

PETER LAKE AND WOLLASTON LAKE AREAS, SASKATCHEWAN

In 2004, Fugro Airborne Surveys completed a multi-sensor airborne geophysical survey of the Peter Lake and Wollaston Lake areas, Saskatchewan, for the Geological Survey of Canada and Saskatchewan Industry and Resources. The purpose of the survey was to obtain quantitative gamma-ray spectrometric and magnetic data. The survey was flown over two seasons, from August 31 to September 29, 2003 and July 15 to September 30, 2004 using Cessna Grand Caravan 441B aircraft.

Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data

The airborne gamma-ray measurements were made with an EpiGenium GR20 gamma-ray spectrometer using three 152 × 152 × 400 mm NaI(Tl) crystals. The main detector array consisted of twelve crystals (total volume 50.4 litres). Three crystals (total volume 12.6 litres), shielded by the main array, were used to detect variations in background radiation caused by atmospheric radon. The system constantly monitored the natural thorium peak for each crystal, and using a Gaussian least squares algorithm, adjusted the gain for each crystal. Potassium is measured directly from the 1460 keV gamma-ray photons emitted by ⁴⁰K, whereas uranium and thorium are measured indirectly from gamma-ray photons emitted by daughter products (²¹⁴Pb for uranium and ²⁰⁸Tl for thorium). Although these daughters are far from their respective decay chains, they are assumed to be in equilibrium with their parents; thus gamma-ray spectrometric measurements of uranium and thorium are referred to as equivalent uranium and equivalent thorium, i.e. eU and eTh. The energy windows used to measure potassium, uranium and thorium are:

- Potassium (60K): 1370 - 1570 keV
- Uranium (214U): 1660 - 1860 keV
- Thorium (208Tl): 2410 - 2610 keV

Gamma-ray spectra were recorded at one-second intervals at a planned terrain clearance of 125 m and an air speed of 210 km/h. Neutron-Airborne Signature Vane Decomposition (NASVD) analysis was carried out on the full spectrum 256 channel data to reduce statistical noise in the windows data. During processing, the spectra were energy calibrated, and counts were accumulated into the windows described above. Counts from the radon detector were recorded in a 1460 - 1860 keV window and radon at energies greater than 2020 keV was recorded in the cosmic window. The window counts were corrected for dead time, and for background activity from cosmic radiation. The radioactivity of the atmosphere and atmospheric radon decay products. The window data were then corrected for spectral scattering in the ground, air and detector. Corrections for deviations of altitude from the planned terrain clearance and for varying amounts of outcrop, overburden, vegetation cover, soil moisture and surface water. As a result the measured concentrations are usually lower than the actual bedrock concentration. The total air absorbed dose rate in nanograys per hour was produced from measured counts between 400 and 2510 keV.

Magnetic Data

The Grand Caravan aircraft was equipped with a Scripps CS-2 cesium vapour magnetic sensor mounted in a slinger to the rear of the aircraft. The system recorded readings every 0.1 seconds with a noise level of 0.1 nT. Magnetic interference caused by aircraft ferrous materials were compensated using an RMS AADCI Magnetic compensator. Diurnal variations were recorded using a Fugro CF-1 cesium vapour magnetometer.

After editing the survey data, low pass filtered diurnal readings were subtracted from each filtered aeromagnetic reading. The measurements of magnetic declination and corrected lines were corrected aeromagnetic readings. The measurements of magnetic declination and corrected lines were corrected aeromagnetic readings. The measurements of magnetic declination and corrected lines were corrected aeromagnetic readings.

Positional Data

The 400 m spaced survey lines were oriented southeast - northwest and 4000 m spaced control lines were oriented southwest - northeast. Survey and control line positions and elevations were pre-planned using G.S.C. Smooth Drape software. Positional data were recorded using a Novatel Promap 9601C1 GPS ground station data were combined with airborne GPS data to produce differentially corrected positional data with an accuracy of 2.5 (1).

Data Presentation

Colour tints and contours were calculated for each grid and combined with map surround information to create postscript plot files, which were plotted using Fugro's HP Design-Just colour plotters.

PLANIMETRIC SYMBOLS

- Topographic Contour
- Railway
- Power Line
- Drainage
- Road
- Flight line, 600m

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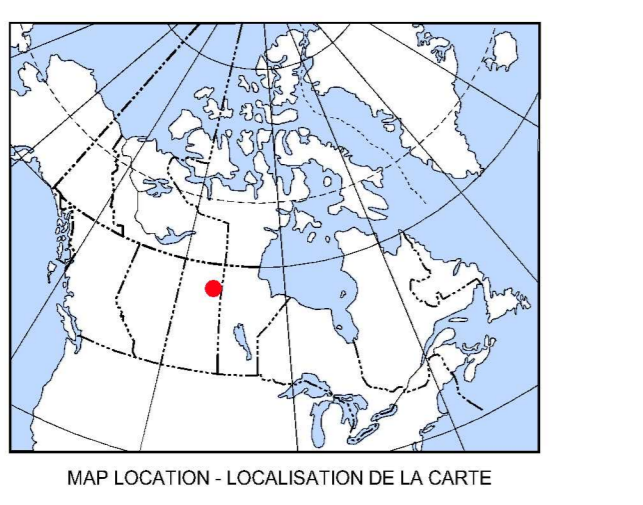
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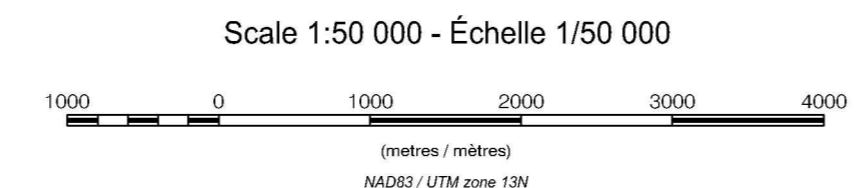
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