



**Open File 2021-3**  
**Aggregate potential along Yukon highways,**  
**Regional overview, Yukon**  
**1:1 500 000 scale**

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**Legend**

- Communities
- Highways
- Territorial Border

**Regional Aggregate Potential**

- No Data
- Low
- Moderate
- High

**AGGREGATE POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTIONS**

**High** - potential aggregate sources represent those with good material potential and limited or no constraints from permafrost or overburden. Typical materials are well sorted gravels with minimal silt and clay content. Minor constraint from overburden or permafrost may be present. Aggregate Potential Scores >2.5 - 3.0.

**Moderate** - potential aggregate sources represent good material potential with significant overburden or moderate overburden and permafrost and sources of moderate material potential (moderately sorted). These may consist of gravels and mixed fragments with some silt or clay content or well sorted materials with more significant constraints from overburden and/or permafrost. Aggregate Potential Scores >1.25 - 2.5.

**Low** - potential aggregate sources represent those with unsuitable materials or materials of moderate aggregate potential with significant constraints from overburden and/or permafrost. Aggregate Potential Scores >0 - 1.25.

Detailed highway corridor aggregate potential mapping is available online as a digital geodatabase in Open File 2021-3.

**AGGREGATE POTENTIAL DERIVATION METHODOLOGY**

Surficial geology polygons from the Yukon Digital Surficial Geology Compilation (Yukon Geological Survey, 2020) are ranked by material type and texture with weighting applied for material abundance and penalties applied for stripping and permafrost. The equation used to calculate the aggregate potential score for each polygon is as follows:

$$\text{Aggregate Potential Score} = \text{Max Value} ((\text{Material A Proportion} \times \text{Material A Suitability}) \text{ or } (\text{Material B Proportion} \times \text{Material B Suitability})) - 0.25 \times \text{Stripping Value} - 0.25 \times \text{Permafrost Value}$$

Possible aggregate potential scores range from 0.75 - 3, with higher scores representing better potential for an aggregate resource. Scores should be used as guidelines and not rules as surficial

geology polygons are classified based on little or no ground investigation and considerable variability may be present with a polygon.

**REFERENCE**

Yukon Geological Survey, 2020. Surficial Geology data set. Yukon Geological Survey, <http://data.geology.gov.yk.ca/Compilation/33>

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Any revisions or additional geological information known to the user would be welcomed by the Yukon Geological Survey.

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