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Water Well Diagram

Water Level

Completion Interval

9 GLOSSARY

Anion negatively charged ion

Aquifer a formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that contains saturated

permeable rocks capable of transmitting groundwater to water wells or springs in

economical quantities

Aquitard a confining bed that retards but does not prevent the flow of water to or from an

adjacent aquifer

Available Drawdown in a confined aquifer, the distance between the non-pumping water level and the top of

the aquifer

in an unconfined aquifer (water table aquifer), two thirds of the saturated thickness of

the aquifer

Borehole includes all "work types" except springs

Completion Interval see diagram

Deltaic a depositional environment in standing water near

the mouth of a river

Dewatering the removal of groundwater from an aquifer for

purposes other than use

Dfb one of the Köppen climate classifications; a Dfb

climate consists of warm to cool summers, severe

winters, and no dry season. The mean monthly temperature drops below -3° C in the

coolest month, and exceeds 10° C in the warmest month.

Evapotranspiration a combination of evaporation from open bodies of water, evaporation from soil

surfaces, and transpiration from the soil by plants (Freeze and Cherry, 1979)

Facies the aspect or character of the sediment within beds of one and the same age

(Pettijohn, 1957)

Fluvial produced by the action of a stream or river

Friable poorly cemented

Hydraulic Conductivity the rate of flow of water through a unit cross-section under a unit hydraulic gradient;

units are length/time

km kilometre

Kriging a geo-statistical method for gridding irregularly-spaced data (Cressie, 1990)

Lacustrine fine-grained sedimentary deposits associated with a lake environment and not

including shore-line deposits

Lithology description of rock material

Lsd Legal Subdivision

m metres





mm millimetres

m²/day metres squared per day

m³ cubic metres

m³/day cubic metres per day

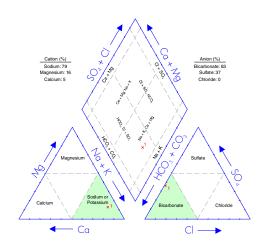
mg/L milligrams per litre

Median the value at the centre of an ordered range of numbers

Obs WW Observation Water Well

Piper tri-linear diagram a method that permits the major

cation and anion compositions of single or multiple samples to be represented on a single graph. This presentation allows groupings or trends in the data to be identified. From the Piper tri-linear diagram, it can be seen that the groundwater from this sample water well is a sodium-bicarbonate-type. The chemical type has been determined graphically by calculating the dominant cation and anion. For a more detailed explanation, please refer to Freeze and Cherry, 1979



Piper Tri-Linear Diagram

Rock earth material below the root zone

Surficial Deposits includes all sediments above the bedrock

Thalweg the line connecting the lowest points along a stream bed or valley; longitudinal profile

Till a sediment deposited directly by a glacier that is unsorted and consisting of any grain

size ranging from clay to boulders

Transmissivity the rate at which water is transmitted through a unit width of an aquifer under a unit

hydraulic gradient: a measure of the ease with which groundwater can move through

the aquifer

Apparent Transmissivity: the value determined from a summary of aquifer test data,

usually involving only two water-level readings

Effective Transmissivity: the value determined from late pumping and/or late recovery

water-level data from an aquifer test

Aquifer Transmissivity: the value determined by multiplying the hydraulic conductivity of

an aquifer by the thickness of the aquifer





Water Well a hole in the ground for the purpose of obtaining groundwater; "work type" as defined

by AENV includes test hole, chemistry, deepened, well inventory, federal well survey,

reconditioned, reconstructed, new, old well-test

Yield a regional analysis term referring to the rate a properly completed water well could be

pumped, if fully penetrating the aquifer

Apparent Yield: based mainly on apparent transmissivity

Long-Term Yield: based on effective transmissivity

AAFC-PFRA Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

AENV Alberta Environment

AMSL above mean sea level

BGP Base of Groundwater Protection

DEM Digital Elevation Model

DST drill stem test

EUB Alberta Energy and Utilities Board

GCDWQ Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality

IAAM Infinite Aquifer Artesian Model. The mathematical model is used to calculate water

levels at a given location. The model has been used for more than 17 years by HCL for several hundred groundwater monitoring projects. The model aquifer is based on a solution of the well function equation. The simulation calculates drawdown by solving the well function equation using standard approximation methods. The drawdown at any given point at any given time uses the method of superposition.

NPWL non-pumping water level

TDS Total Dissolved Solids

WSW Water Source Well or Water Supply Well



