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AQUIFER MAPS OF SOUTHERN MANITOBA MAP 2 OF 2

SAND AND GRAVEL AQUIFERS

LEGEND

THIN UNCONFINED SAND: well yield generally less than 0.5 L/s,quality is fair to good; the aquifers are more or less continuous over the indicated area.

THICK AND EXTENSIVE UNCONFINED SAND AND GRAVEL: well yield commonly in the 10 L/s to 75 L/s range; water quality is fair to excellent, small parts of the aquifers may be confined or semi-confined.

LENSES OF SAND AND GRAVEL: the aquifers occur in till and other surficial deposits; depth to the aquifers ranges from a few to more than 100 m; the size of the aquifers varies over a wide range - they can be from less than a hectare to several square kilometres in area; in some areas the aquifers are very common and in others they are scarce. Well yield ranges from less than 0.1 L/s to more than 10 L/s; water quality ranges from very poor to excellent.

MAJOR BURIED SAND AND GRAVEL: the aquifer is more or less continuous over the indicated area. The depth to the aquifer ranges from a few metres to more than 100 m; water quality ranges from poor to excellent; maximum instantaneous well yield ranges from less than 10 L/s to more than 100 L/s.

ALLUVIAL AND GLACIOFLUVIAL SAND AND GRAVEL: confined and unconfined aquifers in valleys and meander belts; aquifer size ranges from very small thin pockets to some fairly thick and extensive aquifers, well yield ranges from 0.1 L/s to 50 L/s; water quality ranges from poor to good.

BURIED VALLEY CONTAINING SAND AND GRAVEL: aquifer size ranges from minor pockets to fairly thick and extensive valley fill; well yield ranges from 0.1 L/s to more than 75 L/s; water quality ranges from saline to good.

BEACH RIDGE SAND AND GRAVEL: minor, shallow, thin aquifers formed by ancient beach deposits; well yield generally in the 0.1 to 0.5 L/s range but at a few locations more than 1.0 L/s; water quality ranges from poor to excellent. Only major beach ridges shown.

ESKER SAND AND GRAVEL: unconfined and confined aquifers in eskers; well yield can be more than 10 L/s at some locations; water quality generally good to excellent.

AREAS WITH VERY FEW WIDELY SCATTERED MINOR SAND AND GRAVEL AQUIFERS: bedrock at or near ground surface or surficial deposits consist mainly of low permeability materials, e.g.. clay and till; underlain by bedrock aquifers in some areas (See Map 1). Groundwater problem area where bedrock aquifers do not exist.

CANADIAN SHIELD: extensive outcrop and very thin glacial drift areas; sand and gravel aquifers may occur in or at the base of glacial drift between outcrops; sand and gravel aquifer area generally ranges from a fraction of a hectare to several hectares; well yield ranges from less than 0.1 L/s to more than 10 L/s/

WATER QUALITY

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AQUIFER SYMBOL (COLOUR) ONLY: potable water, total dissolved solids concentration less than 2500 mg/L.

VERY POOR TO SLIGHTLY SALINE WATER: T.D.S. 2500 mg/L to 5000 mg/L; not potable but may be acceptable for some livestock.

SALTY TO VERY SALTY WATER: T.D.S. 5000 mg/L to more than 25 000 mg/L.

NO DATA: no well data and general geological information not adequate to map sand and gravel aquifers.

NOTE: Where several overlying aquifers exist the best in respect to quantity, quality and ease of development is shown.

REFERENCES

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