

# Alberta's Oil Sands: The Facts

The world's third largest proven resource of oil. **Yes.**  
Responsible. **Yes.**

> Alberta's oil sands has proven reserves of 169 billion barrels—the third-largest proven crude oil reserve in the world.

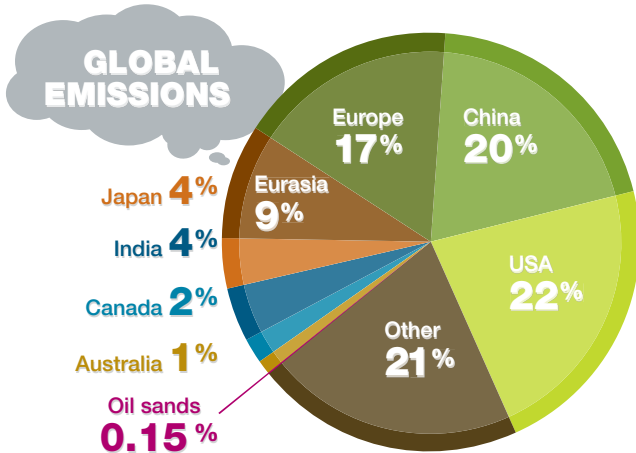
**This is enough oil to meet Canada's current oil demand for almost 400 years.**

> Alberta's oil reserves play an important and growing role in the global economy, supplying stable, reliable energy to Canada and the U.S.

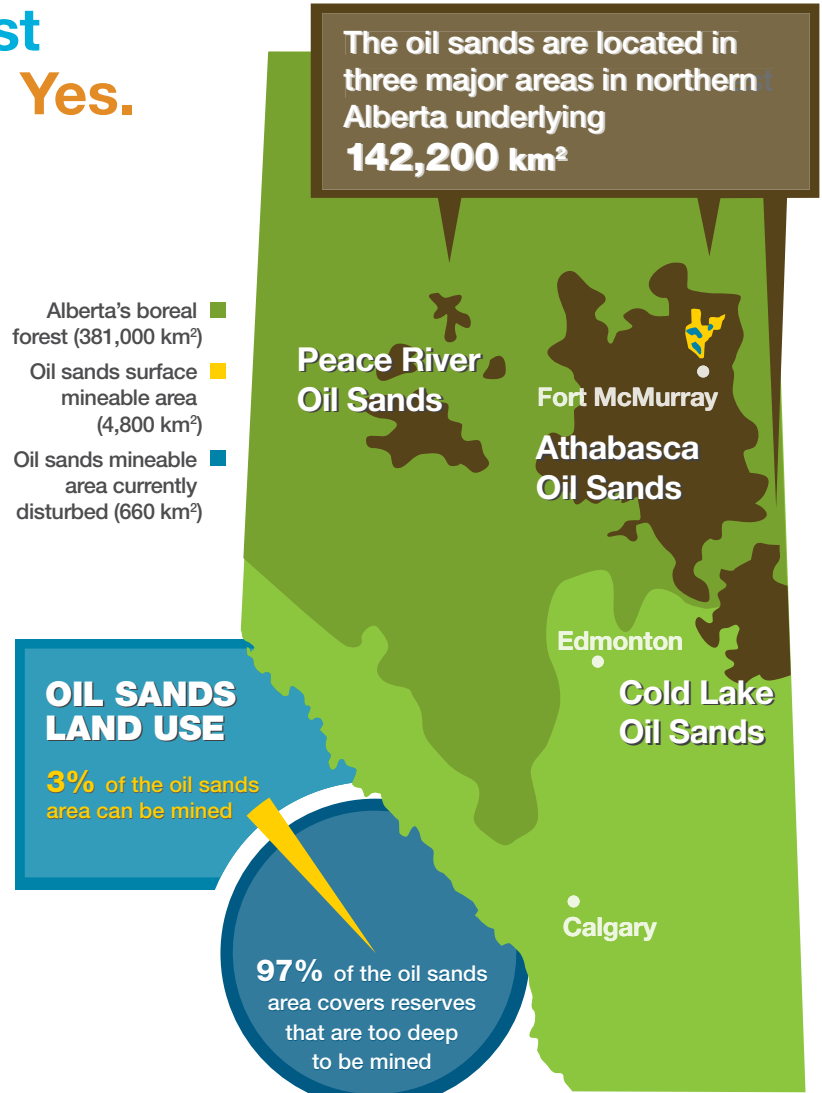
## Clearing the air.

> Alberta is the only place in North America with mandatory greenhouse gas reduction targets for all large industry.

**About 0.15% of global GHG emissions comes from oil sands development.**



> Oil sands producers reduced their per barrel emissions by 29.6% between 1990 and 2009.



## Using less fresh water.

> Water quality is continuously assessed by the Government of Alberta in addition to consultants and multi-stakeholder groups.

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## Working toward a healthier community.

> The Alberta Government is committed to continually monitoring changes in the environment and the health status of Albertans in the oil sands area and addressing concerns.

The oil sands industry is one of Canada's top employers of Aboriginals. In 2010

**about 1,700** First Nations people were employed directly by oil sands operations - about 10% of the oil sands workforce.

## Creating opportunity.

> One in 15 jobs in Alberta is directly related to energy.

**Almost 136,000** Albertans are employed in Alberta's mining and oil and gas extraction sectors.

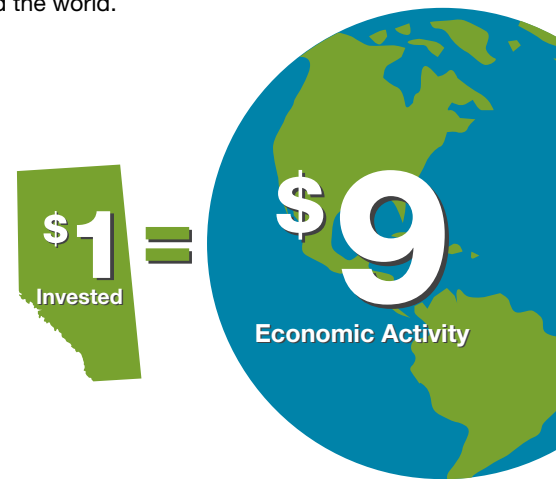
## Stimulating economic growth.

> **Every dollar invested in the oil sands creates about \$9 worth of economic activity;** with one-third of that economic value value generated outside Alberta—in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

## Caring for nature.



> Government and industry are working together to keep wildlife safe and ensure long-term health of ecosystems. **Alberta cares about how the oil sands affect our natural habitats and has strict laws and regulations governing the protection of wildlife and biodiversity.**

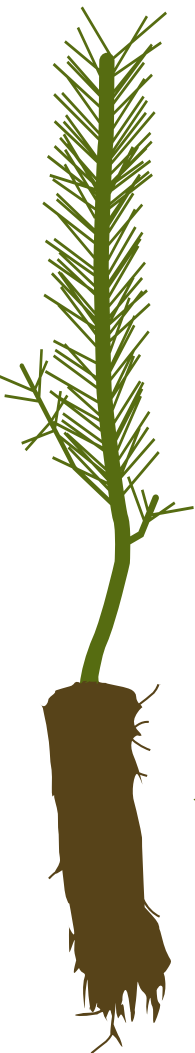


## Looking out for the land.

> Oil sands operators are legally obligated to reclaim all disturbed land to a productive state.

**x 7.5 Million**

7.5 million seedlings have been planted to reclaim the land. With many more to come.



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