

Update on Canadian Oil Sands Crude

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Overview

- Background
 - What are Oil Sands
 - Where are they found?
 - Extraction and Processing
- Site Visits
 - In-Situ
 - Processing and Aerial Tour
 - Edmonton and Vancouver Meetings
- Summary and Conclusion



What are Oil Sands

Also called “tar Sands” or “bituminous sands”

Mixture of

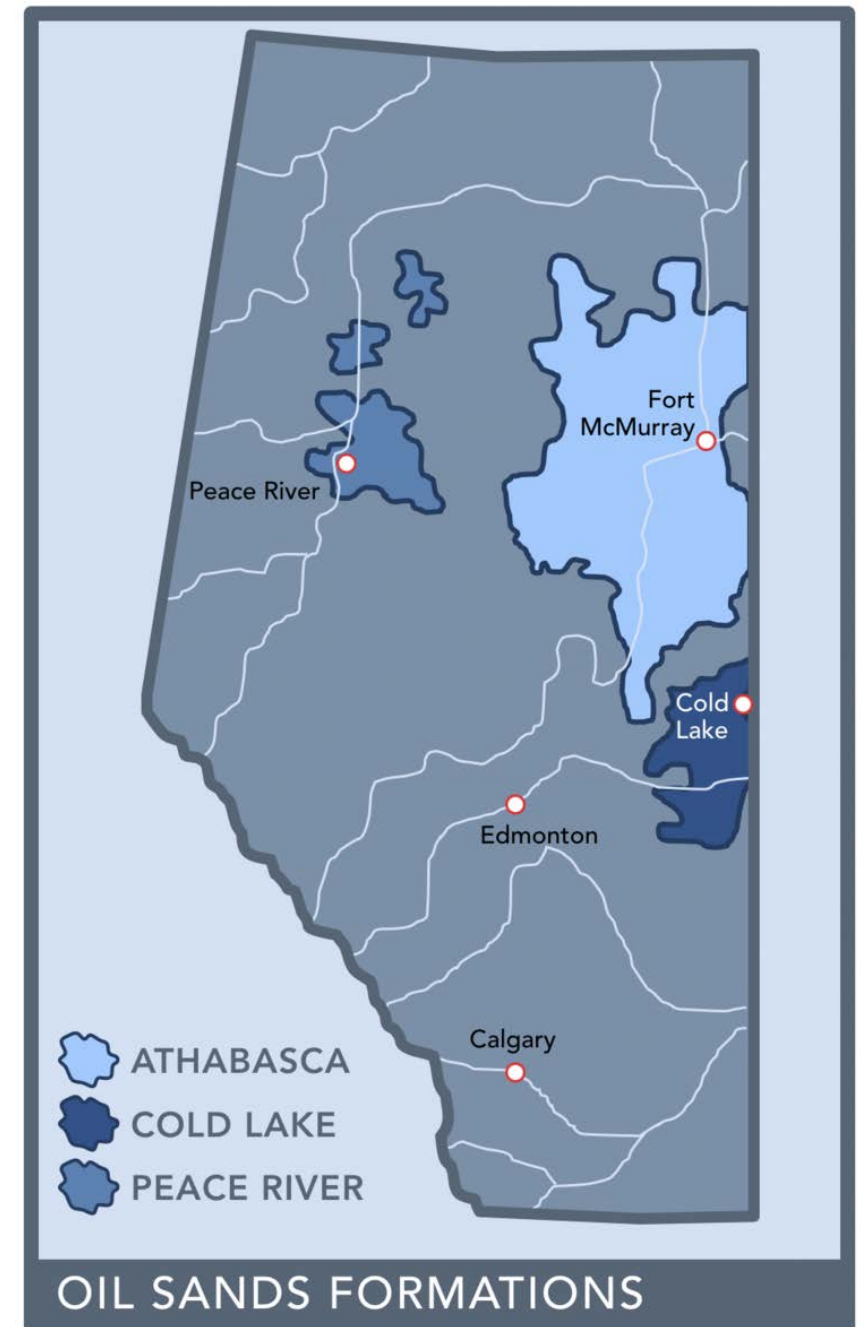
- bitumen (10% up to 20%)
- sand / clay (85%) and
- water (5%)



Where do “Oil Sands” Come From?

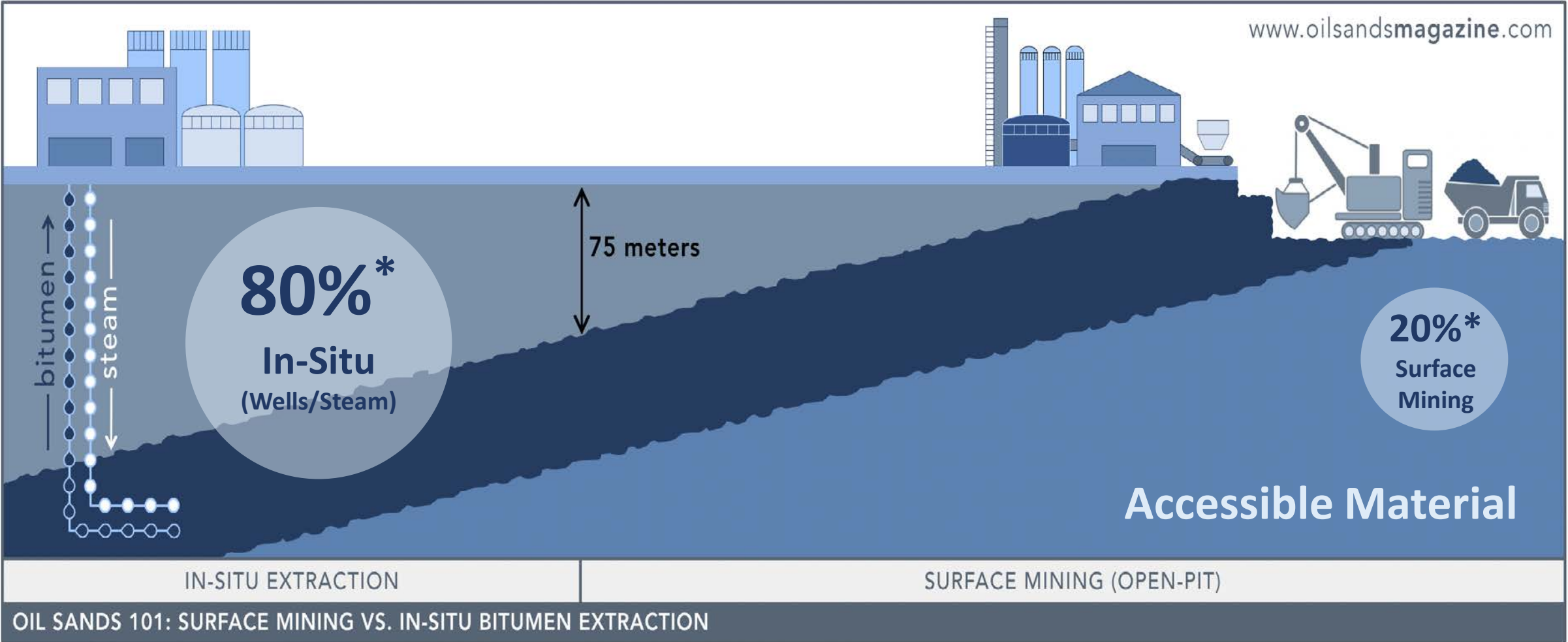
Alberta, Canada

- 3 primary areas
 - Athabasca
 - Cold Lake
 - Peace River
- 10% of World’s proven reserves
 - Third largest reserve
 - 170 billion barrels
- Covers area the size of New York State
- Two types of extraction processes
 - Surface Mining
 - In Situ

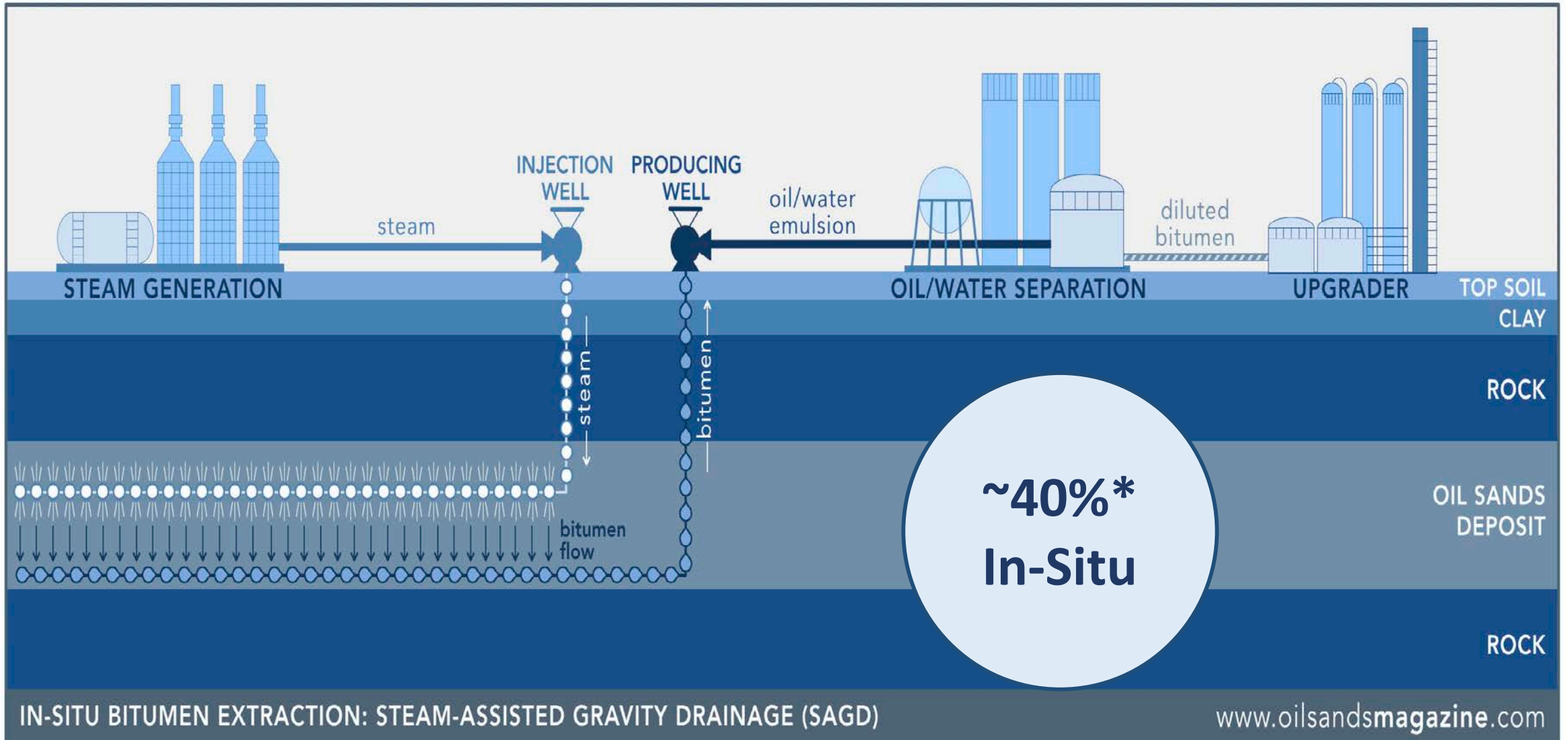


Oil Sands Extraction Processes

In-Situ & Surface Mining



Oil Sands Production: In-Situ



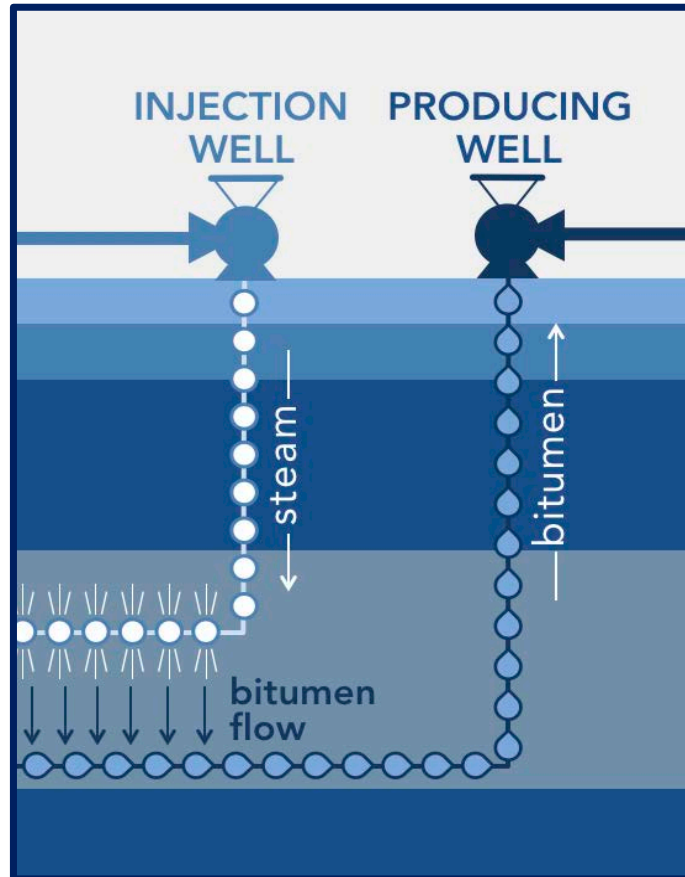
In-Situ Extraction Operations



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Steam Injection and Extraction Wells

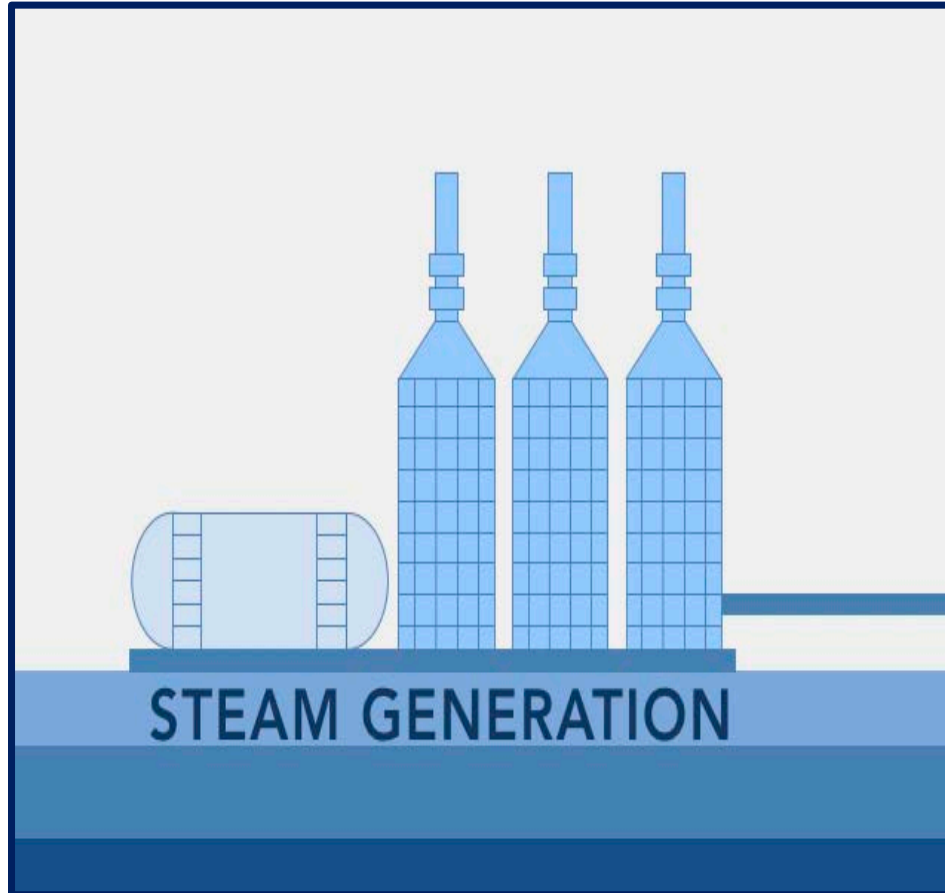


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Steam Generation

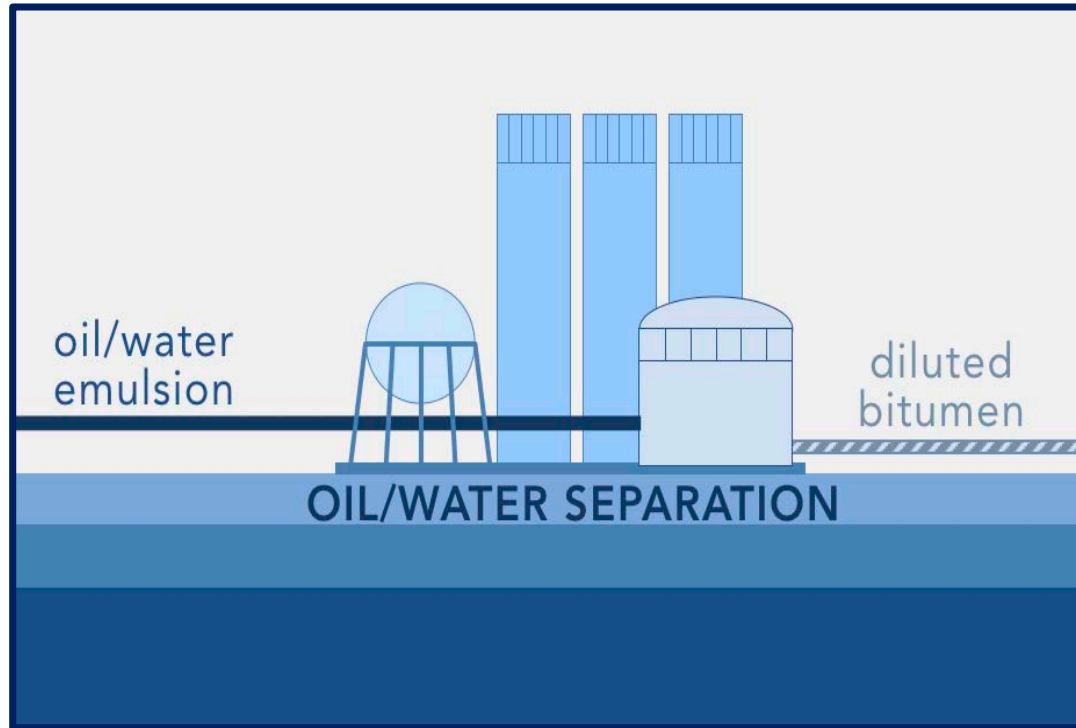


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Oil / Water Separation

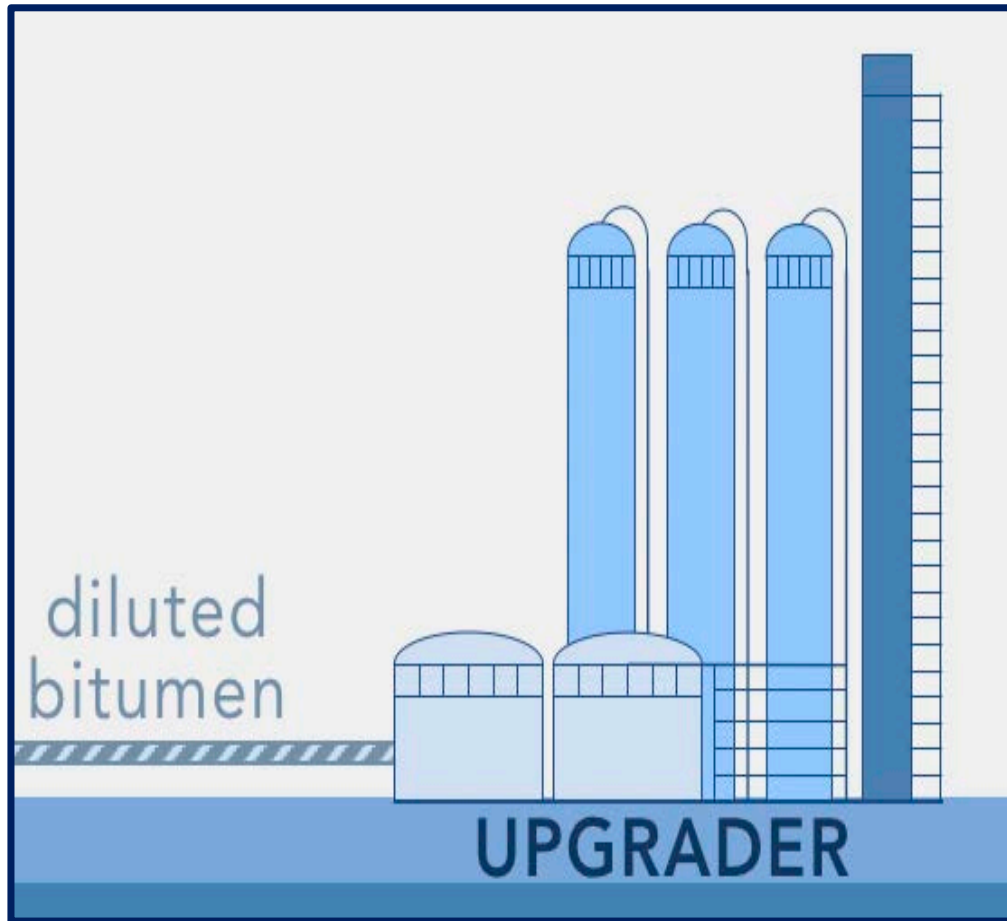


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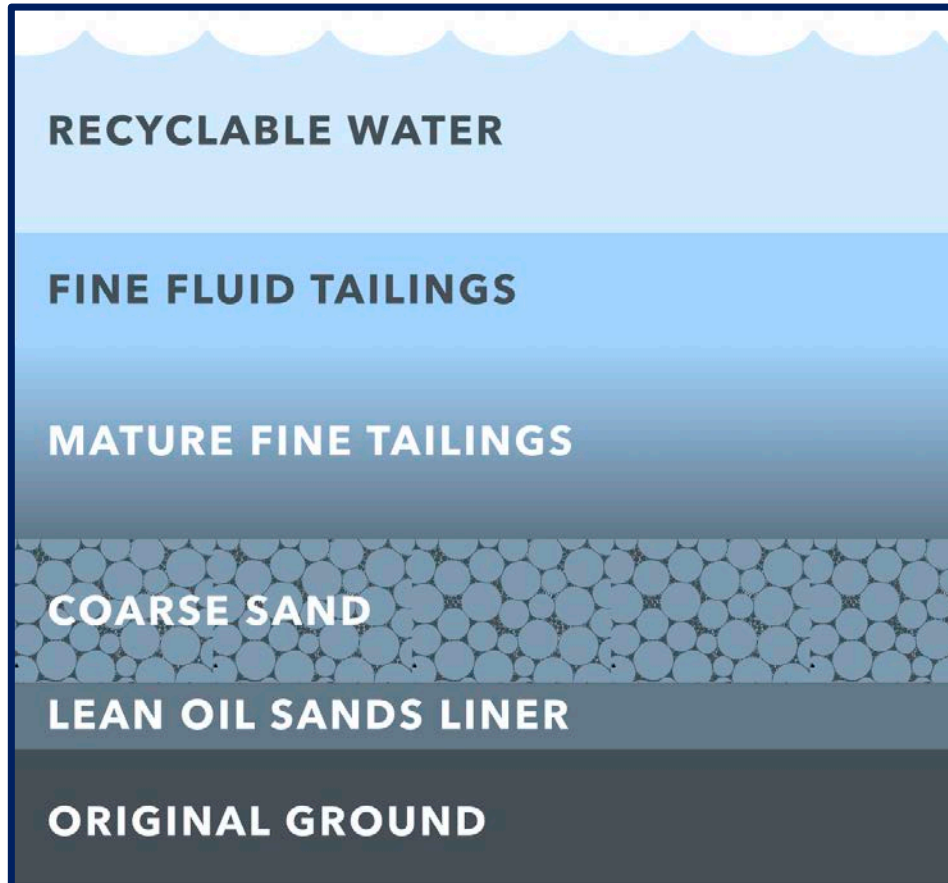
Bitumen Upgrading Operations



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Tailings Pond

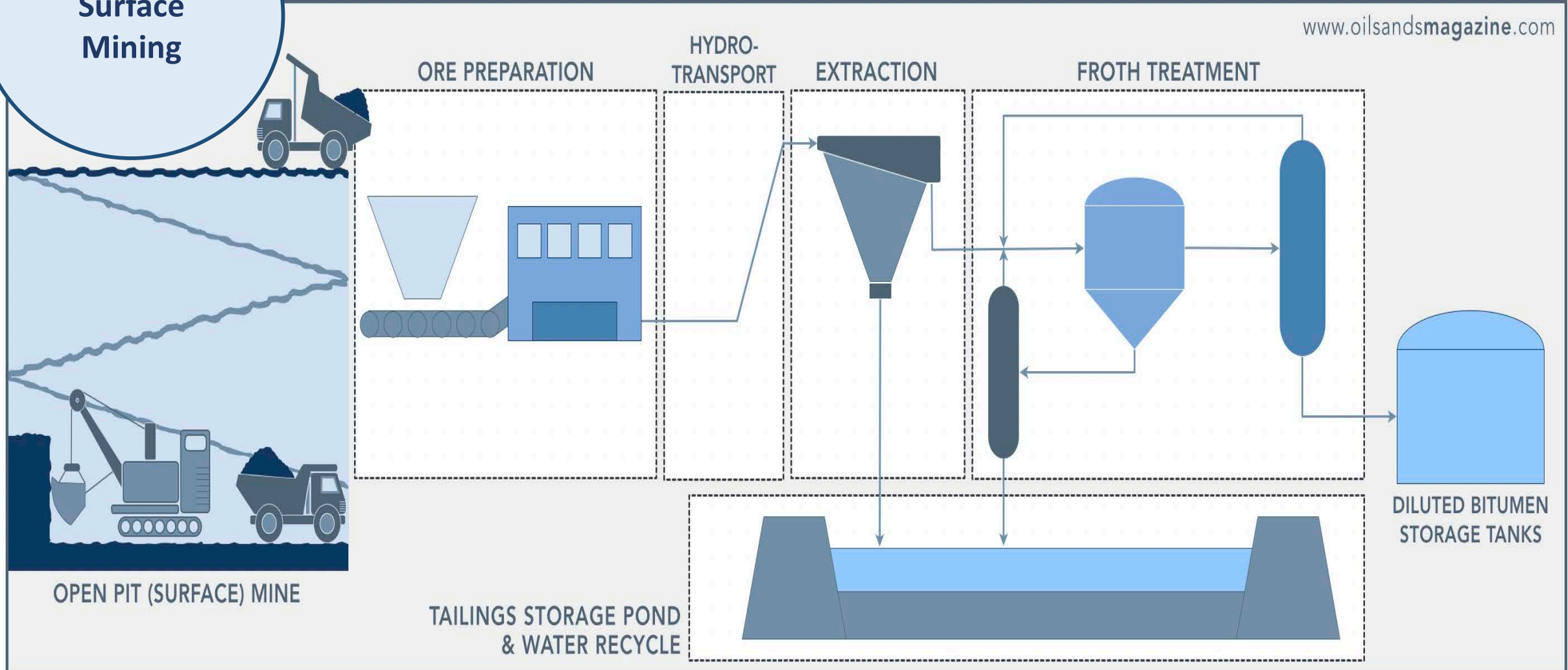


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Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining

~50%*
Surface
Mining

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BITUMEN EXTRACTION FROM MINED OIL SANDS: PROCESS OVERVIEW

Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining





Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining

Surface Mining Equipment



Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining



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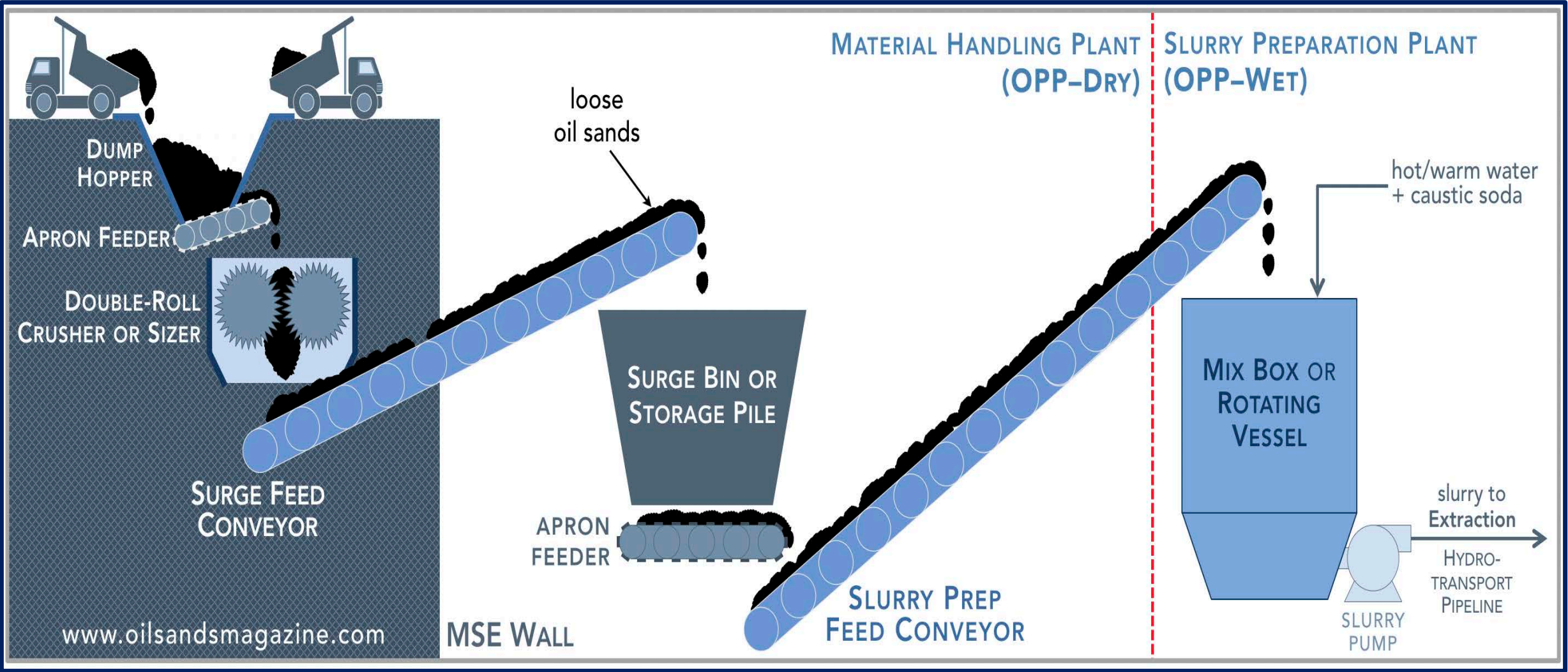
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Extraction Equipment



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Crushing



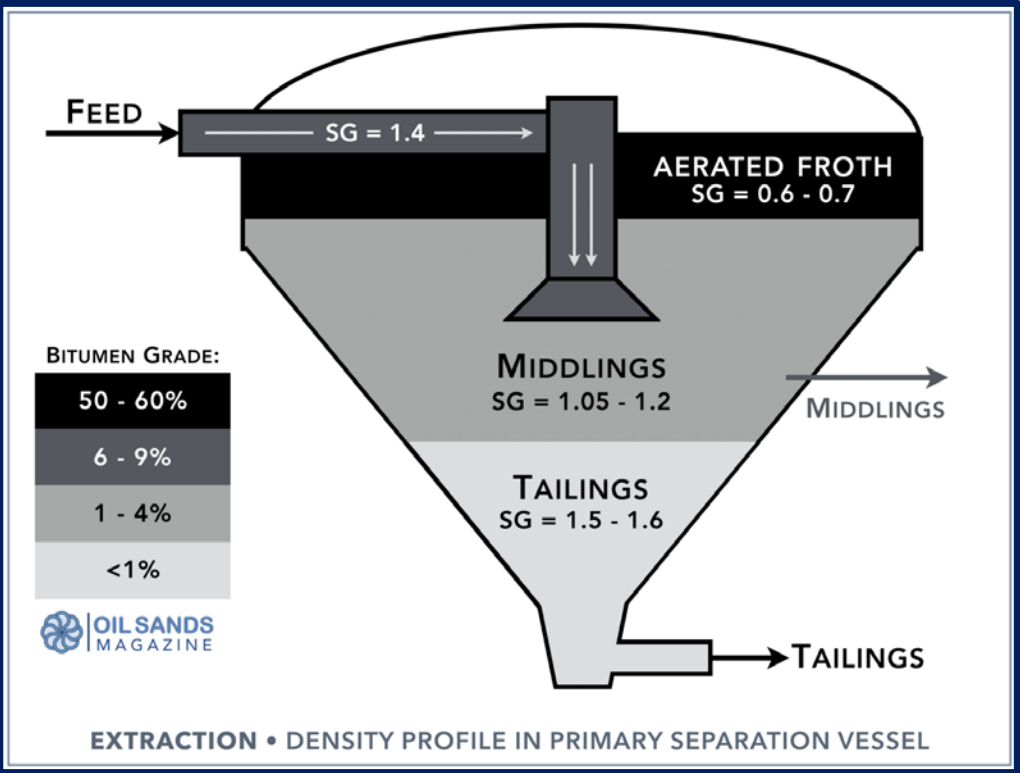
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Crushing and Separation



Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining

Froth Gravity Separation



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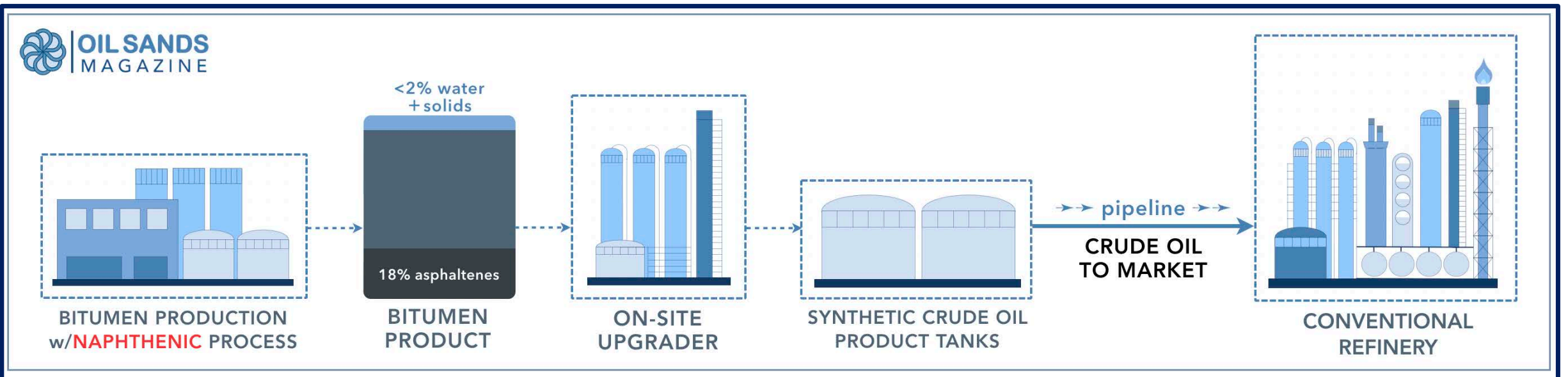
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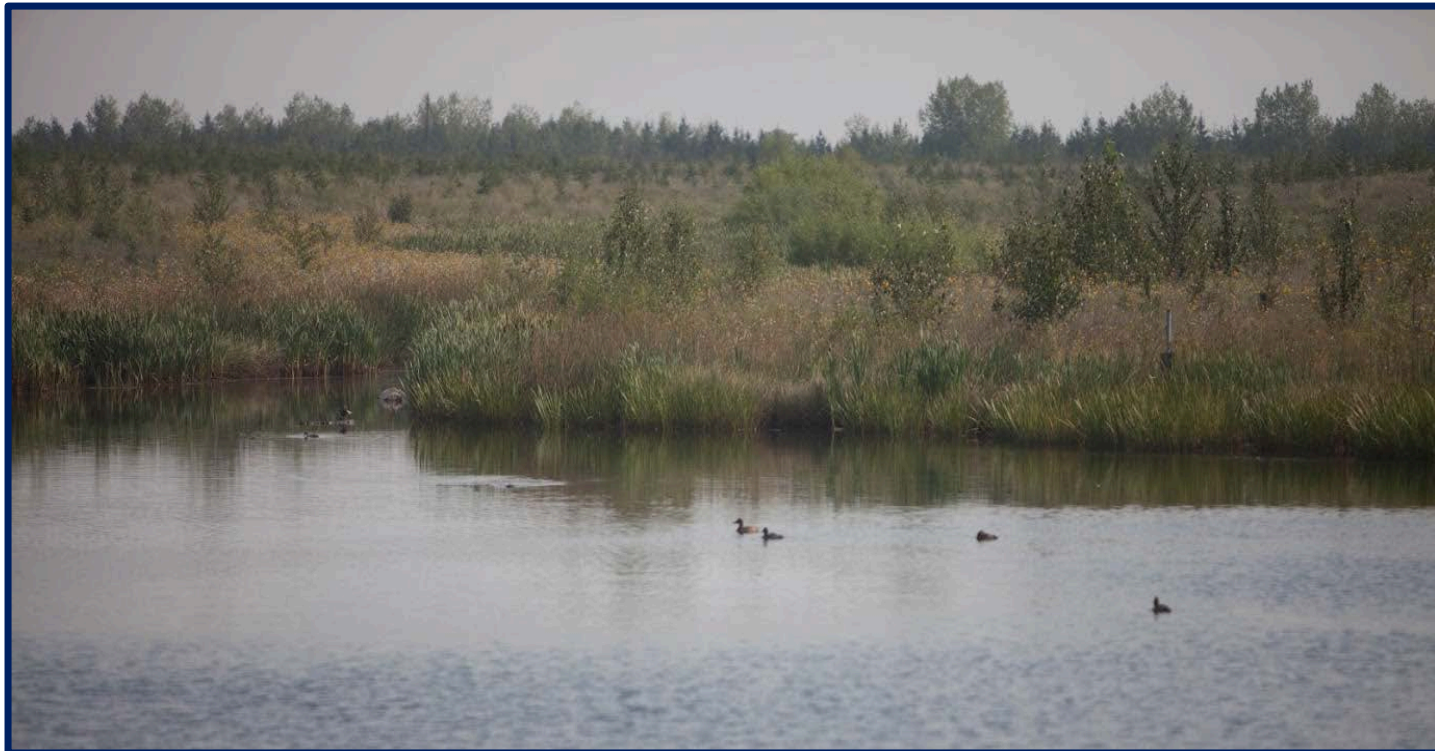
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Froth Treatment and Upgrading



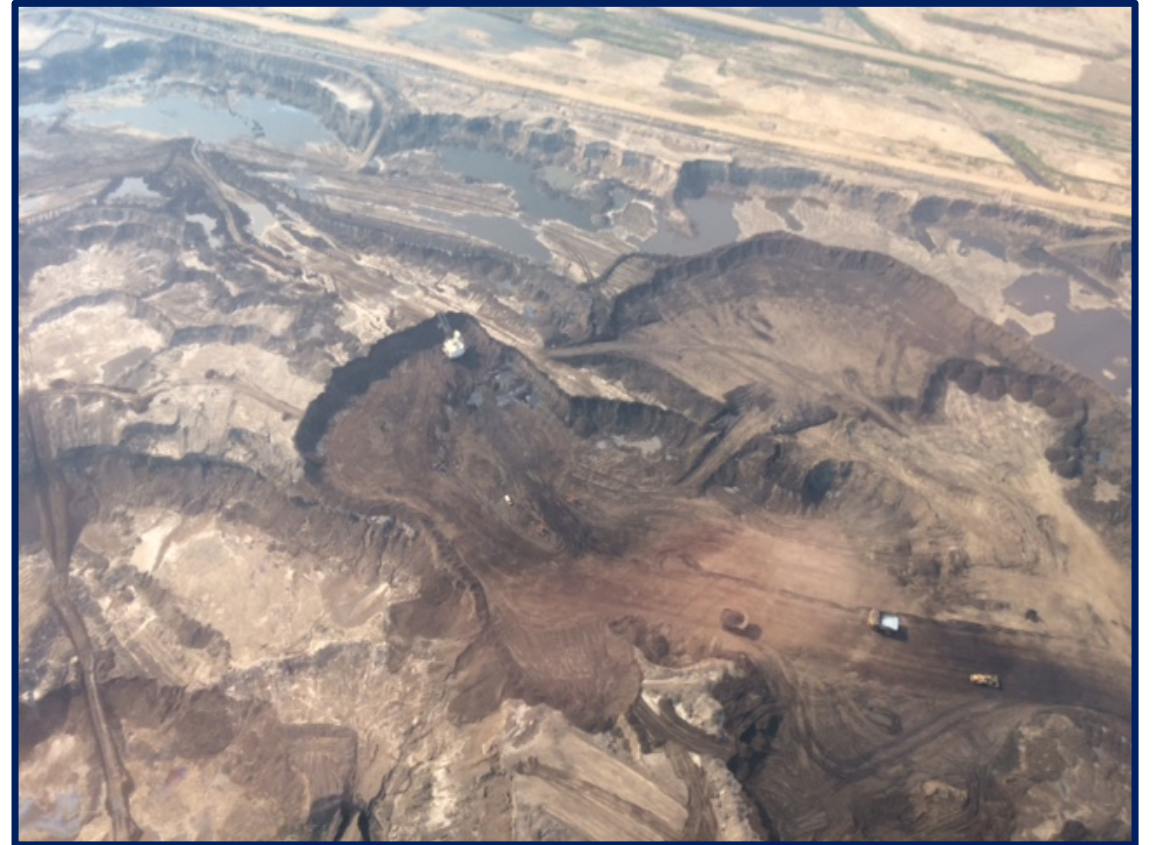
Restoration Efforts



Oil Sands Production Surface Mining



Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining



Oil Sands Production: Surface Mining



Canadian Perspectives

- Stand.Earth
- Tsleil Waututh Nation
- Responsible Fossil Fuels – Pembina Institute, Edmonton
- City of Vancouver
- West Coast Environmental Law
- Union of BC Indian Chiefs
- Squamish Nation
- Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation
- City of Burnaby

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Squamish Nation



Alberta and Canadian Government Efforts

- Environmental and Community-led Monitoring
- Carbon Emissions Pricing
- Capping oil sands greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at 100 megatonnes (Mt) per year
- Reducing methane emissions province-wide by 45 per cent by 2025

Alberta



Canada

Climate and Bay Area Environmental Concerns

**Local
Toxics**

H_2S



Oil Sands processing may impact toxic risk from refineries.



**Global
GHGs**



Oil Sands extraction and processing are very “carbon intensive” requiring more energy than conventional crudes, increasing GHG emissions.



Water

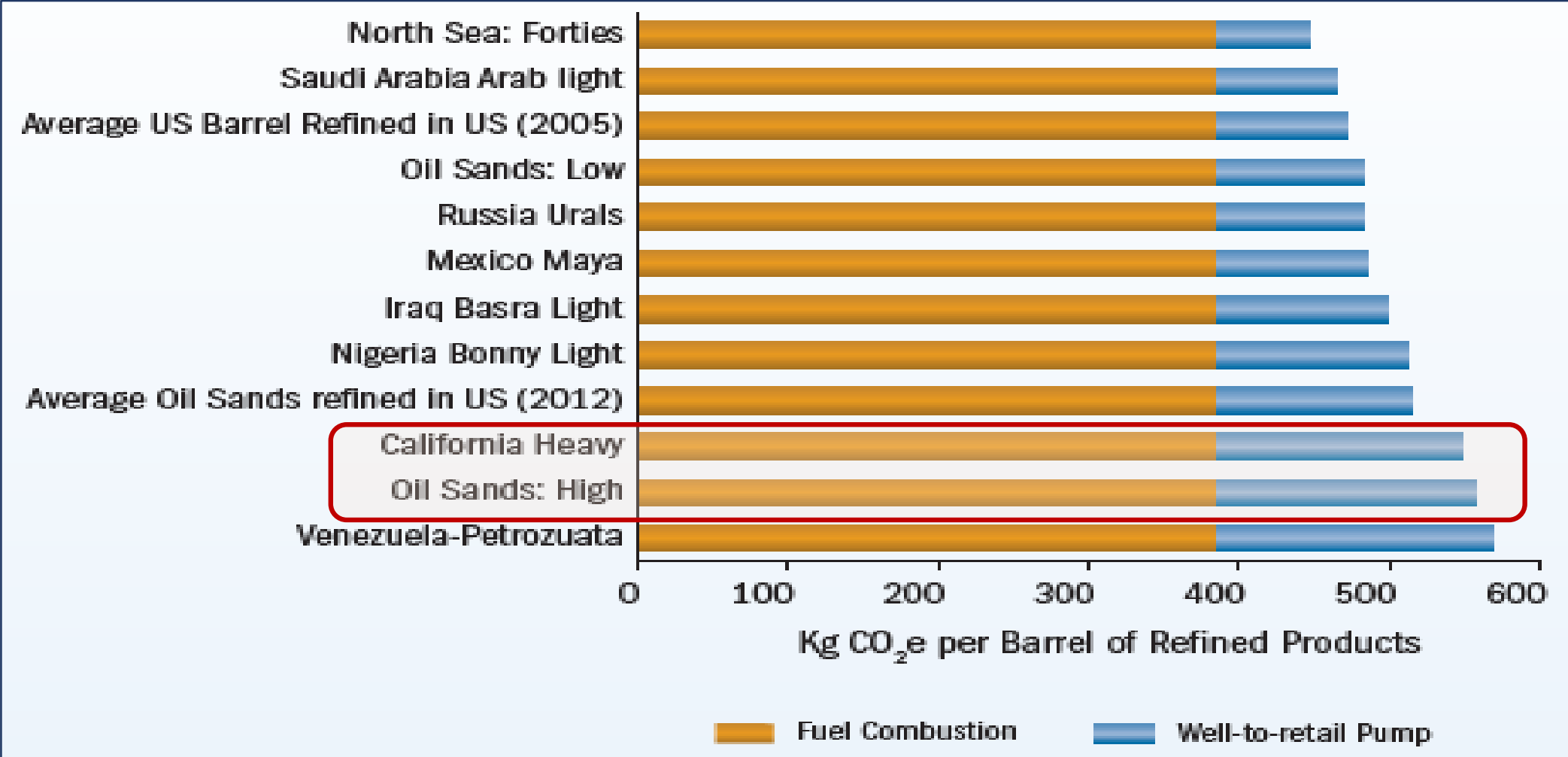


Increased ship traffic increases the potential for oil spills.



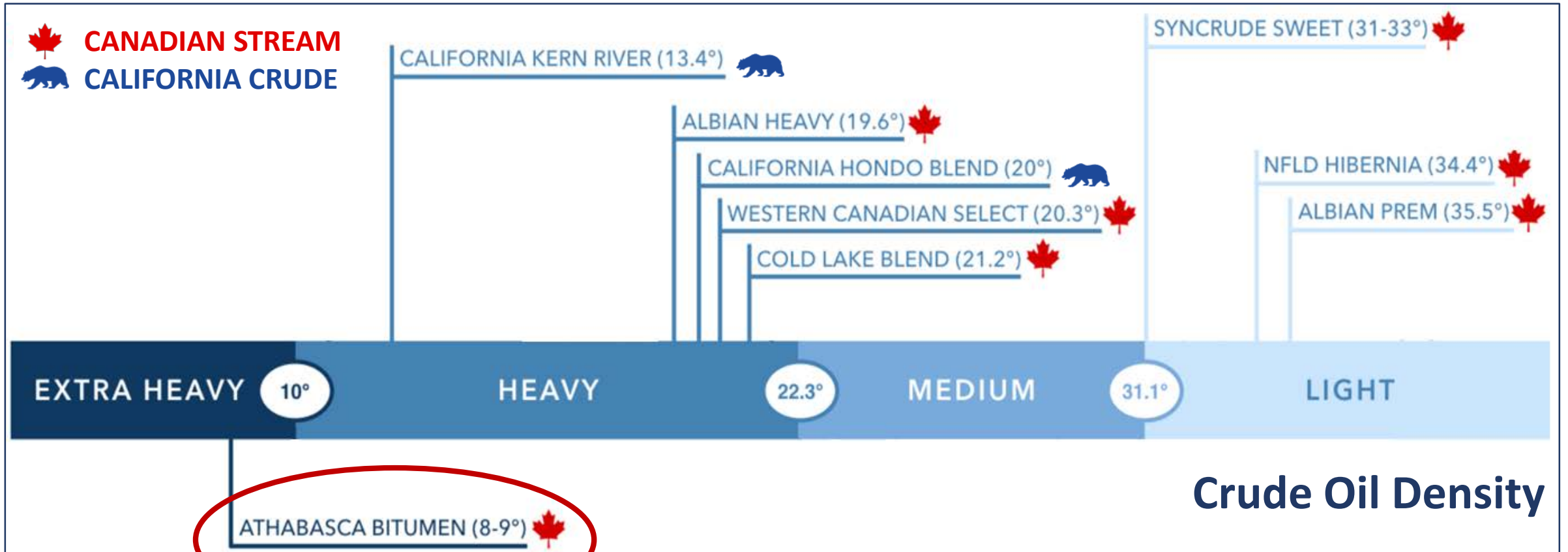
Oil Sands vs California Crude Oil: Carbon Intensity

Life Cycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions



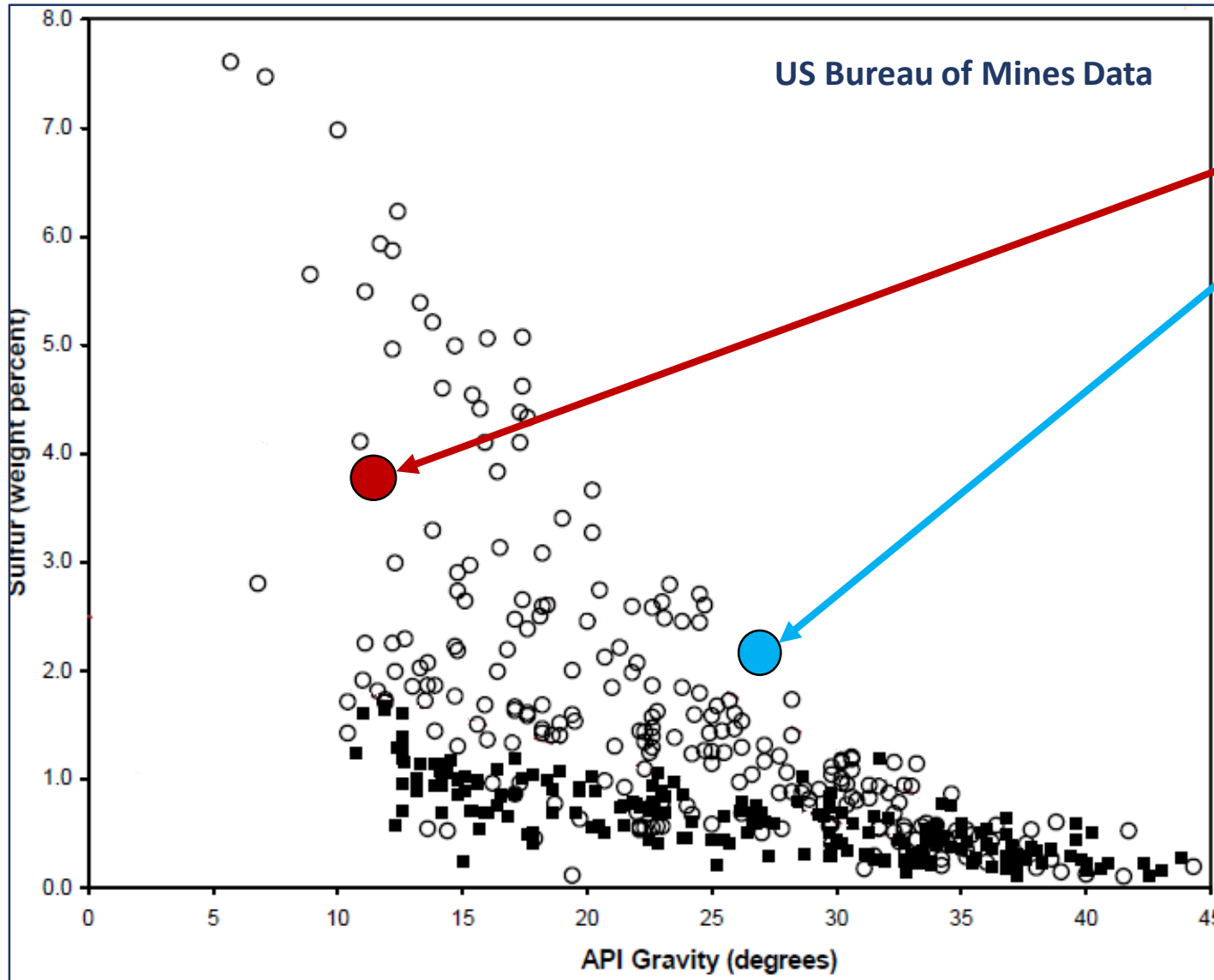
Source: IHS ENERGY, Comparing GHG Intensity of the Oil Sands and the Average US Crude Oil, May 2014

Oil Sands vs California Crude Oil: API Gravity



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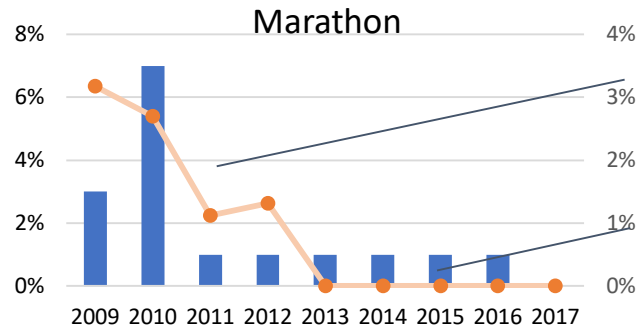
Oil Sands vs California Crude Oil: Sulfur v. Density



- ATHABASCA BITUMEN
- WESTERN CANADIAN SELECT
- SAN JOAQUIN BASIN
- REST OF CALIFORNIA

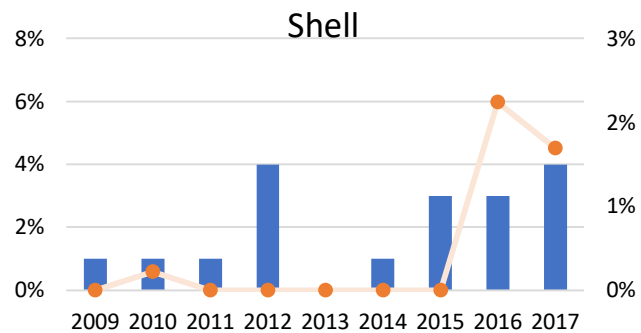
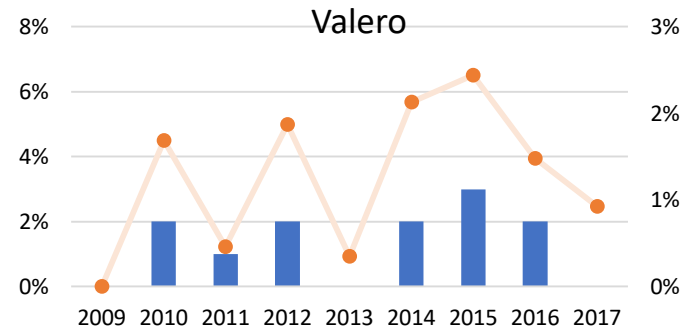
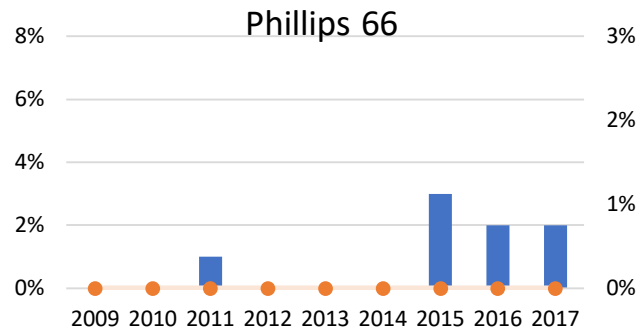
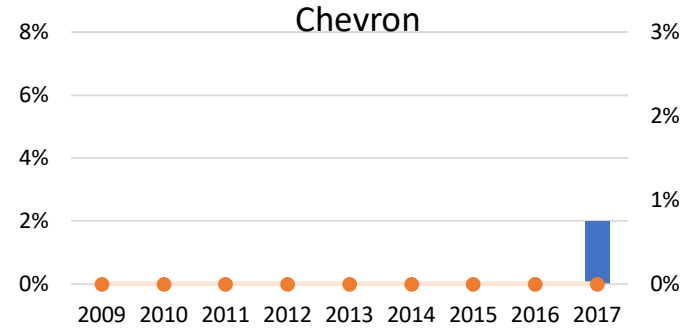
Adapted from U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1713, *Petroleum Systems and Geologic Assessment of Oil and Gas in the San Joaquin Basin Province, California, 2007.*

Canadian Crude Oil Imports



Line: imported Canadian crude oil with properties similar to Oil Sands

Bars: total imported Canadian crude oil



Source:
District analysis of U.S. EIA Imports Data

$$\% \text{ of Operable Capacity} = \frac{\text{Canadian Imports with Oil Sands Properties}}{(\text{Operable Capacity} \times 365)}$$

$$\% \text{ of Operable Capacity} = \frac{\text{Total Canadian Imports}}{(\text{Operable Capacity} \times 365)}$$

Mitigating Bay Area Environmental Concerns

Local Toxics



- Track Emissions with Crude Slates (Regulation 12, Rule 15)
- Reduce Significant Health Risks (Regulation 11, Rule 18)
- Control Technology for Toxics (Regulation 2, Rule 5)
- AB 617 Community Health Protection Programs

Global GHGs



- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- Cap and Trade
- Rule 13-1: Significant Methane Releases

Water



- Office of Spill Prevention and Response

Conclusion

In Summary:

- Oil Sands extraction has significant local environmental impacts
- Oil Sands crude similar to composition and impacts from California Crude
- Approximately 4% of crude refined in the Bay Area comes from Canada
- Significant regulatory framework in place in the Bay Area; we will need to continue monitoring crude imports
- Regulatory changes may be necessary if emissions increase
- Continued use of fossil fuels in California will impact climate change



Canadian Tar Sands: Issues for BAAQMD to consider

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FORMERLY FORESTETHICS

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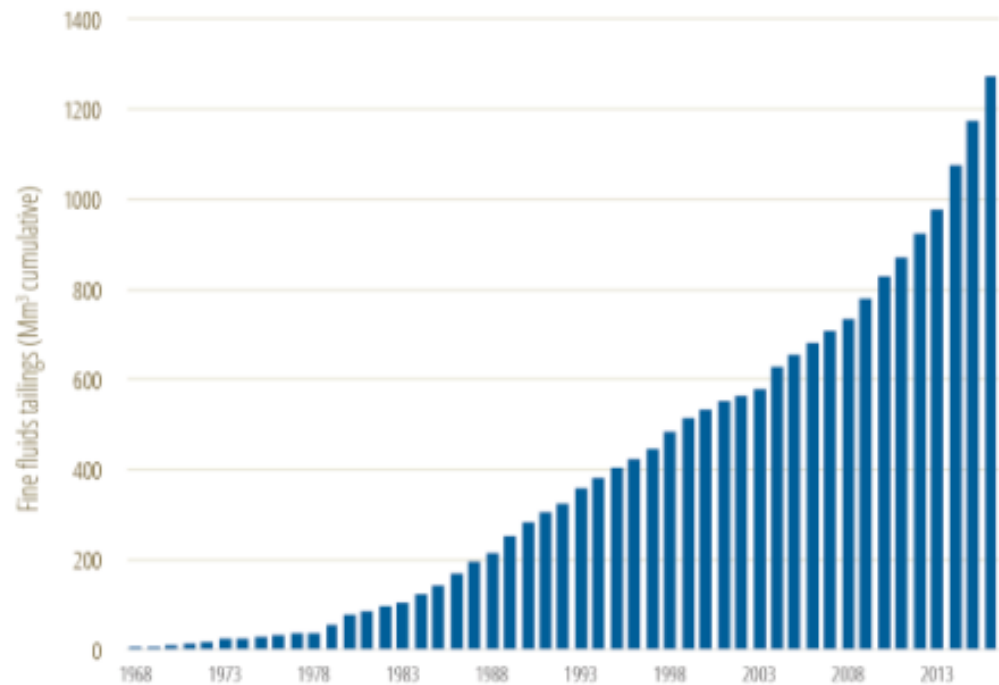
Surface Mining

Deposits less than 100
m from surface

Total oilsands region = 142,200 km²
Surface mineable area = 4,800 km²

Tailings ponds
volume reached
1,271,000,000
cubic metres
in 2016

Source: Government of Alberta





250 Million Litres per day

Toxic compounds present in tailings waste

- Contain residual bitumen, cyanide, naphthenic acids, heavy metals
- Possible contamination of surface water and groundwater systems – seeping 2.9 million USG per day
- Toxic air pollutants such as methane, VOCs and H₂S emissions

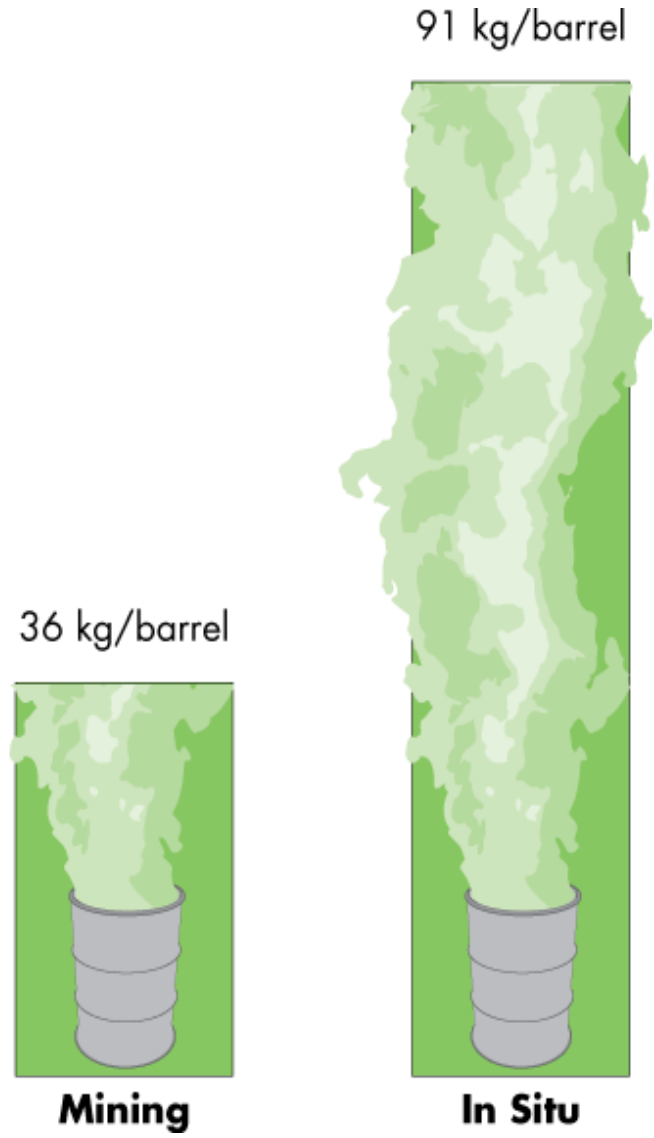
An aerial photograph of a forested landscape. A central lake is surrounded by dense green trees. A network of light-colored roads or paths winds through the terrain, some forming loops. The overall scene is a mix of natural forest and human-made infrastructure.

In situ

Steam drilling for deep oilsands deposits

80% of total oilsands region is suitable for in situ developments

In situ produces a dirtier barrel





Climate

Economy

Water

Human Rights

Air

Land & Species

Almost 20 per cent of Canada's entire natural gas production is used solely to extract oil from the tar sands. Enough is burned every day to heat six million homes or almost every single house in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.



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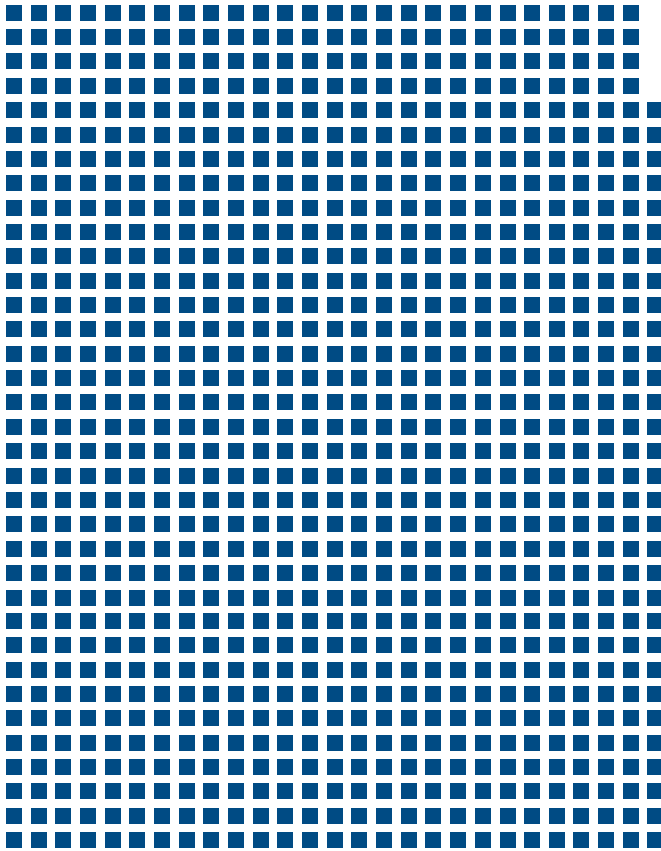
Oil sands production emits 3 to 4 times more greenhouse gases than producing conventional crude oil. This makes it one of the world's dirtiest forms of fuel.



The boreal forest is a crucial habitat for wolves, grizzly bear, lynx and moose. Woodland caribou populations in the region have declined by 50 per cent over the past 10 years and studies predict caribou will become extinct if approved tar sands projects are implemented.



One square represents the area of 100 hectares (ha) of land



Active area of the land mined
for oilsands (94,095 ha)

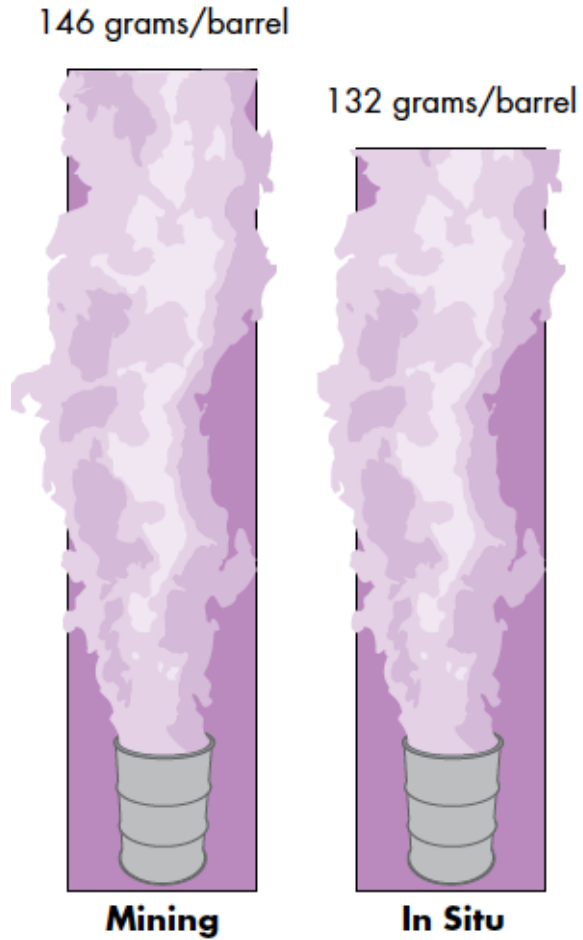


Area of the land mined for oilsands
certified as reclaimed and returned
to the province (104 ha)

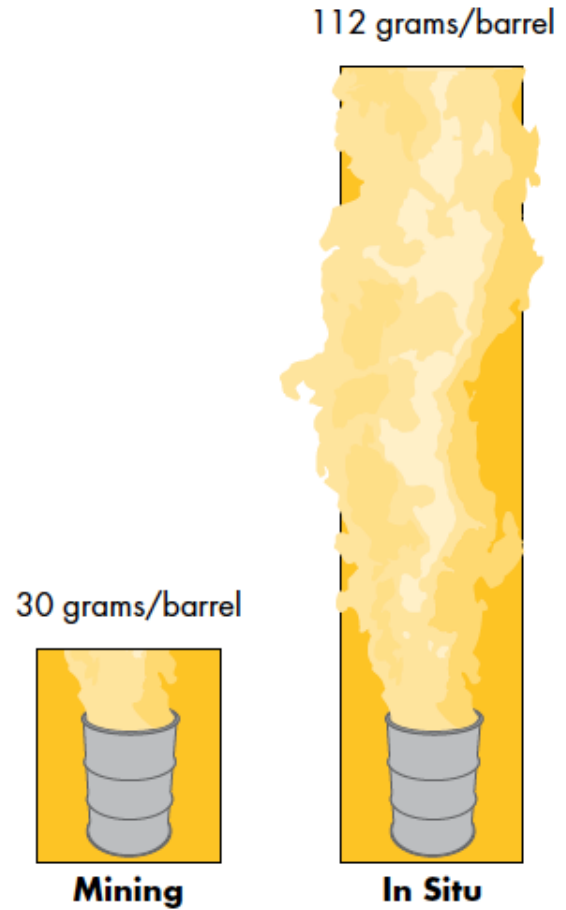
Air quality



NO_x emissions per barrel



SO₂ emissions per barrel



Sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are major contributors to acid rain formation

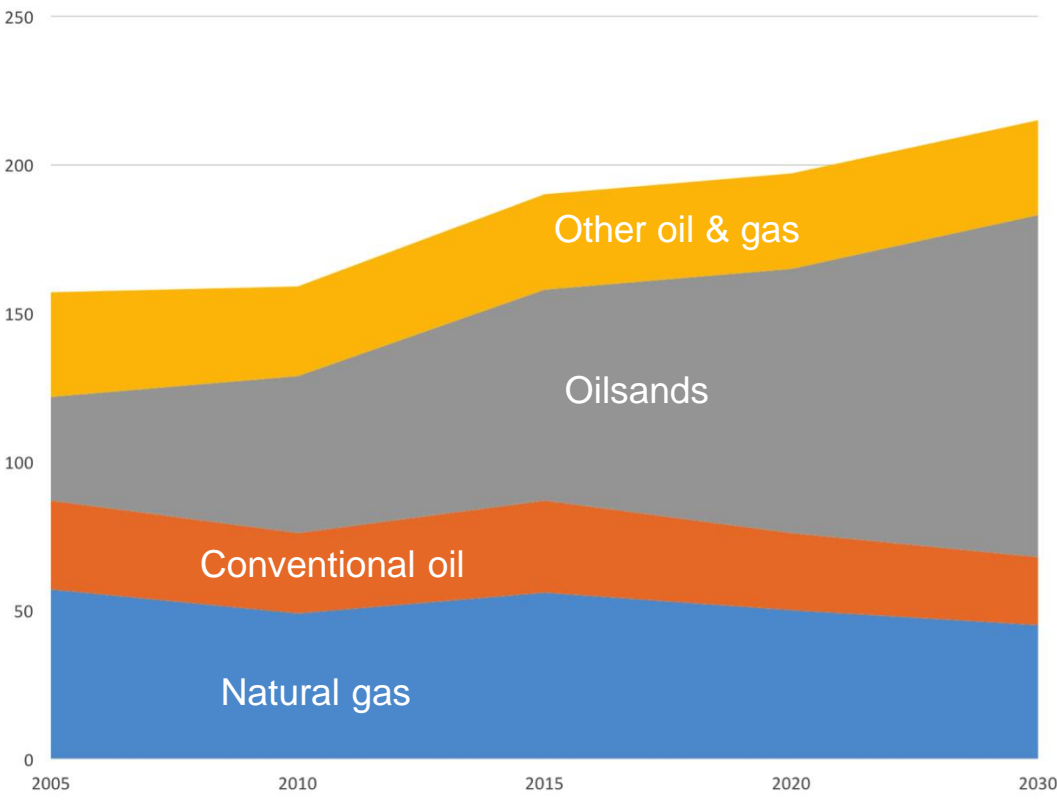


HAPPENING NOW

Fort McMurray Wildfire



GHG forecast from oil and gas



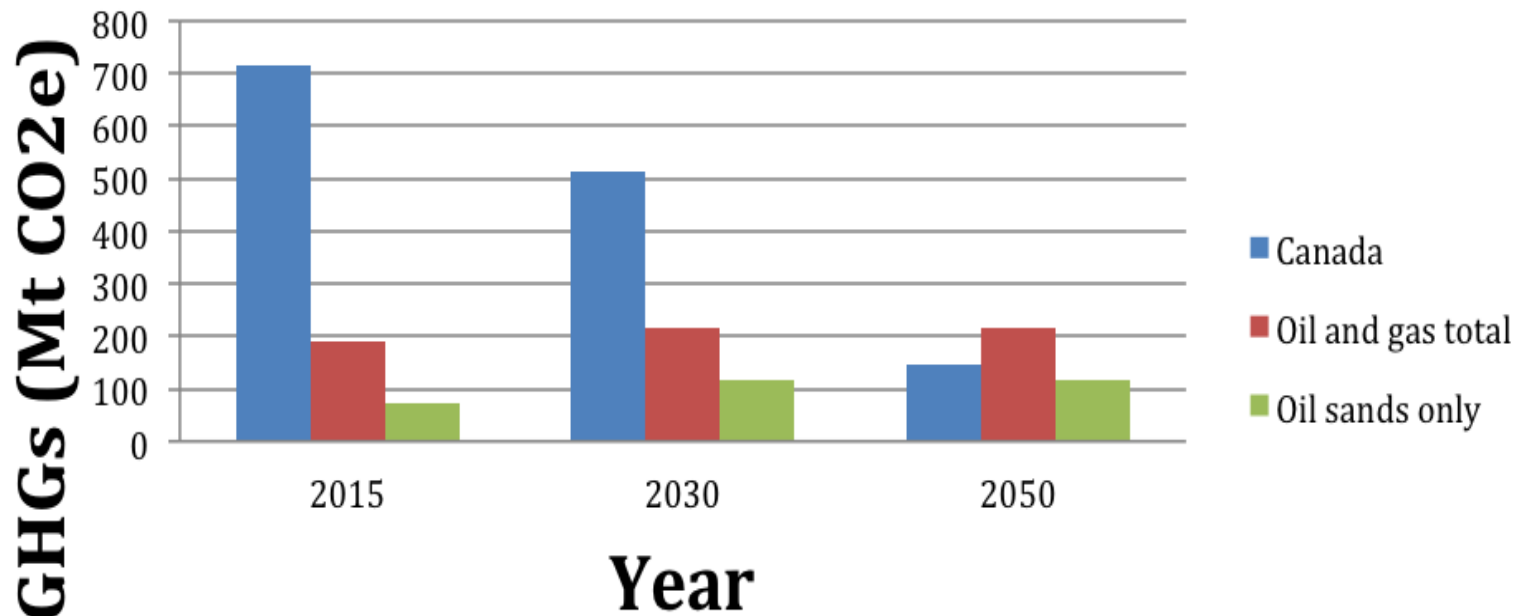
Source: Environment and Climate Change Canada

GHGs from oil and gas increase by 13% between 2015 and 2030 (but +62% for oil sands).

Emissions from oil and gas production will represent **42% (215 Mt) of Canada's carbon budget in 2030 (517 Mt).**

Oilsands emissions are the core of the issue

GHGs for Canada and the Oil Sands for 2015 (actual) and 2030, 2050 (projected)



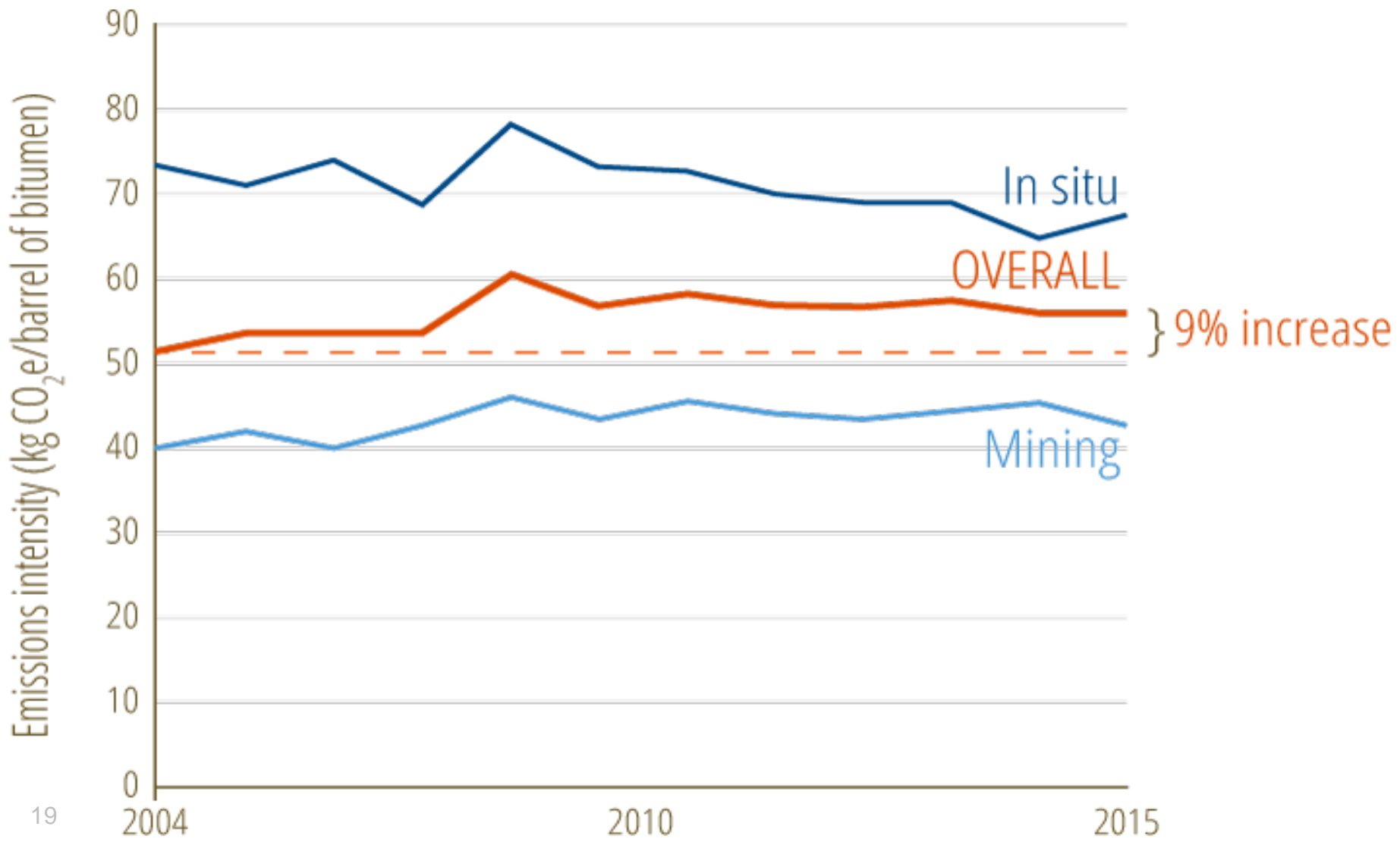
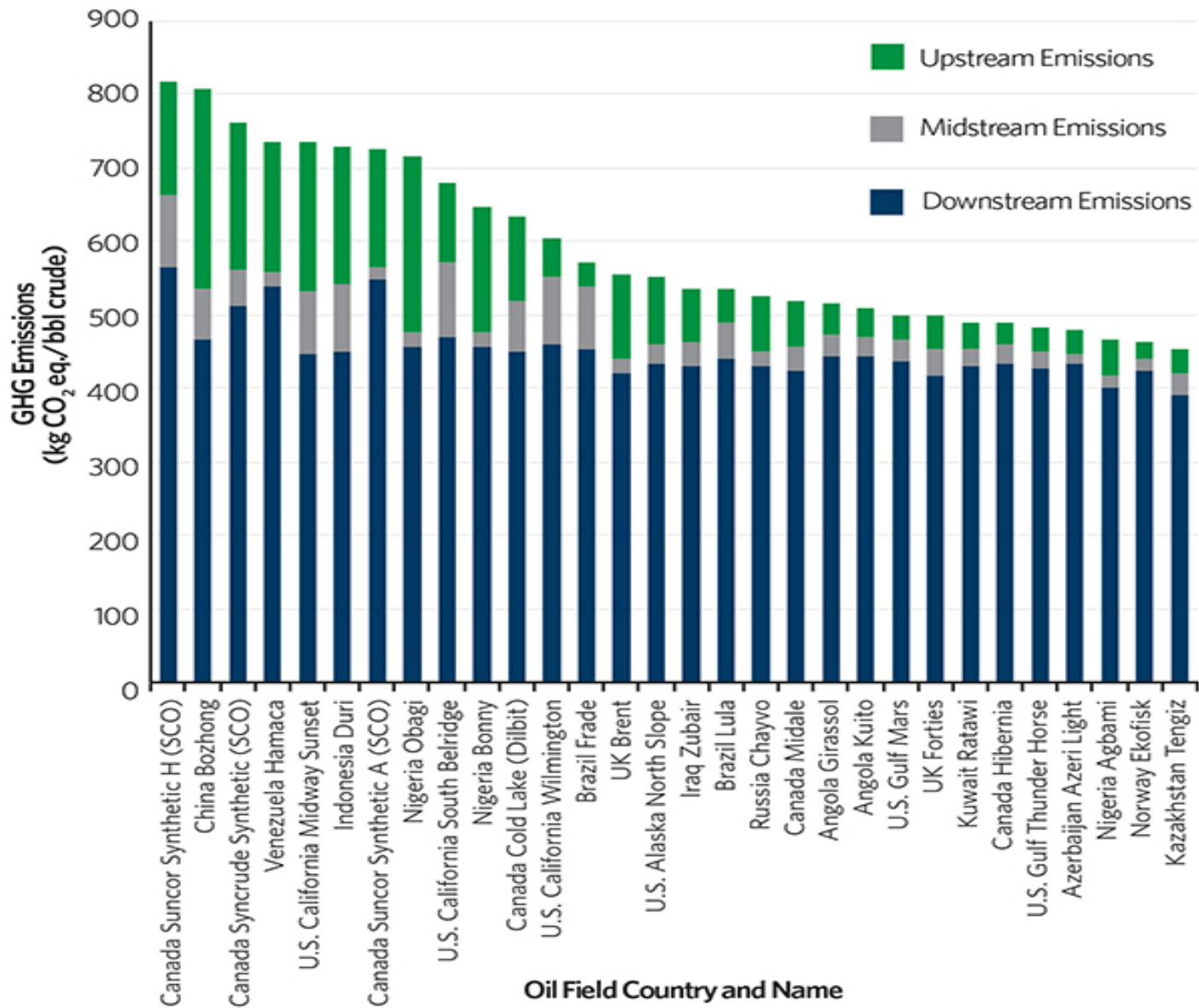


FIGURE 12

Total GHG Emissions for 30 Phase 1 OCI Test Oils

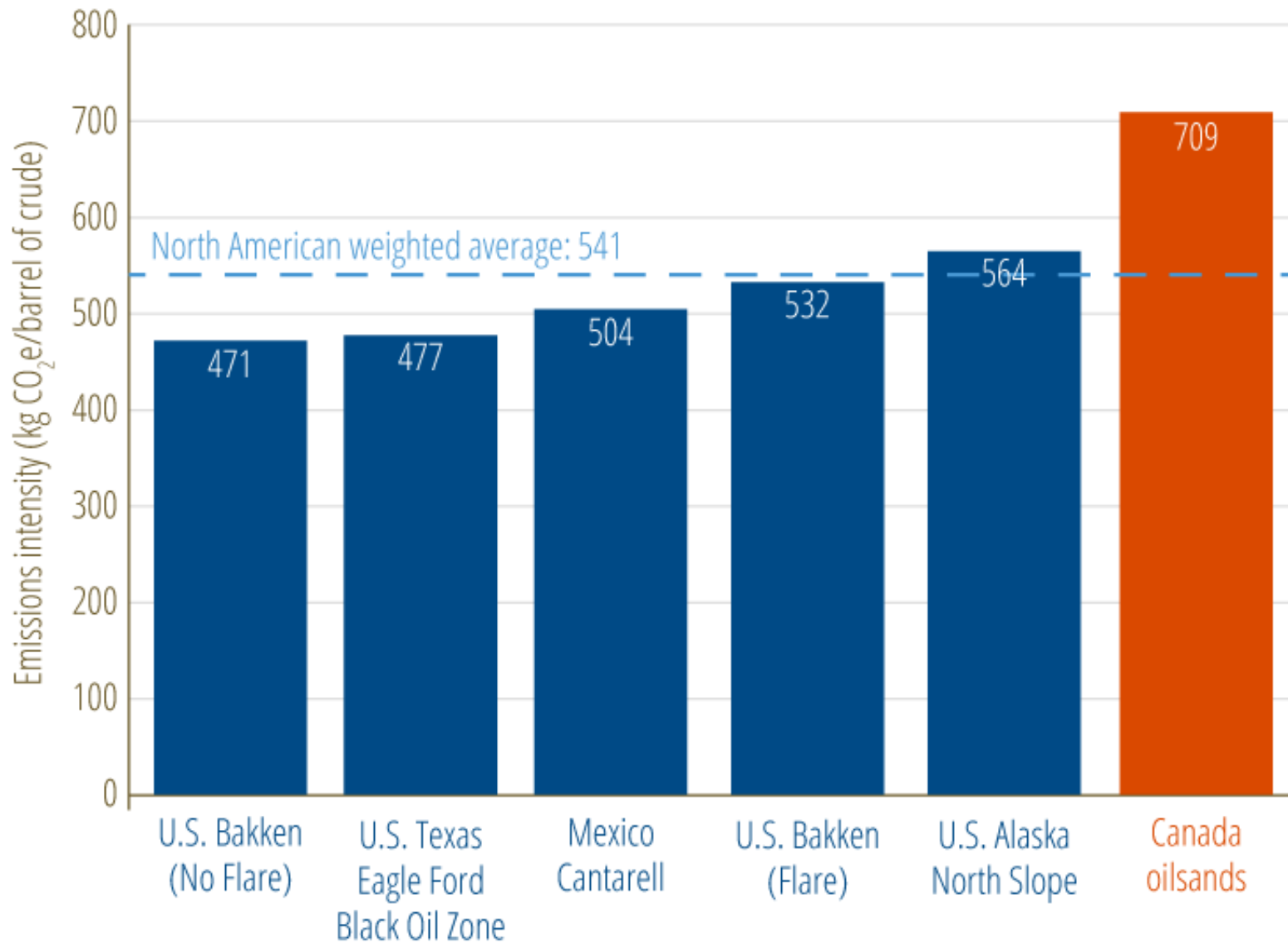


Source: Authors' calculations

Note: Unlike the other OCI test oils, Cold Lake dilbit is not composed of a full barrel of oil.

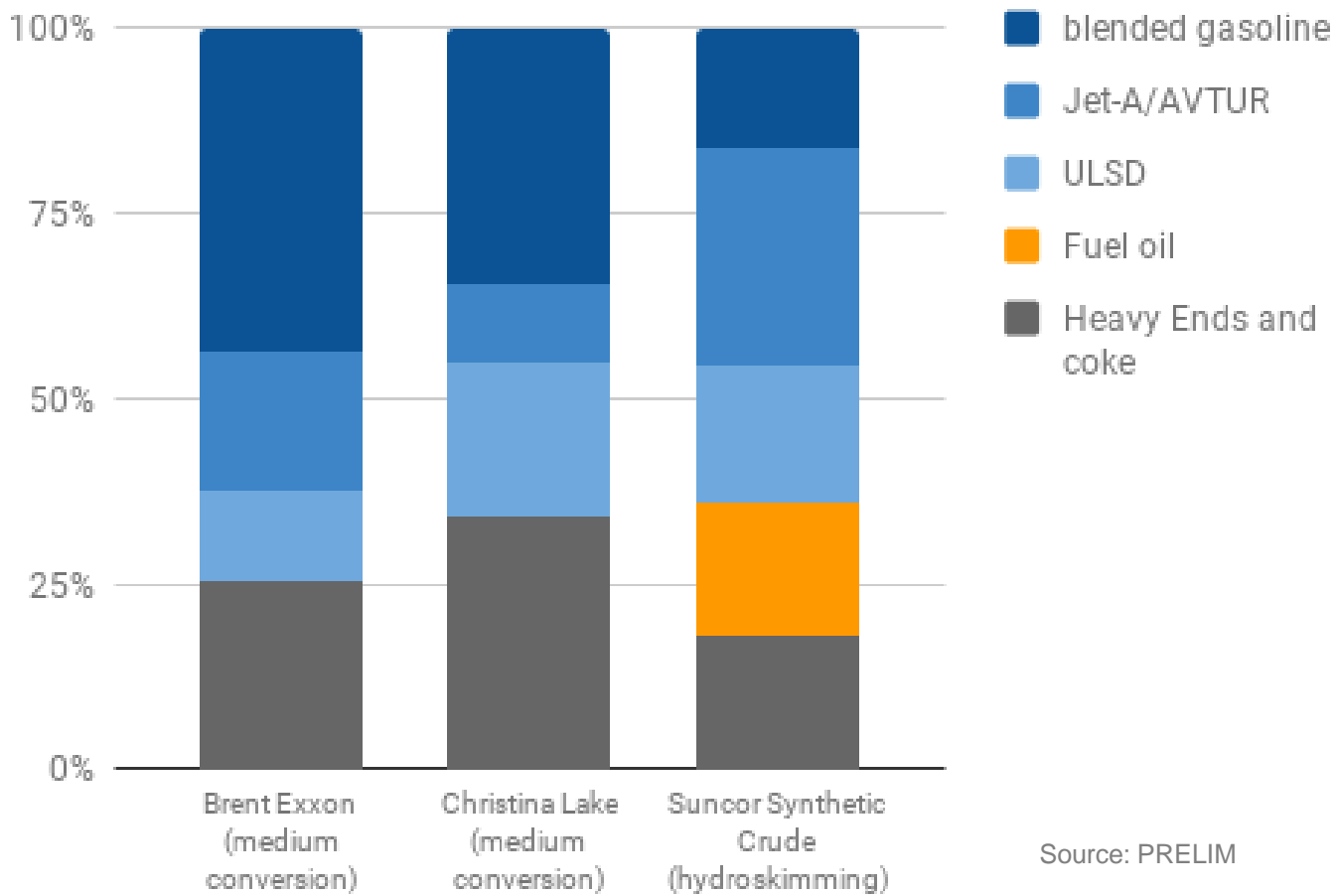
Source: Carnegie Endowment

Carbon-intensive source of oil



Low grade crude = lesser value

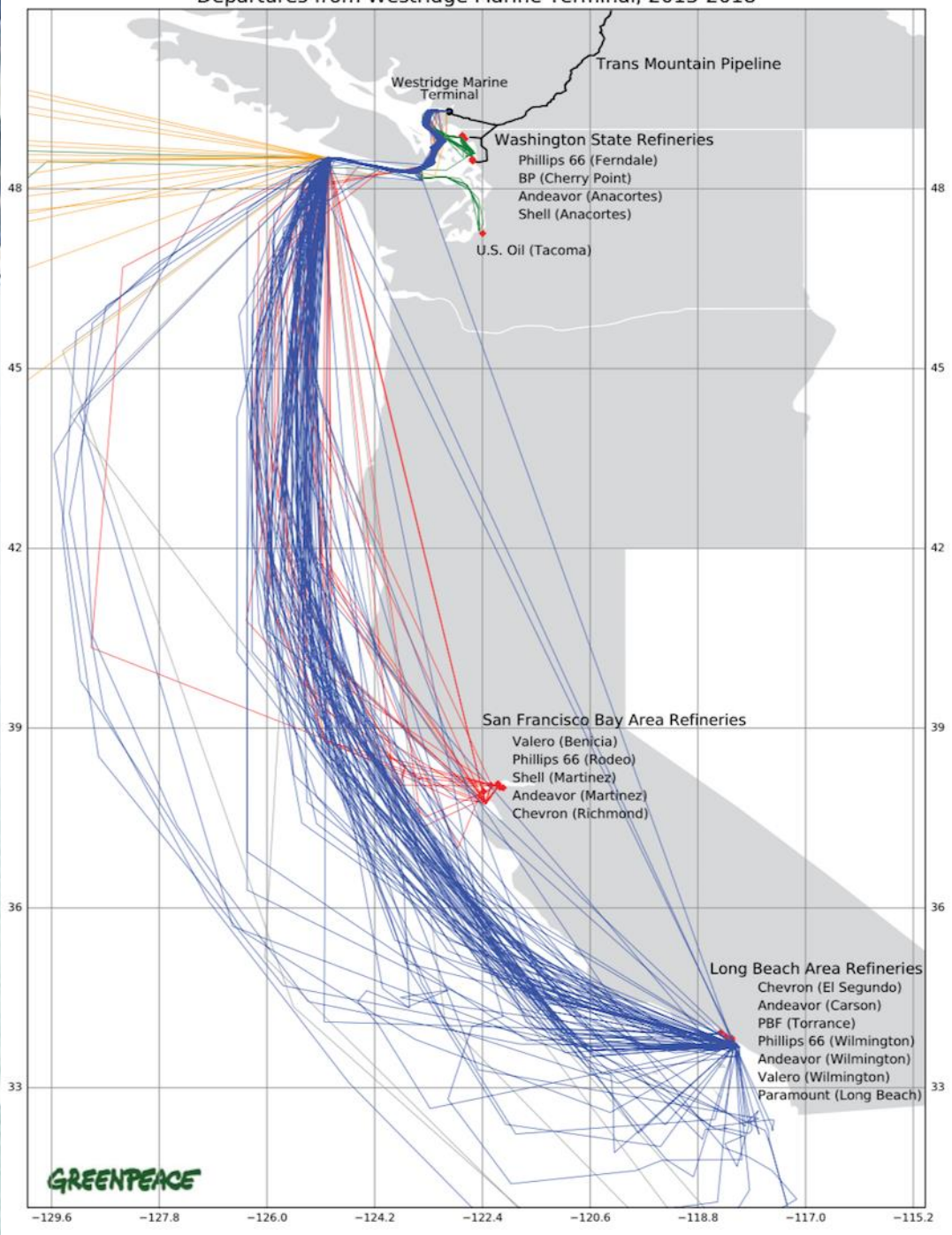
Extra heavy oil, contains higher levels of sulphur



Source: PRELIM



Departures from Westridge Marine Terminal, 2013-2018







Summary of Ozone Seasons

Year	National 8-Hour	State 1-Hour	State 8-Hour
2015*	5	4	11
2016	15	5	15
2017	6	6	6
2018	3	2	3

Spare the Air Alerts: 6/22/18, 6/23/18, 6/30/18, 7/26/18, 8/8/18, 8/9/18, 8/18/18, 8/19/18, 8/23/18, 8/24/18, 9/3/18, 9/25/18, 9/26/18

Days > 0.070 ppm 8-hour NAAQS: 8/3/18, 8/9/18, 8/18/18

*Based on NAAQS of 0.075 ppm that was in place during that year

Winter PM_{2.5} Seasons

Year	Days > 35 µg/m ³	Winter Spare the Air Alerts
2015/2016	0	1
2016/2017	0	7
2017/2018	8	19
2018/2019	11	11

- Spare the Air Alert Called for: 11/8/18 – 11/18/18
- Days > 35 µg/m³ 24-hr NAAQS: 11/8/18 – 11/18/18

Calendar Year Summary

Year	National Ozone Exceedances	Days > 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ due to Wildfires (PM _{2.5})	Total Days > 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (PM _{2.5})
2014	5*	0	3
2015	5*	3	9
2016	15	0	0
2017	6	14	18
2018	3	13	17

For Ozone - Days > 0.070 ppm 8-hour NAAQS: 08/03/18, 8/9/18, 8/18/18

* Based on NAAQS of 0.075 ppm that was in place during those years

For Wintertime - Days > 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 24-hr NAAQS: 12/15/17, 12/24/17, 12/30/17, 12/31/17, 1/1/18, 1/2/18, 1/3/18, 1/4/18, 11/8/18 – 11/18/18 3
 (Other exceedances occurred due to wildfires)