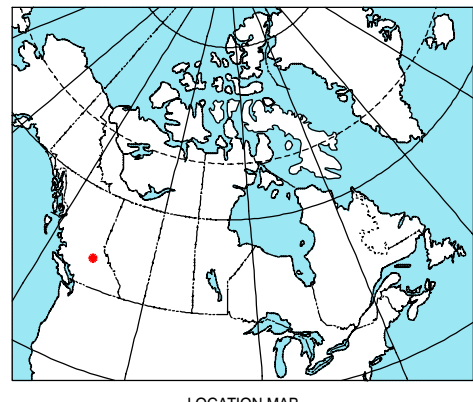


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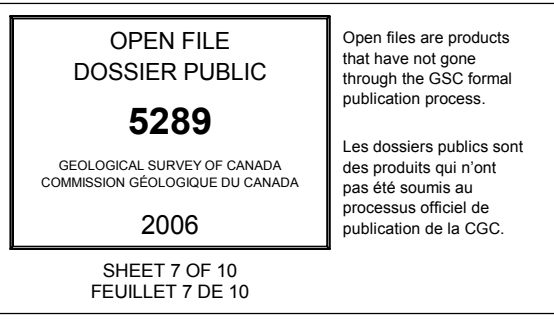
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**High Sensitivity Airborne Gamma-Ray Spectrometric and Aeromagnetic Surveys**  
Central British Columbia, 2004 - 2005

In 2004 and 2005, Fugro Airborne Surveys completed nine multi-sensor airborne geophysical surveys in the central region of British Columbia for the Geological Survey of Canada, the British Columbia and Yukon Chapter of Mines, Geological Survey of Canada, and the industry partners, including Serpent Resources Inc., Valeau Hill Minerals Ltd., Richfield Services Corp., 2000 Resources Inc., and Armet Resources Ltd. The Geological Survey of Canada provided survey supervision and quality control. The purpose of the surveys was to obtain quantitative gamma-ray spectrometric and aeromagnetic data. The surveys were flown over two seasons, from September 16 to November 17, 2004 and June 15 to August 6, 2005, using either 300-BL and 300-BL Helicopters, C-550C and C-119C.

**Gamma-ray Spectrometric Data**

The airborne gamma-ray measurements were made with an Eksplorium GR800 gamma-ray spectrometer using nine 102 x 102 x 406 mm NaI(Tl) crystals. The main sensitive area consisted of eight crystals (five volume 33.6 litres). One crystal (33.6 volume 4.2 litres), shielded by the main arm, was used to detect scintillation in background radiation caused by atmospheric radon. The system constantly monitored the natural potassium peak for each crystal, and using a Gaussian peak-fitting algorithm, adjusted the gain for each crystal.

Potassium is measured directly from the 1460 keV gamma-ray photons emitted by <sup>40</sup>K, whereas uranium and thorium are measured indirectly from gamma-ray photons emitted by daughter products (<sup>214</sup>Pb for uranium and <sup>214</sup>Pb for thorium). Although these daughters are far down their respective decay chains, they are assumed to be in equilibrium with their parents, thus gamma-ray spectrometric measurements of uranium and thorium are related to as equivalent uranium and equivalent thorium, i.e. U<sub>eq</sub> and Th<sub>eq</sub>. The energy windows used to measure potassium, uranium and thorium are:

Potassium (K) 1300 - 1500 keV  
Uranium (U) 80 - 1000 keV  
Thorium (Th) 2410 - 2810 keV

Gamma-ray spectra were recorded at an electronic interval of 0.1 seconds (dead time of 1200 s or 90% depending on the survey area and an air speed of 125 km/h). The total potassium, uranium and thorium window counts were derived from the recorded 200 channel spectra. During processing, the spectra were energy calibrated, and counts were accumulated into the windows described above. Counts from the radon detectors were corrected to a 1460-keV window and radiation at energies greater than 3000 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 aircraft and atmospheric radon decay products. The window data were then converted for spectral weighting to the ground, air and interference. Corrections for deviations of altitude from the planned flight altitude and for variation of temperature and pressure were made prior to conversion to ground concentrations of potassium, uranium and thorium, using factors determined from flights over a calibration range near China.

Potassium 57.3 cps/km (2004) 56.9 cps/km (2005)  
Uranium 6.7 cps/km (2004) 6.4 cps/km (2005)  
Thorium 16.7 cps/km (2004) 17.7 cps/km (2005)

Corrected data were filtered and interpolated to a 100m grid for the 1:250 000 scale maps and to a 50m grid for the 1:50 000 and 1:25 000 scale maps. The results of an airborne gamma-ray spectrometric survey represent the average surface concentrations that are influenced by varying amounts of surface vegetation, 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 nanograms per hour was produced from measured counts between 470 and 2810 keV.

**Magnetic Data**

The helicopter was equipped with a Sontrea CS-2 cesium vapour magnetic sensor mounted in a 1400-litre high-resolution single aerial magnetometer system. The system collected magnetic readings every 0.1 seconds with a noise level of less than 0.01 nT. Magnetic interferences caused by aircraft components were compensated using an INRS MAGNETO Magnetic compensator. Diurnal variations and GPS fluctuations were recorded using a Fugro CFI base station.

After editing the survey data, the intersections of traverse and control lines were determined and the differences in the magnetic values were compared, averaged and manually verified to obtain the magnetic intensity. The International Geomagnetic Reference Field was calculated and corrected using a final date of June 20, 2005 for western blocks and July 1, 2005 for eastern blocks and an altitude of 50m. Alternatively, corrected GPS height for each data point. The corrected magnetic data was interpolated to a 50m grid using a minimum curvature algorithm. The first vertical derivative grid was calculated from the corrected total magnetic intensity grid using a FFT-based frequency domain filtering algorithm.

**Positional Data**

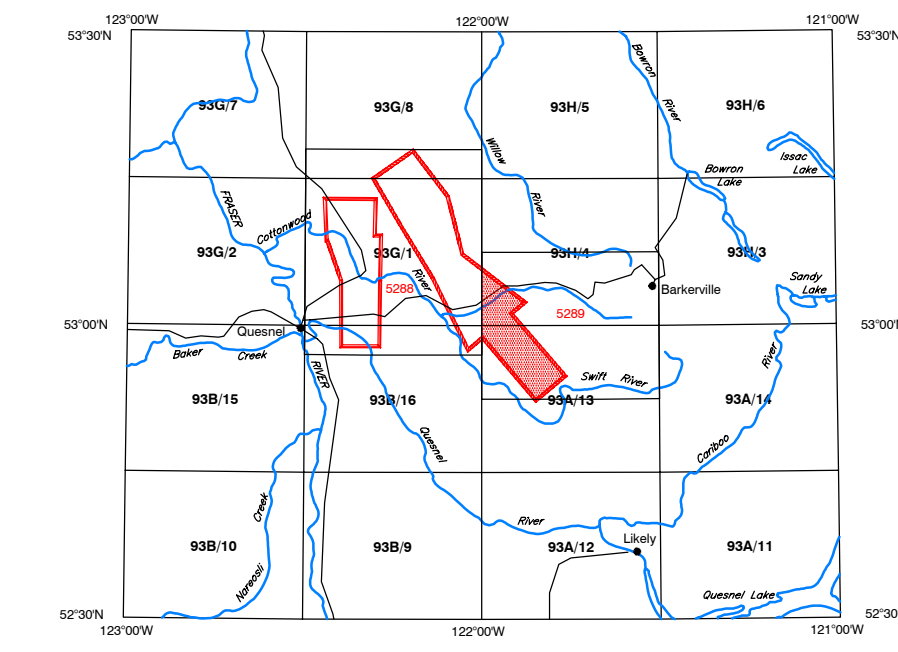
Line spacing and direction for survey and control lines were selected for each block to ensure the best intersection of line geographic features. Terrain clearance was monitored by radar altimeter. Positional data were recorded using a JBL and frequency Novatel Inertial system. GPS groundstation data were combined with airborne GPS data to produce differentially corrected positional data with an accuracy of 2 to 5 m.

**Data Presentation**

Colour levels and contours were calculated for each grid and combined with map surround information to create postscript plot files, which were plotted using HP DesignJet colour plotters.

#### Planimetric Symbols

Topographic Contour .....  
Drainage .....  
Road .....  
Culture .....  
Railway .....  
Right of Way, Road .....  
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