



NWT Perspective on Alberta Oil Sands and Tailings Ponds

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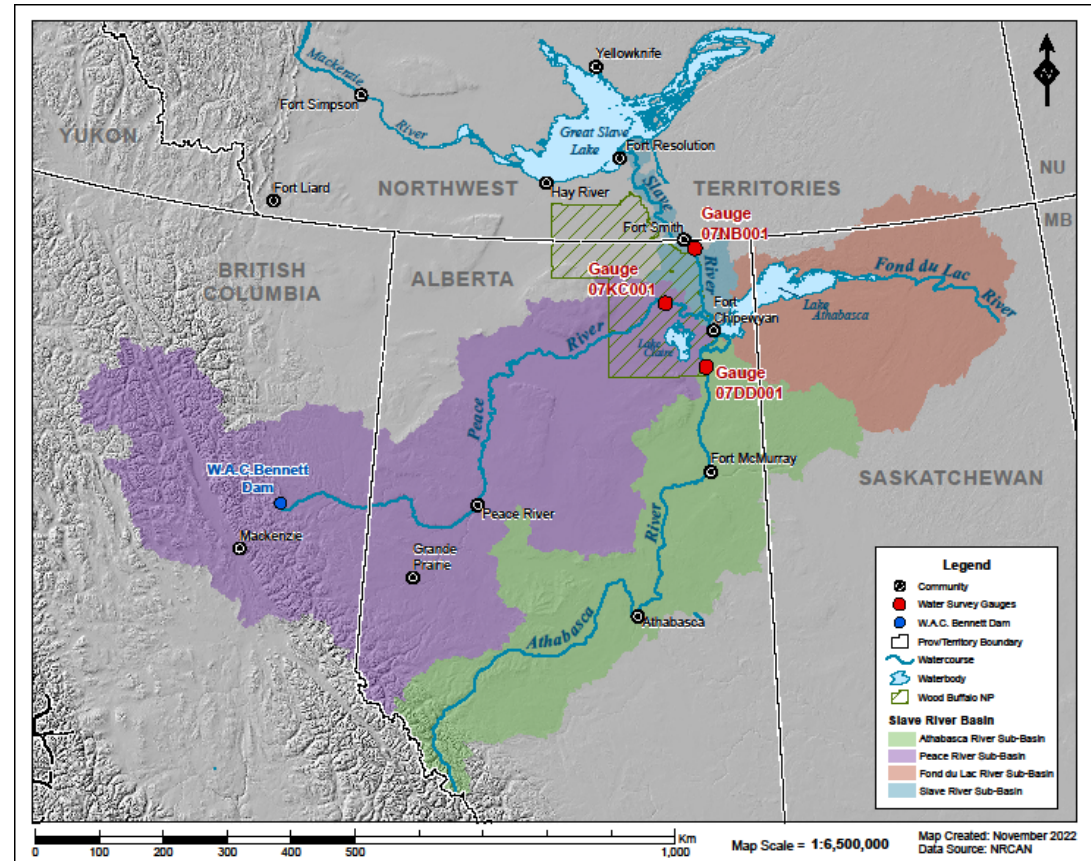


Comprehensive Transboundary Water Agreements are one key element to protect waters that flow into the NWT



All Waters from the Mackenzie River Basin Flow Into and Through the NWT

Our Agreement is intended to guide the actions of each jurisdiction



Failures to meet commitments within our Agreement

- Information sharing
- Notification
- Indigenous involvement



GNWT Position

- There should be no decision to release any treated oil sands mine water into the Athabasca unless it can be demonstrated to be safe.
- The science needs to fully address uncertainty, variability, and the cumulative impact of all the upstream activities and any decision must include traditional knowledge and address Indigenous concerns.
- Further, any decision needs to meet the commitments of the Transboundary Bilateral Water Agreement and land claim agreements.
- Northerners need to be part of the conversation and their interests must be heard.

