

RADIOACTIVITY MAPS OF NOVA SCOTIA

CARTES DE LA RADIOACTIVITÉ EN NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

Results of airborne gamma ray spectrometric surveys over the Province of Nova Scotia from 1975 and 1986 are presented as a series of eight colour maps, at a 1:500 000 scale. These are the potassium, equivalent uranium and equivalent thorium concentrations, the ⁴⁰K, ²³⁸U, and ²³²Th ratios, the ternary radiometric map and the exposure rate map. With the exception of the ternary radiometric and exposure rate maps, these data were previously released at 1:500 000 or 1:250 000 scale contours (see Index Map).

All data were collected utilizing 50 10 sodium iodide detectors. The surveys were flown at a nominal terrain clearance of 120 m; at a ground speed of 190 km/h and with a flight line spacing of 1.0 x 5 m.

Potassium is measured directly from the 1.46 MeV gamma ray photons emitted by ⁴⁰K, whereas uranium and thorium are measured indirectly from gamma ray photons emitted by daughter products in their decay chains. Uranium is monitored by means of photons at approximately 1.76 MeV from ²³⁸U, and thorium, from 2.62 MeV photons emitted by ²³²Th.

Uranium, thorium and potassium counts were measured over 1 second intervals. The data have been corrected for dead time, ambient temperature changes, background radiation, spectral scattering and deviations of terrain clearance from the nominal survey altitude.

Data collected along the flight path were averaged and interpolated to a 250 x 250 m grid for surveys flown with 1 km line spacing. For surveys flown with 5 km line spacing data were averaged to a 500 x 500 m grid and interpolated to yield a 1500 m wide strip centered on the flight line. The data as presented represent an average surface concentration which is influenced by varying amounts of outcrop, overburden, vegetation, soil moisture and surface waters. As a result, the concentrations shown on these colour maps are usually lower than the concentrations in the bedrock.

Factors for converting the airborne measurements to concentrations were determined by relating the airborne count rates to the known ground concentrations of a test strip in the Ottawa area. The exposure rate, in micro-roentgens per hour, has been computed from the measured concentrations of potassium, uranium and thorium using the conversion constants from Grasty et al. (1984). To compare these data with earlier total count maps expressed in Units of Radioelement Concentration (U), 1 µR/h = 1.57 U.

The ternary radiometric map was produced using the technique developed by Broome et al. (1987) which was designed to maximize the variation in colours within the map. The intensity of the colours are controlled by the total radioactivity.

Airborne data were collected by the Geological Survey of Canada and by private industry under contract to the Geological Survey of Canada with funding from the Government of Canada, and through the Canada-Nova Scotia Co-operative Mineral Program, 1981-1984 and the Canada-Nova Scotia Mineral Development Agreement, 1984-89.

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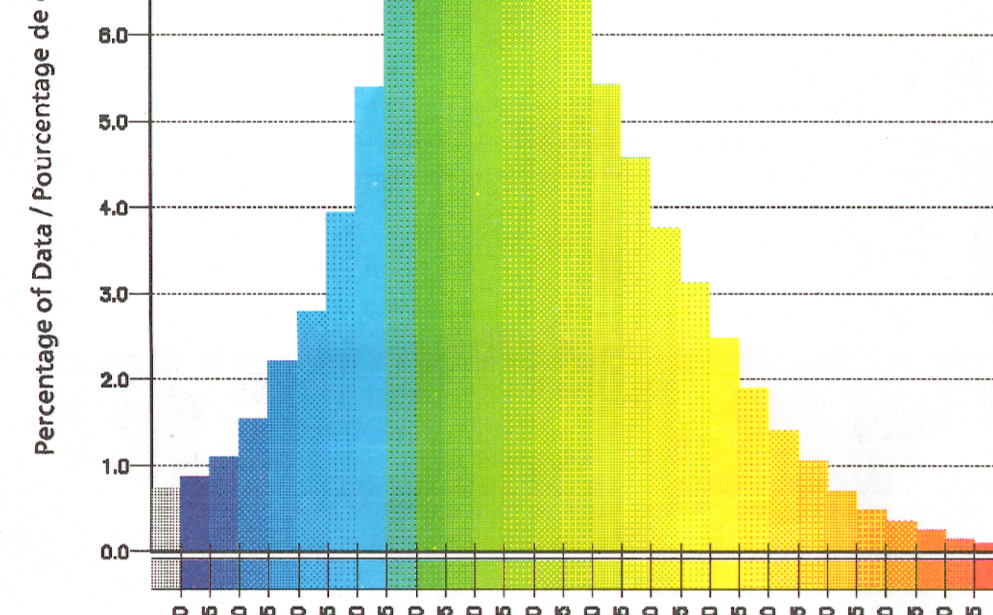
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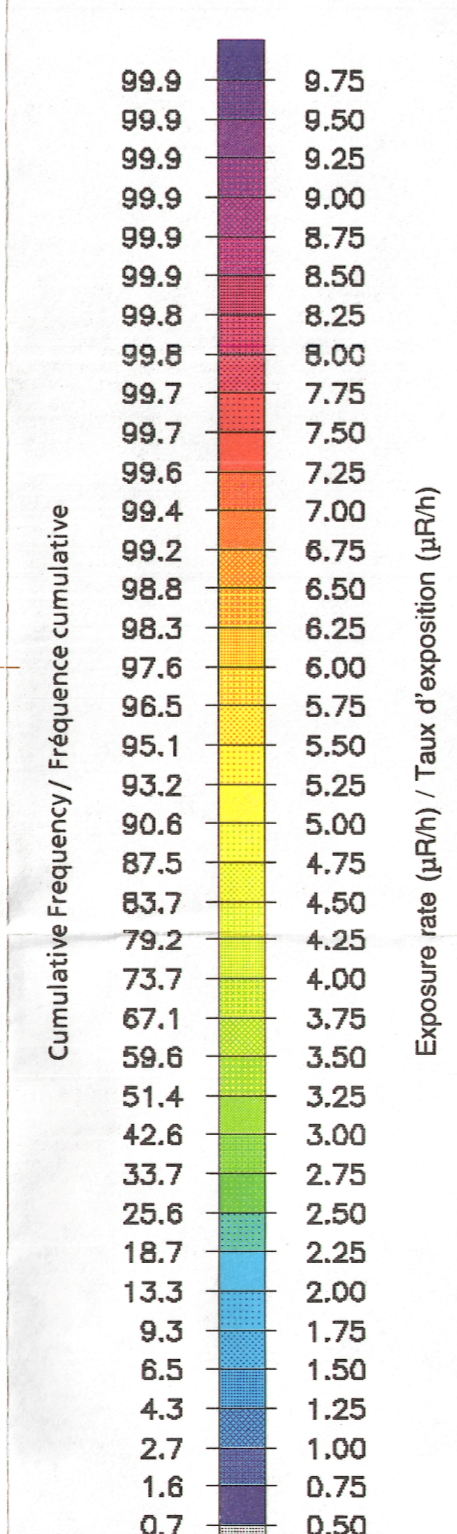
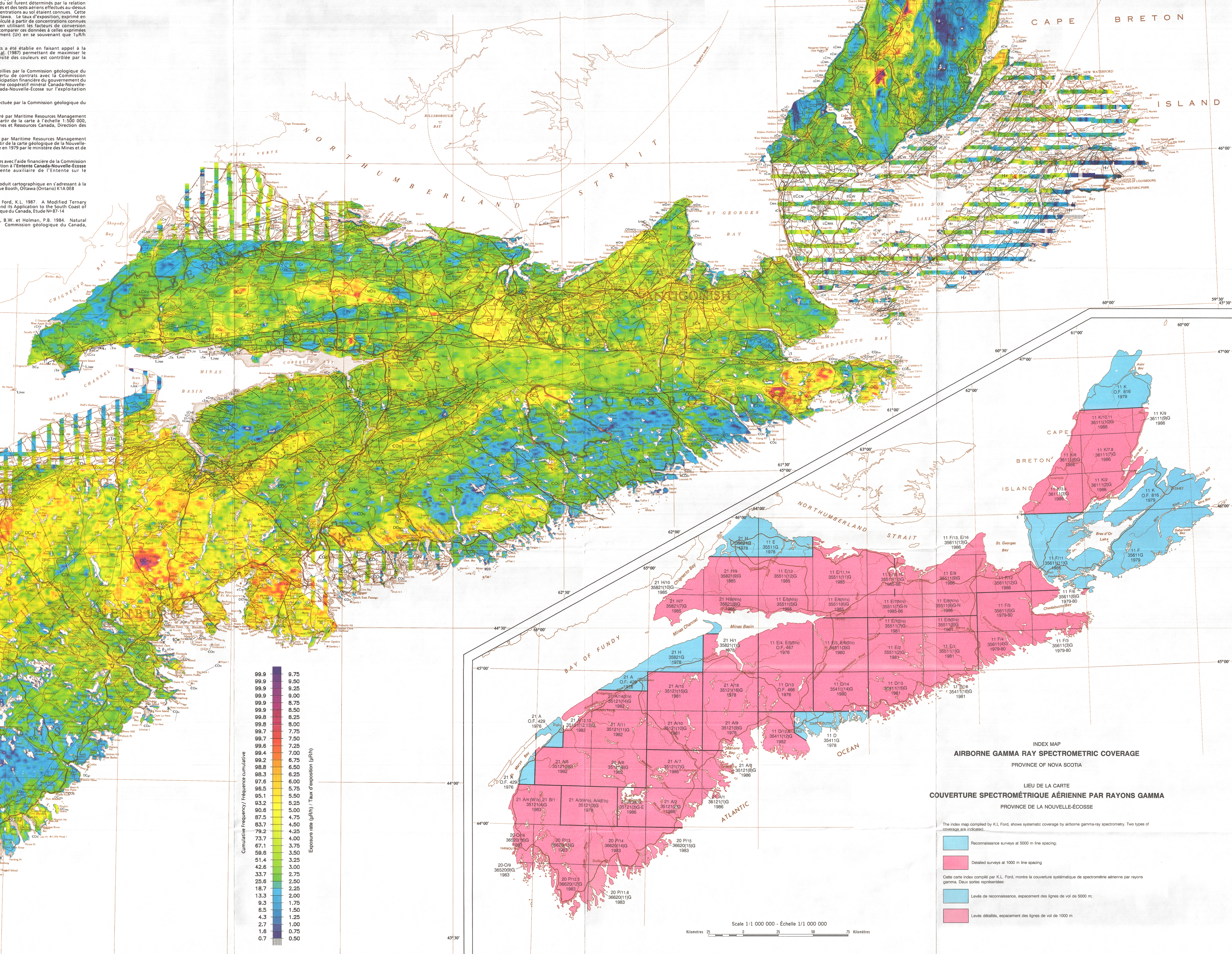
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MAP 35006G/CARTE
EXPOSURE RATE (µR/h)
TAUX D'EXPOSITION (µR/h)
RADIOACTIVITY MAP OF NOVA SCOTIA
CARTE DE LA RADIOACTIVITÉ EN NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

Scale 1:500 000 - Echelle 1/500 000

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INDEX MAP
AIRBORNE GAMMA RAY SPECTROMETRIC COVERAGE
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
LIEU DE LA CARTE
COUVERTURE SPECTROMÉTRIQUE AÉRIENNE PAR RAYONS GAMMA
PROVINCE DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

The index map compiled by K.L. Ford, shows systematic coverage by airborne gamma-ray spectrometry. Two types of coverage are indicated:
Reconnaissance surveys at 5000 m line spacing
Detailed surveys at 1000 m line spacing
Levels of reconnaissance, spacing of lines of vol of 5000 m;
Levels détaillés, espacement des lignes de vol de 1000 m