHLORINATED ORGANICS, EXTENSIVE
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE, INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 DATABASE, EFFLUENT, FISH, ORGANOCHLORINE, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Swanson, S., K. Kroeker, R. Schryer, and W. Owens.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE
TITLE Population Responses in Mountain Whitefish and Longnose
Suckers Exposed to Bleached Kraft Mill Effluent (BKME) in
Northern Alberta.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER 19th Annual Aquatic Toxicity Workshop, October 4-7, 1992,
Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The potential BKME discharge impacts on fish
populations are under study in a western Canadian
river ecosystem. Seasonal biological and chemical
sampling were concurrent in a 230 km BKME exposed
river reach and in a reference river. Fisheries
population analyses included: species abundance
and distribution, growth, recruitment, age
distribution, and fecundity. Chemical analyses
showed that: most chlorophenolics and resin acids
were rapidly degraded; hydrophobic compounds such
as 2,3,7,8-TCDD and TCDF were transported in
suspended sediments; chlorinated organics measured
as AOX were transported in the water column.
Radiotelemetry of longnose sucker and mountain
whitefish showed that both species were highly
mobile. There were few significant differences in
fish population parameters between the BKME
exposed system and the reference, indicating that
BKME has not had discernable adverse impacts at
the population level" (cited from document
abstract).

KEY_WATER WAPITI
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE
KEY_PARAM ORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 FISH, PULP MILL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, RIVER, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Swanson, S., K. Kroeker, R. Schryer, R. Shelast and W. Owens.

DATE 1991

DUP_DATE

TITLE Chemical Fate and Characterization of Fish Populations at a Canadian Site Exposed to Bleached Kraft Mill Effluent (BKME).

OTHER1

PUBLISHER Proc. Conf. Environmental Fate and Effects of Bleached Pulp Mill Effluents, Stockholm, Saltsjobaden.

OTHER2 November 19-21, 1991.

ANNOTATION "The potential BKME discharge impacts on fish populations are under study in a western Canadian river ecosystem. Seasonal biological and chemical sampling were concurrent in a 300 km river reach (230 km BKME exposed) and in a reference river. Fisheries population analyses included: species abundance and distribution, growth, recruitment, age distribution, and fecundity. Chemical analyses showed that: most chlorophenolics and resin acids were rapidly degraded; hydrophobic compounds such as 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) and 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-furan (TCDF) were transported in suspended sediments; chlorinated organics measured as Adsorbable Organic Halogens (AOX) were transported in the water column. Radiotelemetry of longnose sucker and mountain whitefish showed that both species were highly mobile. There were few significant differences in fish population parameters between the BKME exposed system and the reference, indicating no discernable adverse impacts from BKME at the population level" (cited from document abstract).

KEY_WATER WAPITI, SMOKY

KEY_GEOG ALBERTA

KEY_PARAM TOXIC

KEY_ANIMAL

KEY_PLANT

KEY_MCROBE

KEY_MEDIA WATER

KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, WATER QUALITY, FISH, DIOXINS, FURANS

KEY_MISC2

KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Swanson, S., R. Shelast, R. Schryer, P. Kleopper-Sams,
 K.Kroeker, W.Owens, and J. Bernstein.
 DATE 1992
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE Fish Populations and Biomarker Responses at a Northern
 Alberta Bleached Kraft Pulp Mill Site.
 OTHER1 Presented at CPPA Pacific-Western Technical Section
 Conference, May 14-16, Jasper, Alberta.
 PUBLISHER
 OTHER2

ANNOTATION "The potential impact of bleached kraft mill
 effluent (BKME) discharges on fish populations and
 fish health has been studied in a northern Alberta
 riverine ecosystem. The field program mirrors
 federal Environmental Effects Monitoring (EEM)
 requirements and included seasonal chemical and
 biological sampling. Fisheries analyses began
 with species abundance and distribution and for
 two target species, longnose sucker and mountain
 whitefish, included growth, recruitment, age
 distribution, mortality and fecundity... Chemical
 body burdens were concurrently studied with
 biomarker responses in the target species...
 Biomarker measurements included blood chemistry
 and hematology, histopathology, sex steroid
 levels, and mixed function oxidase induction
 (P4501A)...Radiotelemetry confirmed significant
 mobility of both species. Therefore, the
 interpretation of P4501A and other biomarker
 results should be made cautiously without
 concurrent, individual chemical compound exposure
 analyses. In summary, BKME did not have
 discernible impacts on either fish populations or
 fish health, and P4501A induction was not
 predictive of biological impacts." (cited from
 document abstract).

KEY_WATER WAPITI
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, GRANDE PRAIRIE
 KEY_PARAM ORGANICS, TOXIC
 KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT
 KEY_MCROBE
 KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
 KEY_MISC1 PROCTER & GAMBLE, RIVER, WATER QUALITY, PULP MILL, FISH,
 ORGANOCHLORINE
 KEY_MISC2
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Taylor, B.R., G. MacDonald and H.R. Hamilton.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Model Calibration and Receiving Water Evaluation for Pulp
Mill Developments, Volume II: Nutrients, Resin Acids,
Chelators, Phenols, Colour, Suspended Solids.
OTHER1 Prepared for: Standards and Approvals Division, Alberta
Environment, Edmonton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER HydroQual Consultants Inc., Calgary, Alberta.
OTHER2 March 1990. 92 pp.

ANNOTATION "This report deals with the implications of
existing and proposed chemithermomechanical pulp
(CTMP) and Kraft mill wastewater discharges to
water quality in the Athabasca River" (cited from
document). Information has been compiled from
monitoring that took place on the Athabasca River
in January and February 1989, and used as input to
water quality models. Five pulp mills on the
Athabasca River were monitored: 1) Weldwood -
Bleached Kraft, 2) Alberta Newsprint Company -
CTMP, 3) Millar Western - CTMP, 4) Alberta
Energy Company - CTMP, 5) Alberta Pacific -
Bleached Kraft. The only active mills during the
1989 surveys were Weldwood and Millar Western.

The following constituents of pulp mill effluent
are examined: phenols, resin acids, chelators,
colour, suspended solids, and nutrients (nitrogen
and phosphorus). Effects on ecosystem
productivity are discussed including effects on
algae, macrophytes, bacteria, invertebrates, fish
eggs, and fish fry.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, LESSER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG HINTON, WHITECOURT, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, ORGANICS, NON-METAL
INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE, MACROPHYTE
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, MODEL, FISH, WELDWOOD, MILLAR
WESTERN
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM)
Ltd.
DATE 1990.
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Historical Review of the Biological and Water Quality
Surveys of the Wapiti River, 1970-1988.
OTHER1 Prepared for Procter & Gamble Cellulose, Grande Prairie,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 May 1990. 32 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report reviews "the historic data collected
through pre- and post-operational surveys
conducted by P&G" and "assesses the long term
trends in water quality and benthic community
composition resulting from ongoing treated pulp
effluent release" (cited from document). The
review encompasses surveys from 1972, 1974, 1975,
1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1988
conducted on the Wapiti River at varying sites in
the vicinity of the Procter & Gamble Pulp Mill and
Grande Prairie Sewage Treatment Plant.

Water quality data include: dissolved oxygen,
oxygen demand, physical parameters and non-metal
inorganics. Benthic macroinvertebrates were
collected for basic data.

KEY_WATER WAPITI
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, NON-METAL
INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, SEWAGE TREATMENT, EFFLUENT, PROCTER & GAMBLE,
RIVER, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2 BENTHOS
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM)
Ltd.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Surveys of the Wapiti River,
October 1990 and April 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Procter & Gamble Cellulose, Grande Prairie,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 July 1991. 53 pp. + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report provides data from a biomonitoring
survey of the Wapiti River conducted in October
1990 and April 1991. Eleven sites (six control
sites, five observation sites) along 42 km of the
river near Grande Prairie, Alberta were sampled
for river water quality and benthic
macroinvertebrates. The effluent sources in the
area are the Procter & Gamble Pulp Mill and the
Grande Prairie Sewage Treatment Plant.

Water quality data include: physical parameters,
dissolved oxygen, BOD, non-metal inorganics,
organics and nutrients. Benthic
macroinvertebrates were collected for taxonomic
identification, enumeration and response to the
pulp effluent.

KEY_WATER WAPITI
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS,
NON-METAL INORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT CHLOROPHYLL
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, SEWAGE TREATMENT, EFFLUENT, PROCTER & GAMBLE,
RIVER, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2 BENTHOS
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM) Ltd.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Survey of the Athabasca River 1990.
OTHER1 Prepared for Weldwood of Canada Limited, Hinton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 March 1991.

ANNOTATION Athabasca River water samples and benthic invertebrate samples were collected on October 10-12, 1990 from three stations upstream of the Weldwood pulp mill effluent and six stations downstream to a distance of about 44 km below the mill outfall. Water quality parameters measured included physical parameters, oxygen demand, non-metal inorganics, oxygen, organics and nutrients. Benthic invertebrates (collected by a Neill cylinder) and epilithic chlorophyll a were measured.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN, ORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, WATER QUALITY, EFFLUENT, HINTON, SAMPLING, RIVER, SEWAGE TREATMENT, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM) Ltd.
DATE 1991
DUP_DATE c.
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Survey of the Athabasca River, April 1991.
OTHER1 Prepared for Weldwood of Canada Limited, Hinton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 August, 1991.

ANNOTATION Athabasca River water samples and benthic invertebrate samples were collected on April 17-18, 1991 from three stations upstream of the Weldwood pulp mill effluent and six stations downstream to a distance of about 44 km below the mill outfall. Water quality characteristics measured included physical parameters, oxygen demand, non-metal inorganics, dissolved oxygen, organics and nutrients. Benthic invertebrates, collected by a Neill cylinder, and epilithic chlorophyll a were also measured.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN, ORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, WATER QUALITY, EFFLUENT, HINTON, SAMPLING, RIVER, SEWAGE TREATMENT, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM)
Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE a.
TITLE Benthic Macroinvertebrate and Water Quality Survey of the
Wapiti River, January 1992.
OTHER1 Prepared for Procter & Gamble Cellulose, Grande Prairie,
Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 April 1992. 40 pp + Appendices.

ANNOTATION This report provides data from a biomonitoring
survey of the Wapiti River conducted in January
1992. Eleven stations along 42 km of the river
near Grande Prairie, Alberta were sampled for
river water quality and benthic
macroinvertebrates. The effluent sources in the
area are the Procter & Gamble Pulp Mill and the
Grande Prairie Sewage Treatment Plant.

Water quality data include: physical parameters
(including dissolved oxygen), BOD, sodium ion,
colour, total residue, non-filtered residue,
dissolved organic carbon, ammonia, dissolved
phosphorus, and ortho-phosphate. Nutrient/organic
parameters are measured as concentrations (mg/L).
Approved Alberta Environment test procedures were
followed for the laboratory analyses. Water
samples were also collected to determine the
extent of effluent mixing in the river. Benthic
macroinvertebrates were collected for taxonomic
identification (mostly to the genus level),
enumeration, and response to the pulp effluent.

KEY_WATER WAPITI
KEY_GEOG GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS,
NON-METAL INORGANICS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, EFFLUENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 PULP MILL, SEWAGE TREATMENT, EFFLUENT, PROCTER & GAMBLE,
RIVER, WATER QUALITY, SURVEY, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2 BENTHOS
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Terrestrial and Aquatic Environmental Managers (TAEM) Ltd.
DATE 1992
DUP_DATE b.
TITLE Biological and Water Quality Survey of the Athabasca River, April 1992.
OTHER1 Prepared for Weldwood of Canada Limited, Hinton, Alberta.
PUBLISHER TAEM Ltd., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
OTHER2 September, 1992.

ANNOTATION Athabasca River water samples and benthic invertebrate samples were collected on April 14-15, 1992 from three stations upstream of the Weldwood pulp mill effluent and six stations downstream to a distance of about 44 km below the mill outfall. Water quality characteristics measured included physical parameters, oxygen demand, non-metal inorganics, dissolved oxygen, organics and nutrients. Benthic invertebrates, collected by a Neill cylinder, and epilithic chlorophyll a were also measured.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, NON-METAL INORGANICS, OXYGEN, ORGANICS, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT ALGAE
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 BENTHOS, WATER QUALITY, EFFLUENT, HINTON, SAMPLING, RIVER, SEWAGE TREATMENT, PULP MILL
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Walder, G.L. and D.W. Mayhood.
DATE 1985
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Analysis of Benthic Invertebrate and Water Quality
Monitoring Data from the Athabasca River.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Research Management Division, Alberta Environment,
Edmonton.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This report presents a detailed statistical
analysis including principal components analysis
of water quality and benthic invertebrate data
from previous studies on the Athabasca River.
Benthic invertebrate data were from a 1981 study.
The Athabasca River from the Horse River upstream
of Fort McMurray to the Tar River confluence was
the study area. Six water quality monitoring
stations and eight benthic invertebrate stations
were included. Water quality data for the period
1976 to 1983 were analyzed. The influence of the
Clearwater River and other east bank tributaries
as well as nutrient enrichment from the Fort
McMurray sewage treatment plant was discerned.
There was no evidence of differences due to the
Suncor development.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM
KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER, BIOTA
KEY_MISC1 RIVER, WATER QUALITY, BENTHOS, SAMPLING
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Wallace, R.R. and P.J. McCart.
DATE 1984
DUP_DATE
TITLE The Fish and Fisheries of the Athabasca River Basin,
Their Status and Environmental Requirements.
OTHER1 Prepared for Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
PUBLISHER Dominion Ecological Consulting Ltd.
OTHER2 March 31, 1984.

ANNOTATION "The information presented reviews what is currently known of fish ecology and production of the Athabasca Basin, and includes discussions of fish production, sport and commercial use of fish populations, and alternative opportunities for recreational fishing in the rivers of the Athabasca Basin. Fisheries management objectives for the basin rivers and data gaps in existing knowledge of fish and fisheries are also discussed. In addition, water quality criteria for the protection of fish and aquatic life have been referenced, and, where possible, stream flows which affect fish populations have been included."
(as cited in document)

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, MCLEOD, PEMBINA, LESSER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA, ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, ORGANICS, NON-METAL ORGANICS, OXYGEN
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 BASELINE, ECOLOGY, FISH, INVENTORY, RIVER, SALMONID,
STUDIES, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Weldwood of Canada Limited.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Technical Department Reports, 1972-1992.
OTHER1 Collection of Technical Department Reports from Weldwood
of Canada (formerly St. Regis/North Western Pulp and
Power Ltd.).
PUBLISHER Weldwood of Canada Ltd.
OTHER2 File 1600-3.

ANNOTATION The bleached kraft pulp mill located at Hinton
conducted water quality surveys on the Athabasca
every year from 1972 to 1992. Since 1976 they
have included at least one winter survey.
Nutrients were not measured. Dissolved oxygen
surveys under ice covered conditions began in
1988. Monitoring increased with more stringent
license requirements. In 1991 analyses were
extended to include resin and fatty acids,
chlorinated phenolics, AOX, sulphide, phosphorus,
nitrogen and other measurements.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA
KEY_GEOG HINTON, ALBERTA, ATHABASCA
KEY_PARAM PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, OXYGEN DEMAND, OXYGEN, ORGANICS,
NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA WATER
KEY_MISC1 WATER QUALITY, WELDWOOD, PULP MILL, EFFLUENT, SAMPLING,
MONITORING, RIVER, HINTON, SURVEY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

APPENDIX B
REFERENCES CITED FROM ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES

AUTHOR Akena, A.M. and D.R. Froelich.
DATE 1979.
DUP_DATE
TITLE An Intensive Surface Water Quality Study of the Muskeg
River Watershed.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Pollution Control Division, Alberta Environment and
Finance and Administration.
OTHER2 December 1979.
CITATION Alberta Environment Library, 1992.

AUTHOR Alberta Department of Health.
DATE 1968.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Preliminary Compatibility Studies of G.C.O.S. Sand
Tailings Pond Water with Athabasca River.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Health Services Division, Alberta Dept. of
Health, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2 June 1968.
CITATION Alberta Environment Library, 1992.

AUTHOR Alberta Department of Health.
DATE 1970.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Oil Spill June 1970.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Environmental Health Services Division, Alberta
Department of Health, Edmonton, June 1970. 16 pp. +
Appendix.
OTHER2
CITATION Bramm, 1983.

AUTHOR Alberta Department of Public Health.
DATE 195-
DUP_DATE
TITLE Summary Report: Athabasca River Pollution Survey.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary
Engineering, Edmonton, Alberta.
OTHER2
CITATION Alberta Environment Library, 1992.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1970.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Oil Spill.
OTHER1 Ms. Rept.
PUBLISHER Water Quality Branch, Edmonton.
OTHER2
CITATION Wallace and McCart, 1984.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1980.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Bibliography of the Athabasca Oil Sands Fort McMurray,
Alberta Area: Socio-Economic and Environmental Studies.
OTHER1 6th Edition.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment Library, Edmonton.
OTHER2 341 pp.
CITATION Wallace and McCart, 1984.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1981.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Annual Report: Industrial Effluent Monitoring.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Pollution Control Division, Water Quality Branch, Alberta
Environment.
OTHER2 82 pp.
CITATION Wallace and McCart, 1984.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1982.
DUP_DATE
TITLE A Bibliography of the Athabasca Oil Sands Fort McMurray,
Alberta Area: Socio-Economic and Environmental Studies.
OTHER1 1982 Supplement to the 6th Edition.
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment Library, Edmonton.
OTHER2 236 pp.
CITATION Wallace and McCart, 1984.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1983.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Athabasca River Basin Active Water Use Projects and
Municipal and Industrial Waterworks & Wastewater
Information Summary.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Planning Division, Alberta Environment.
OTHER2 March 1987; 120 pp.
CITATION McGregor and Cary, 1991.

AUTHOR Alberta Environment.
DATE 1988.
DUP_DATE
TITLE Alberta Preliminary Dioxin Results.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Alberta Environment, News Release No. 119. July 20,
1988.
OTHER2
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KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
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KEY_ANIMAL
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KEY_MISC1 BASIN, DATABASE, LAKE, NAQUADAT, NUTRIENT, RIVER,
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ANNOTATION Database of municipal untreated and treated
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 KEY_ANIMAL
 KEY_PLANT
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT, WATER
 KEY_MISC1 DATABASE, EFFLUENT, HUMAN HEALTH, MONITORING, NAQUADAT,
 NUTRIENT, SEWAGE TREATMENT, WATER QUALITY
 KEY_MISC2 WATER USE
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Alberta Environmental Protection.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE (inprogrs)
TITLE Water Quality Industrial Discharge Database.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Standards and Approvals Division, Water Quality Branch,
Alberta Environment.
OTHER2
ANNOTATION A database in "dBASE IV" format of effluent
monitoring data for industries which discharge
effluents into Alberta waters.
KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, HINTON, LESSER SLAVE, MCLEOD, NORTH
SASKATCHEWAN, PEACE, PEMBINA, SLAVE, SMOKY, WAPITI
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC
KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 ALBERTA-PACIFIC, ANC, DAISHOWA, DATABASE, EFFLUENT,
HINTON, INDUSTRY, MILLAR WESTERN, MONITORING
KEY_MISC2 MINING, NUTRIENT, OIL, PROCTER & GAMBLE, PULP MILL,
RESOURCES, RIVER, SUNCOR, WELDWOOD, SYNCRUDE
KEY_MISC3 SLAVE LAKE

AUTHOR Environment Canada.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE (inprogrs)
TITLE Environmental Science and Evaluation Directorate,
Environment Canada.

OTHER1
PUBLISHER
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This database includes historical water quality data on about 80 to 100 sample sites in the Peace, Athabasca and Slave river systems. Currently, there are three active sites in these systems. The database is 99% water quality. There is some recent data on organics in sediment and organochlorines in fish muscle and liver.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, PEACE, SLAVE
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMATERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA BIOTA, SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 DATABASE, FISH, NAQUADAT, NUTRIENT, ORGANOCHLORINE, RIVER, SURVEY, WATER QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE (inprogrs)
TITLE Slave River Project.
OTHER1
PUBLISHER Water Resources Division, Government of Canada.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION This is not a formal database. It contains data on fish, sediment and water from the Slave River in a series of Lotus files. Contact person:

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KEY_WATER SLAVE
KEY_GEOG NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENTS
KEY_ANIMAL VERTEBRATE
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE
KEY_MEDIA SEDIMENT, WATER
KEY_MISC1 FISH, MONITORING, NUTRIENT, ORGANOCHLORINE, RIVER, WATER
QUALITY
KEY_MISC2
KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Northern River Basins Study.
 DATE n.d.
 DUP_DATE
 TITLE NORTHDAT.
 OTHER1
 PUBLISHER Prepared by N. McCubbin Consultants Inc.
 OTHER2 March 1993

ANNOTATION An effluent database and management system which
 will extract user-specified data on pulp mill
 effluents from the industrial wastewater database.
 It will generate one dBASE III and one Lotus file
 for each set of specified data.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, HINTON, LESSER SLAVE, MCKAY, MACKENZIE, PEACE,
 SMOKY, WAPITI
 KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
 KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
 DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC, NUTRIENT
 KEY_ANIMAL INVERTEBRATE
 KEY_PLANT
 KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
 KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT
 KEY_MISC1 ANC, DAISHOWA, CONTAMINANT, DATABASE, EFFLUENT, HINTON,
 MILLAR WESTERN, MONITORING, NUTRIENT, RIVER
 KEY_MISC2 ORGANOCHLORINE, PROCTER & GAMBLE, PULP MILL, WELDWOOD
 KEY_MISC3

AUTHOR Northern River Basins Study.
DATE n.d.
DUP_DATE (inprogrs)
TITLE Effluent Characteristics of Municipal and Non-Pulp Mill
Effluents Discharging into the Athabasca, Peace and Slave
Rivers.
OTHER1 Project 2112-B1 - Northern River Basins Study.
PUBLISHER Prepared by SENTAR Consultants Ltd.
OTHER2

ANNOTATION A geo-referenced dBASE IV database of all
municipal and non-pulp mill effluents which
discharge into the Athabasca, Peace and Slave
rivers and their tributaries.

KEY_WATER ATHABASCA, WAPITI, LESSER SLAVE, SLAVE, PEACE, BEAVER,
MCLEOD, CLEARWATER, PEMBINA, SMOKY, MUSKEG
KEY_GEOG ALBERTA
KEY_PARAM METALS, NON-METAL INORGANICS, ORGANICS, OXYGEN, OXYGEN
DEMAND, PHYSICAL PARAMETERS, TOXIC

KEY_ANIMAL
KEY_PLANT
KEY_MCROBE BACTERIA
KEY_MEDIA EFFLUENT
KEY_MISC1 CONTAMINANT, DATABASE, EFFLUENT, INDUSTRY, MINING,
MONITORING, NUTRIENT, RIVER, SAMPLING, SUNCOR
KEY_MISC2 SEWAGE TREATMENT, WATER USE, SYNCRUDE
KEY_MISC3

APPENDIX D

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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NORTHERN RIVER BASINS STUDY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Project 2112-B1: Effluent Characterization, Contaminants in Aquatic Ecosystems and Ecotoxicity of Pulp Mill Effluents

I. Introduction

These Terms of Reference have been developed in support of three projects, which to a certain extent, deal with the ecotoxicity of liquid contaminants released into the aquatic environment by municipalities and industries or that already exist in the ambient aquatic environment. All of the projects will involve compiling and synthesizing existing information on contaminants and their ecotoxicological effects. This background information will be vital to the development of a comprehensive ecotoxicity strategy and aquatic ecosystem risk assessment for the Northern River Basins Study.

Proposals will be judged based on the following criteria:

1. the expertise assigned to the project;
2. the work that can be completed on the project before March 31st, 1993;
3. total cost; and,
4. when the entire project will be completed.

II. Effluent Characterization - Municipal and Non-Pulp Mill Industry Sources

1. Objective

The purposes of this project include the following:

- 1) to identify the location, treatment technology, types of wastes (ie., liquid, solid, gas) and waste disposal methods of all licensed effluent dischargers in the Peace, Athabasca and Slave river basins: and,
- 2) to compile and synthesize existing information from government and industry sources on the nature of liquid effluents (ie., nutrients, pathogens, contaminants, toxic compounds, compounds that cause taste and odour problems in fish and water, etc.) from municipal and non-pulp mill industries that are being discharged into the Peace, Athabasca and Slave rivers and their major tributaries.

2. Requirements

1) Identification of Effluent Sources

Compile existing information from government and industry sources pertaining to the location, treatment technology, types of wastes (ie., liquid, solid, gas) and waste disposal methods of all licensed effluent dischargers in the Alberta and Northwest Territories portions of the Peace, Athabasca and Slave river basins. This information is to be compiled in a geo-referenced (to facilitate GIS utilization of the data), electronic database (dBase IV format).

2) Non-Pulp Mill Industry and Municipal Effluent Characterization

- a) Based on 1, above, identify those licensed dischargers that release liquid effluents into the Peace, Athabasca and Slave rivers and their major tributaries. From government and industry sources, assemble comprehensive historical data pertaining to the nature and ecotoxicity of these effluents as well as the treatment technology employed.
- b) From the above, select one effluent source and enter all relevant data into a prototype geo-referenced (to facilitate GIS utilization of the data), electronic database (dBase IV format), and prepare tables, graphs and statistics of the data. The prototype database is then to be reviewed by the Project Liaison Officer and others associated with the NRBS for its consistency with other NRBS databases and ease of use. The database is to include comprehensive data on nutrients (N, P, C, BOD, etc.), contaminants (metals, organics, sulphides, compounds that cause taste and odour problems, etc.) and pathogens (microbiology) associated with liquid effluent discharges, as well as the results of toxicological tests of these effluents. The database is also to include comprehensive information on the types of treatment systems employed and the physical nature of the discharges (ie., the volume, timing, duration, loading and concentrations of discharges).
- c) Review the prototype database with the Project Liaison Officer and modify the format of the database as directed by the Project Liaison Officer. Utilizing the agreed to format, enter all remaining data for all municipal and non-pulp mill effluent sources and prepare appropriate tables, graphs and statistics.
- d) Prepare a concise technical report on the database system including a guide for users, dictionary and any other pertinent specifications of the electronic database submission.

3) Synthesis Report

- a) Based on the data compiled in 2, above, as well as other information sources, prepare a comprehensive synthesis report discussing the nature of liquid effluents from non-pulp mill and municipal sources and the impacts or potential impacts of these

effluents on the aquatic ecosystems of the northern rivers. The report should be similar in style and content, with the exception that it will contain greater discussion on ecotoxicity, to McCubbin and Folke (1992).

- b) The synthesis report is to include the following:
- information on the location of non-pulp mill industry and municipal effluent sources in the Study Area and relative to pulp mill effluent sources (include 1:250,000 or greater maps);
 - a discussion on the chemistry, ecotoxicology and microbiology of discharges, including a statistical summary of the parameters discussed;
 - a discussion of the physical nature of liquid effluent discharges (ie., timing, duration, quantities, loading and concentration of discharges), including a statistical summary of the parameters discussed;
 - a discussion of the impacts or potential impacts of non-pulp mill industry and municipal liquid effluent discharges on the aquatic environment;
 - a discussion of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control measures imposed on data from various sources;
 - to the extent possible, a discussion of licensing requirements for non-pulp mill industry and municipal discharges and compliance with these requirements (regulations);
 - identification of information gaps and recommendations as to how information gaps can be resolved; and,
 - an assessment of the relative importance of various non-pulp mill industry and municipal liquid effluents with respect to contaminant, pathogen (microbe) and nutrient loading in the Study Area.
- c) The data, included in the databases compiled in 1 and 2, above, are to be included as hard copy appendices to the synthesis report. Reference to these appendices should be made in the main body of the report.

3. Reporting Requirements

- 1) Submit the initial database format, compiling effluent data from a single source, by a date to be decided upon by the Project Liaison Officer and Scientific Staff in consultation with the contractor.
- 2) Submit ten copies of the draft technical report for the electronic database and ten copies of the draft synthesis report to the Project Liaison Officer by a date to be decided upon by the Project Liaison Officer and Scientific Staff in consultation with the contractor. Also submit the "draft" electronic database on non-pulp mill industry and municipal effluent characterization and the "draft" electronic database on licensed effluent discharges in the northern river basins along with the draft technical report for the electronic database and the draft synthesis report.

- 3) Submit final reports of the technical report for the electronic database and the synthesis report to the Project Liaison Officer three weeks after the receipt of the review comments on the draft reports. Five cerlox bound copies and two camera-ready original of each final report are to be submitted to the Project Liaison Officer. Electronic copies, in Word Perfect 5.1 format, of each report are also to be submitted on a 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch floppy disk to the Project Liaison Officer. The synthesis report is to include an executive summary.
- 4) Specific data contained within tables, figures and appendices of the final synthesis report must be placed in a dBase IV file on a 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch floppy disk and submitted to the Project Liaison Officer along with the final report.
- 5) Submit the final electronic databases to the Project Liaison Officer three weeks after receipt of the reviewed databases.

III. Contaminants in Aquatic Ecosystems - Annotated Bibliography and Synthesis Report

1. Objective

The purpose of this project is to prepare an annotated bibliography and expert synthesis report on contaminants found in the ambient aquatic environment of the northern rivers and their potential impacts and ecotoxicological effects on the aquatic ecosystem.

2. Requirements

1. Annotated Bibliography

Prepare an annotated bibliography of databases (indicate whether the database exists in hard copy or electronic format), government and non-government reports, journal reports, book chapters, student theses, etc. pertaining to chemical and microbial contaminants existing in the aquatic environment (water, sediment, biota) and potential impacts and ecotoxicological effects of these contaminants to aquatic ecosystems. Factors such as loading persistence, bioaccumulation and toxicity should be used as search criteria. Discussion is to be presented regarding the adequacy of Quality Assurance/Quality Control measures imposed on data.

2. Synthesis Report

- a) Prepare an expert synthesis report from the information and data assembled in 1, above, on contaminants (chemical and microbial) found in the aquatic environment (water, sediment, biota) of the northern rivers and their potential impacts and ecotoxicological effects.
- b) The report is to include the following:

- a comparison of the findings to present trends in effluent quality/quantity in the study area;
- summary statistics about the types and levels of contaminants present;
- a discussion of the ecotoxicological significance, including significance to human health, of contaminants and their concentrations;
- an assessment of the significance of the presence, concentration and distribution of contaminants found in the aquatic environment;
- a discussion of the presence, concentration and distribution of contaminants in the aquatic environment with respect to water quality guidelines and objectives;
- a discussion of information gaps regarding potential toxic effects of contaminants in the study area, including parameters requiring monitoring, etc.; and,
- a discussion of the Quality Assurance/Quality Control measures imposed on data considered in this report.

3. Reporting Requirements

- 1) Submit ten copies of the draft annotated bibliography and ten copies of the draft synthesis report by a date to be decided upon by the Project Liaison Officer and Scientific Staff in consultation with the contractor.
- 2) Three weeks after the receipt of review comments on the draft annotated bibliography and draft synthesis report, submit five cerlox bound copies and two camera-ready originals of each final report to the Project Liaison Officer. The synthesis report is to include an executive summary.
- 3) An electronic copy, in Word Perfect 5.1 format, of both the annotated bibliography and synthesis report are to be submitted to the Project Liaison Officer on 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch floppy disk along with the final reports.
- 4) Specific data contained within tables, figures and appendices of the final annotated bibliography and synthesis report must be placed in dBase IV files and submitted to the Project Liaison Officer at the same time as the final reports.

IV. Ecotoxicity of Pulp Mill Effluents

1. Objective

The purpose of this project is to prepare an annotated bibliography and expert synthesis report pertaining to the acute and chronic toxic effects of pulp mill effluents discharged into the northern rivers.

2. Requirements

1. Annotated Bibliography

Prepare an annotated bibliography of databases (indicate whether the database exist in hard copy or electronic form), government and non-government reports, journal reports, book chapters, student theses, etc. pertaining to the ecotoxicity of pulp mill effluents. This is to include information specific to the northern rivers, as well as major review papers on pulp mill effluent toxicity.

2. Synthesis Report

- a) Prepare an expert synthesis report from the data and information assembled in 1 above, on the ecotoxicity of pulp mill effluents in the Study Area.
- b) The report is to include the following:
 - consideration of both actual toxicity and the volume of effluent discharges (ie., the "load" of toxicity);
 - a comparison of the findings to present trends in effluent quality/quantity in the study area;
 - a discussion of the ecotoxicological significance, including significance to human health, of pulp mill effluents and their concentrations; and
 - a discussion of information gaps regarding the potential toxic effects of pulp mill effluents in the study area, including recommendations for further monitoring and study, etc.

3. Reporting Requirements

- 1) Submit ten copies of the draft annotated bibliography and ten copies of the draft synthesis report to the Project Liaison Officer by a date decided upon by the Project Liaison Officer and Scientific Staff in consultation with the contractor.
- 2) Three weeks after the receipt of review comments on the draft annotated bibliography and draft synthesis report, submit five cerlox bound copies and two camera-ready originals of each final report to the Project Liaison Officer. The synthesis report is to include an executive summary.
- 3) An electronic copy, in Word Perfect 5.1 format, of both the annotated bibliography and synthesis report are to be submitted to the Project Liaison Officer on 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 inch floppy disk along with the final reports.
- 4) Specific data contained within tables, figures and appendices of the final annotated bibliography and synthesis report must be placed in dBase IV files and submitted to the Project Liaison Officer at the same time as the final reports.

V. Literature Cited

McCubbin, N. and J. Folke. 1992 (November). Review of literature on characteristics of pulp and paper mills in northern river basins of Alberta, BC and Northwest Territories. Prepared for: Northern River Basins Study. Prepared by: N. McCubbin Consultants Inc.

APPENDIX E

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY DATA FILES

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses of the members of the committee.

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APPENDIX E: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY DATA FILES

This appendix is provided on the disk bound as the last page of this report; it contains the annotated bibliography database files and is described in Northern River Basins Study's Project Report No. 144.

The disk comprising this Appendix contains three files, using 48,790 bytes.

1. INSTALL.BAT; being 74 bytes in size.
2. PR144.EXE; being 48,230 in size.
3. DISCLAIM.TXT; being 486 bytes in size.

To install the annotated bibliography database, copy the three files on this disk to a directory on your hard drive and type install.bat. The result will be 4 files totalling 440,036 bytes. To use the files with extension .DBF requires dBase IV.

There is no warranty expressed or implied for the use of this database; the Northern River Basins Study does not guarantee the accuracy of the data. The NRBS does not assume any liability for actions or consequences resulting from the use of the data; individuals using this data do so entirely at their own risk. The NRBS will not update the data except as deemed necessary for its own purposes.

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