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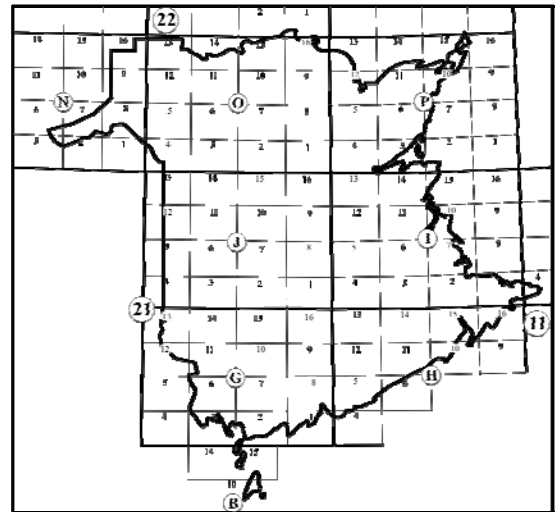
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Industrial-grade siliceous materials in New Brunswick can be divided into four main genetic types that are restricted to distinctive stratigraphic and structural settings. These types include 1) Neoproterozoic to Ordovician quartzite, 2) Late Carboniferous quartzose sandstone and conglomerate, 3) Cretaceous quartzose sand and gravel, and 4) quartz veins. Each type displays certain mineralogical and structural features that affect their quality and extent and, consequently, their significance as suitable raw materials for various silica-related applications.

Although low- to medium-grade deposits are fairly typical of New Brunswick's known silica resources, the material in most deposits can be upgraded by relatively simple processes to meet the more exacting specifications of higher value end uses. As the cost of handling and transporting bulk materials continues to escalate, it is anticipated that strategically positioned, lower quality resources could offer cost-effective, raw-material alternatives for a wide range of regionally manufactured silica-based products.

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