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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Three meetings of the Canada/Alberta Co-ordinating Committee and one National Co-ordinator's Meeting were held in 1992/93. Topics discussed at the provincial meetings included network and program adjustments, the modernization pilot program progress, future directions, the irrigation return flow network, and modelling technology and applications. The major topic of the national meeting was the potential re-direction of Environment Canada's efforts.

The year was ushered in with the threat of a severe drought and it remained dry until mid June when the year's only major storm event occurred in the southern portion of the Bow River basin. Dry conditions prevailed throughout the year in northern Alberta which was exemplified by record low runoff in the Beaver River basin (10% of the long term mean flow). A blizzard and record low temperatures in southern Alberta in late August was a precursor to a cold winter, the first in a number of years.

The change in network from 1991/92 to 1992/93 included two new stations, one discontinued station, and seven designation changes. During 1992/93 one new station was built (for and operated by an outside agency), two were discontinued and there were five designation changes. The construction program during 1992/93 consisted of the building of the aforementioned gauging station, major maintenance work at 41 sites and electrification of six additional stations bringing the total of electrified stations to 134.

Staff training was primarily slanted toward the delivery of the modernization pilot program including a workshop on electronic data acquisition systems, computers and their applications and workshops conducted to familiarize non pilot project staff with the new instruments and procedures. All Water Survey staff were provided with a refresher two day First Aid course and were given the opportunity to attend a number of environmental stewardship seminars.

The modernization pilot project was reduced from 106 localities to 56 and, with the exception of the Peace-Athabasca Delta (PAD) area, instruments were in place by mid November 1992. Insufficient instruments were available to equip the six sites in the PAD area. Operational difficulties continued to plague the pilot program due to late delivery of instruments and equipment and because of malfunctions of the delivered equipment due mostly to power supply design problems.

Alberta Environmental Protection (AEP) paid \$1,062,600 for the program in 1992/93. The provinces share was calculated as \$1,030,991; resulting in a net overpayment of \$30,149. The reasons for delivering the program for less than had been estimated included a reduction in air charter costs, a significant reduction in motor vehicle repairs and the purchase of considerably less hydrometric equipment, material and supplies. Most of the overpayment, \$30,149, was refunded to the province as a credit on the second quarterly payment of 1993/94.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the eighteenth annual report summarizing the activities of the Canada-Alberta Co-ordinating Committee established by the Memorandum of Agreement in 1975. A sample copy of the agreement, which is essentially the same for all provinces and the territories, is contained in the Annual National Cost Sharing Report.¹

The agreement establishes the basis on which co-operative water quantity surveys are carried out in Alberta and describes the costs which are shareable and the costs borne solely by the party operating the network. It requires that the Administrators of the agreement establish a Co-ordinating Committee to plan and review network operations and to prepare annually, Schedules "A" and "D" for approval by the Administrators. Schedule "A" (Appendix A) lists the gauging stations covered by the agreement, indicates the designation of each station for cost sharing purpose, and shows the agency which operates the station. Schedule "D" (Appendix C) gives the annual cost-sharing payment to be paid by Alberta to Canada.

When the Memorandum of Agreement was signed on March 31, 1975 the existing network was reviewed to determine the division of responsibility between the federal and provincial governments. Each station was designated either 'Federal', 'Federal-Provincial' or 'Provincial', the designation not only indicating the prime need, but also the financial responsibility.

Schedule "B" (contained in the National Report) of the agreement, lists the items to be included in computing the annual payments. The federal government pays 100% of the cost of operation and construction of stations designated 'Federal' and 50% of the cost of stations designated 'Federal-Provincial'. The Provincial government pays 100% of the cost of operation and construction of stations designed 'Provincial' and 50% of the cost of operation and construction of stations designated 'Federal-Provincial'. In 1977 a formal set of guidelines was developed for the three categories. This set of guidelines was reviewed and discussed at several National Co-ordinating Committee meetings. During 1982-83 the guidelines were reviewed and rewritten by both Administrators and Co-ordinating At the end of 1982-83 agreement was reached on the new Committees. set of guidelines which were utilized commencing in 1984-85. A copy of the approved guidelines is contained in the National Report.

In Alberta, the demand for surface water quantity data and information has largely been driven by a growing population, economic decisions and resource management. Today, additional needs associated with environmental concerns and the growing public involvement in decision-making are becoming evident. Meanwhile, because of governmental fiscal constraints and, particularly in the case of the Federal

¹ Environment Canada, Water Quantity Surveys, Federal-Provincial Cost-Sharing Agreements, Annual Report.

Government, changes in policy and program support, resources to meet these needs have been reduced. The number of hydrometric stations in Alberta peaked in 1986 and numbers have declined gradually since. It is anticipated that further reductions will occur during the period of governmental deficit reductions.

It is clear that over the next decade, technological and operational changes must be made to increase efficiency to respond to these dual pressures of limited resources and increasing demand for new, improved and changing services. With these changes federal-provincial cooperation at all levels will be even more important than in the past.

Section 2.0 of this report addresses Alberta's surface water. An overview of the resource, trends and extremes of streamflow and sediment, and 1992 runoff conditions are addressed.

Section 3.0 summarizes the hydrometric network. Network changes for 1992-93 are itemized and Tables 2 to 4 summarize the designation of hydrometric stations. Historical network changes are addressed and figures are provided to indicate the evolution of the hydrometric network. Financial responsibility for the network and changes that have occurred from 1975 to 1993 are also described. A brief summary of network planning activities is provided and histograms of gauging station maturity are presented.

Operational considerations of the 1992-93 water quantity program are addressed in Section 4.0. Significant issues discussed at Co-ordinating Committee meetings are outlined; operational achieveare addressed including training, the construction ments and maintenance program, the hydrometric operation, and the modernization pilot project. The cost of operation is addressed in a detailed manner.

Section 5.0 presents an overview of planned and potential future projects.

2.0 ALBERTA SURFACE WATER

2.1 OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE

The uneven distribution of surface water runoff in the province of Alberta results in unique water management problems. Eighty-seven percent of the surface water outflow from Alberta flows to the Northwest Territories whereas less than 6 percent of the outflow comes from the low precipitation, high population, area of the South Saskatchewan River basin.

Management of the water resource in the low precipitation and high population area of southern Alberta has always been challenging. As a result, the hydrometric network in the south is considerably denser than that in central Alberta and very much denser than in the north. Sufficient water to satisfy irrigation requirements and to meet the demands of instream flow needs is particularly challenging in southern Alberta.

Problems or concerns with northern water resources didn't surface until the mid-1960's. The first event of concern was the construction of the Bennett Dam on the Peace River in B.C., which was evaluated as having detrimental effects on the Peace-Athabasca Delta. As a mitigating measure, weirs were constructed on two of the rivers from Lake Athabasca, and a hydrometric network put in place to analyze the effects Development of the oil sands in the Fort of the weirs. McMurray area during the 1970's prompted joint federalprovincial funding for cooperative studies in the area. These studies provided the impetus for establishing a more comprehensive hydrometric network in this area. The hydrometric network in this area has since been reduced because of the economic downturn and hence the slowed development of the oil sands resource.

In the late 1980's emphasis on economic development within the province shifted with the significant expansion of the pulp mill industry within the Slave River basin. This has made the flow data for the effluent receiving streams, the Peace. Athabasca and Wapiti Rivers, particularly important. To this end a Canada Water Act Agreement, the "Northern Rivers Basin Study" between the governments of Canada and Alberta was signed in September, 1991. A major component of this study will be a modelling of the major river reaches requiring accurate flow records at strategic locations. Water Survey of Canada continued to test acoustic flow meters (AFFRA) on the Athabasca River (at Hinton and near Obed) to potentially improve ice-affected streamflow data. To date. results have been disappointing.

2.2 1992/93 RUNOFF CONDITIONS

With the exception of the Bow River basin, surface water runoff in 1992 was below to much below the long term average. In the Bow River basin recorded volumes of flow were slightly above the average recorded during the period of record. Flow volumes in southern Alberta were the lowest since 1988 and a record low was recorded in the Beaver River basin.

Volumes of runoff for January 1 to October 31, 1992 for some of the major basins in Alberta are detailed in Table 1 which follows:

TABLE 1

Accumulated Streamflow Volumes at Selected Points in Alberta For the Period January 1 to October 31

Station Number		1992 Accumul Streami	2 Lated Elow	Comparative Accumulative Streamflow (1.000 Dam ³)			
	Station Name	Volume % of					
		Dam ³)	Term Mean	1991	1990	1989	
05AA024	Oldman R. nr Brocket*	700	62	1 578	1 408	919	
05AE027	St. Mary R. nr Int'l Bdry	345	55	771	555	491	
05AJ001	S. Sask.R. @ Medicine Hat	2 852	49	6 063	5 437	2 840	
05BC024	Highwood R. nr the Mouth	601	116	623	732	320	
05CC002	Red Deer R. @ Red Deer**	1 303	90	1 557	2 229	1 160	
06AD006	Beaver R.@ Cold L. Reserve	59	10	127	255	193	
07BB002	Pembina R. nr Entwistle	302	50	757	1 191	1 070	
07GE001	Wapiti R.nr Grande Prairie	1 907	66	3 146	3 796	3 220	

* Includes 266,700 dam³ in storage in Oldman Reservoir
 ** Includes 54,700 dam³ in storage in Glennifer Lake

The computed natural flow for 1992 for the South Saskatchewan River below the Red Deer River, as prepared for the Prairie Provinces Water Board (PPWB) by the Water Resources Branch (WRB) indicated a surplus delivery to Saskatchewan of 1 528 000 dam³. The calculated natural flow was 6 977 000 dam³ or 82% of the mean for the period 1967 to 1992. Southern Alberta experienced a very dry spring, Lodge and Middle Creeks and other southeastern ephemeral streams experienced virtually no runoff at all, and fears of a significant drought existed through to mid June. This fear was exacerbated by mountain snow pack levels which were much below normal water content equivalents recorded during the snow survey period of record. In addition, the warm temperatures of March and April, 1992 melted away lower level mountain snow packs by the end of April; a month earlier than usual. Indications were that the drought conditions would be the worst since 1977.

However, beginning in mid June, the weather in southern Alberta abruptly switched to relatively wet conditions to remain that way through the rest of the summer. What was to be the only significant rainstorm event broke the drought on June 12 to 15. This storm event centred on the southern portion of the Bow River basin with the centroid of the storm dropping 155mm of rain. Peak flows in Fish Creek were the highest since 1969. At Pincher Creek precipitation for the period April 1 to the end of June was 75% of normal while one month later, for the period April 1 to July 31, the precipitation was 150% of normal.

Major storage reservoirs were generally at normal to above normal levels at the end of October. Dry conditions persisted in the northern two-thirds of the province. This was particularly evident in the Beaver River basin where the volume of flow at the Beaver River at Cold Lake Reserve was only 15% of the long term average; the lowest recorded during the period of record (1956 to date). The levels of lakes in this area continued to recede with all-time lows being recorded for the second year in a row. The levels of Cold Lake also continued to recede negating use of water from the lakes by Esso Resources for their heavy oil production. Flows from Cold Lake (Cold River) were monitored utilizing a relationship between outflow measurements and Lake levels. Outflow from Cold Lake was zero during the period November 24, 1992 to April 14, 1993.

There was no significant rain-induced flood activity in Alberta in 1992.

The cooling effects of the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo significantly impacted on Alberta. In August, record-breaking low temperatures were recorded throughout the province; -3° to -5° C in southern Alberta and minus 10° C temperatures in the Peace River country. Prior to this cold snap, southern Alberta had been basking in 30° C plus temperatures. Snow occurred throughout southern Alberta flattening maturing crops which compounded the damage inflicted by the killing frosts. Up to 20 cm of snow was recorded in southern Alberta over the storm event. For the second year in a row, extremely cold temperatures were recorded in October which was a precursor to a cold winter; the first experienced in Alberta for a number of years. Considerably below normal temperatures were recorded in December and January. The cold, however, did not translate into snow accumulations in the mountains with recorded snow packs at the end of March, 1993 being much below normal. On the plains, the cold weather had the effect of reducing mid winter snow melt, such that when warm temperatures did arrive in February and March, runoff in plains streams was higher than had been recorded for a number of years. 1993 March runoff in southeastern streams was greater than the total recorded in these streams throughout all of 1992.

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3.0 HYDROMETRIC NETWORKS

3.1 HISTORICAL NETWORK CHANGES

Since the hydrometric cost-sharing agreement was signed in 1975-76, there have been significant changes in the composition of the network. These changes have included the following, during the seventeen year period from 1975-76 to 1992-93:

- 226 stations established
- 175 stations discontinued
- 110 station designation changes

Between designation changes, new station construction and station discontinuance, there has been an apparent change of nearly 100 % during the period of the cost-sharing agreement.

The history of the size of the hydrometric network in Alberta, which includes hydrometric stations operated by Water Survey of Canada, Alberta Environment, and TransAlta Utilities, is illustrated in Figure 1. In terms of the current era, it can be seen that the hydrometric network increased rapidly from the mid-50's until the signing of the cost-sharing agreement in 1975. Since the implementation of the agreement, the size of the network has remained relatively stable with an increase of 19% of the stations in the cost-sharing agreement occurring from April 1, 1975 to the end of 1988-89. The majority of this increase occurred during the few years preceding the Alberta hydrometric enhancement program and during the enhancement program period. Resource problems after this period, first by Alberta and more recently by the Federal Government. have resulted in a reduction in the number of stations operated. There was a particularly large number of stations (17) discontinued at the end of the 1990-91 year.

Table 2 indicates additions and deletions to the hydrometric network during 1992-93 and the station designations effective April 1, 1992.

Table 3 illustrates the changes which have occurred in each of the designation categories from the commencement of the cost sharing agreement in April 1975 to April 1, 1992.

Table 4 provides detailed gauging station data as of April 1, 1992.



Gauging Stations Operated In Alberta



The changing nature for financial responsibility of the hydrometric network since the inception of the cost-sharing agreement is illustrated in Figure 2. This figure includes stations in Schedule "A" operated by the province. It is readily apparent from this graph that there has been a decrease in the percentage of the federal financial contribution to the network and a significant increase in the percentage of the provincial contribution since the inception of the agreement. This is because the requirements for additional stations have mainly been of a provincial nature for regional water resource inventory and analysis, water allocation and management and flow forecasting purposes.





Network as of April 1 of Corresponding Year

NOTE: This graph includes stations operated by Alberta Environmental Protection. Prior to 1981, only the stations operated by Alberta Environmental Protections in the Peace-Athabasca Delta and Spring Creek Basin are shown in the bar graph.

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TABLE 2

WATER QUANTITY SURVEYS GAUGING STATION DATA FOR 1992-93

No. of Stations (i)		No. of No. of Stations Stations	NET	Stn. Designation April 1, 1992				
Apr.1/91	Apr.1/92	Added 1992/93 (ii)	Discontinued 1992/93 (ii)		FED.	FED. PROV.	PROV.	CONTRI- BUTED
526	529*	0	-1	-1	118 (1)	214 (1)	176 (2) 21

(i) INCLUDES CONTRIBUTED DATA STATIONS

(ii) STATIONS OPERATED BY WSC

() BRACKETED NUMBERS ARE FOR SEDIMENT STATIONS

* - 4 MORE OPERATED BY ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; ONE LESS BY MSC

TABLE 3

WATER QUANTITY SURVEYS COMPARATIVE GAUGING STATION DATA, APRIL 1/75 TO APRIL 1/92

red	Pederal Stations			Pederal-Provincial Stations			Provincial Stations		Ta	stal Stations	
Apr.1/75	Apr.1/92	Change	Apr.1/75	Apr.1/92	Change	Apr.1/75	Apr.1/92	Change	Apr.1/75	Apr. 1/92	Change
157	118	-39	221	214	-7	46	176	+130	424	508	+44

TABLE 4

WATER QUANTITY SURVEYS DETAILED GAUGING STATION DATA, APRIL 1, 1992

71	r2	F 3	74	TOTAL	PP1	19 2	FP3	TOTAL FF	P 1	P2	TOTAL	CONTRI- BUTED	TOTAL ALL
25 (0)	49 (0)	31 (0)	13 (1)	118 (1)	16 (0)	36 (0)	162 (1)	214 (1)	176 (1)	• (1)	176 (2)	21 (0)	529 (4)

() BRACKETED HUNBERS ARE FOR SEDIMENT STATIONS

Figure 3 is a histogram of active gauging station maturity in Alberta, and Figure 4 is a similar histogram, which also includes discontinued gauging stations. The histogram of active gauging stations depicts the lack of maturity of the Alberta network. As a rule, a minimum of 25 years of record is required for statistical analysis, it is evident that sufficient data, for the majority of the network, isn't available for scientific interpretation.

3.2 NETWORK CHANGES 1992-93

Changes which were made during the 1991/92 year and which are reflected in the April 1, 1992 Schedule A (contained in Appendix A of this report) are detailed in the 1991/92 report. In summary these changes included the establishment of two new gauging stations, the discontinuance of 1 station, and the redesignation of 7 stations.

Changes which are reflected in Schedule "A", April 1, 1993 are summarized as follows:

3.2.1 New Stations Established During 1992-93

Station Name	Station No.	Designation
Cold River at Outlet Cold Lake	06AF001	F2
3.2.2 Discontinued Hydrometric Stat	ions at End o	f 1992-93
Station Name	Station No.	Designation
Clearwater River above Limestone Creek	05DB003	FP-3
Eunice Creek near Hinton	07AF005	FP-1

3.2.3 Designation Changes at the end of 1992-93

Station Name	Station No.	Desig From	nation <u>To</u>
 Coal Lake Reservoir near Wetaski Martineau River above Cold Lake Mountain View Irrigation 	win 05FA016	F-2	P-1
	06AF008	FP-2	F-2
District Canal	05AD017	F-3	F-2
4. Waterton Lake at Waterton Park	05AD025	F-3	F-1
5. Waterton River near Waterton Par	k 05AD003	F-3	F-1





Histogram of Active Gauging Stations



Figure 4

Histogram of Gauging Station Maturity



The Cold River station was established to monitor the outflow from Cold Lake (Delivery to Saskatchewan) and as an integral station in the computation of natural flow and use of the waters of the Cold Lake basin. This station was established at the request of the Prairie Provinces Water Board.

The "Clearwater River above Limestone Creek" was discontinued because of operational difficulties at high flows. That is, at a certain stage unmeasurable flow began bypassing the station, thus producing gross inaccuracies in the high flow data. No alternative site could be found nearby. Upon evaluation, AEP determined that the station could be discontinued.

The station "Eunice Creek near Hinton" was discontinued because of basin changes. This station was initially set up as a control station to monitor natural flow in a small basin in an area which was subject to logging. Unfortunately in the winter of 1991/92 a portion of the Eunice Creek basin was logged negating its function as a control station.

The re-designation of the three F-3 (International) stations were done on the basis of a strict interpretation of international stations. That is, these three sites were not required to administer international treaties or for allocation purposes. However, in each case they were required for other federal programs. (Two for National Parks resource inventories and one for Interprovincial purposes.)

The Martineau River station was re-designated to an F-2 (Interprovincial) station as it was required in the production of natural flow data for the Cold Lake Basin.

Coal Lake Reservoir data were no longer required for interprovincial apportionment purposes and, in fact, the federal government had no purpose for these data and hence its re-designation to the provincial category.

In addition, a station was built on Modeste Creek near the Mouth. This station was built on a complete cost-recovery basis and is being operated by AEP for the City of Edmonton. They utilize the data for water quality forecast purposes for efficient operation of their water treatment plant.

3.3 NETWORK PLANNING

3.3.1 Sediment

The second phase of the Peace/Slave River basin sediment budget study was completed by contract to M. A. Carson and Associates. The report, "Assessment of Sediment Transport Data and Sediment Budget Analysis for the Peace/Slave River - 14 -

System, Phase II; Sediment Loads and Regional Budgets" was printed and distributed.

Two additional reports, "Regionalization of Fluvial Sediment Loads in Alberta", by Henry R. Hudson, Ph.D. and Francien Niekus and "An Evaluation of Suspended and Dissolved Solids Data Bases for the South Saskatchewan River Basin, Alberta" by Henry R. Hudson, Ph.D., were printed and distributed.

Continuing the evaluation of sediment data collected at fall program sediment stations, two contracts were let to conduct sediment station analysis reports. The first was let to M. A. Carson and Associates to analyze the data collected at the Oldman River at Waldron's Corner. The second contract was let to Hardy BBT to perform the sediment station analyses report for the North Saskatchewan River at Whirlpool Point. Both reports will be published in the 1993/94 fiscal year.

In addition, a Hydraulic and Morphologic Survey was conducted on the Oldman River on the reach from the Oldman River down to the Brocket Indian Reservation. A draft report, "Hydrological and Morphological Surveys in the Oldman River Basin" has been prepared and will be finalized in 1993/94. In all, a total of 21 cross-sections were surveyed and defined geomorphologically. This, in essence, is a baseline survey to determine pre-dam conditions. At some date, as yet undetermined, a re-survey can be performed to quantify changes wrought by regime changes due to reservoir operation.

3.3.2 Hydrometric

Much of the Network Planning/Evaluation activities in Alberta in 1992/93 were dictated by operational concerns. With funding at near static levels and needs for existing network data remaining the same, little could be accomplished with regard to network changes. Thus, adjustments were made on the basis of immediate need (Cold River station establishment) and stations were discontinued because of operational difficulties.

A report, "Network Evaluation and Planning for Low and High Flows in the Oldman River Basin, Alberta" was released in March of 1993. This report detailed network reductions, with corresponding sampling errors in low and high flow periods which would be induced by these reductions; should there be a need for network reduction.

Chapter IX of the Prairie Provinces Water Board Handbook on Administration of the Apportionment Agreement was completed. This chapter indicates the criteria/need for the hydrometric networks of small interprovincial streams for the purpose of apportionment monitoring.

4.0 WATER QUANTITY SURVEY AGREEMENTS

4.1 <u>CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS</u>

Three Co-ordinating Committee Meetings were held in 1992/93; the first on September 21, 1992, the second on November 12, 1992 and the last on January 26, 1993. In addition a National Co-ordinators' Meeting was held in Saskatoon on September 30 and October 1, 1993. While the Alberta representative had felt that this national meeting was one of the better ones, there was absolutely no follow-up to the meeting with the minutes never being released. This report, therefore, does not contain a summary cf this meeting's results. Generally the message from the federal representatives at this meeting was that Environment Canada was reviewing all monitoring programs including the hydrometric program.

4.1.1 September 21, 1992 Meeting

4.1.1.1 Carry Overs from Previous Meetings

Discussion centred on the Northern Rivers Study as to what the study entailed and whether either party had been contacted by the study office. WRB had responded to requests for several proposal reviews. AEP was unaware of any requests for similar reviews.

The late delivery of the 1991 CD ROM was discussed and AEP enquired whether they could still obtain data tapes for the hydrometric data. Subsequently they were provided with this tape. In addition WSC indicated that they would provide AEP with the 1991 data in a looseleaf format and in addition would provide several photocopies of the same.

4.1.1.2 1991/92 Annual Report

WSC indicated that the first draft of the annual report would be available by the end of October.

The final 1991/92 program costs had been calculated prior to the meeting and these showed the final Alberta share of \$957.2K whereas Schedule D had been signed for \$995.6K. This credit applied against a running deficit of \$28.3K provided AEP with a surplus in payments of \$10.1K. The reasons for the disparity between estimates and final costs were attributable to a reduced construction program due to staff shortage, a decrease in remote travel costs and normal access travel costs and in a reduced purchase of hydrometric supplies.

4.1.1.3 Estimates

Based on the final cost calculations for the 1991/92 year the costs for the 1992/93 program were recalculated as \$1,080K as compared to the

originally estimated \$1,062.6K. Schedule D was not ammended as the estimates still contained some gross assumptions. For example a 6% increase in operational expenses was assumed.

Estimates for 1993/94 had also been prepared and distributed prior to the meeting. These were preliminary estimates and were to be redone based on up-to-date information in January, 1993 at which time Schedule D would be struck.

4.1.1.4 Data Review

The review of hydrometric data along the reaches of the Red Deer and Bow River had been initiated by WSC at the request of AEP prior to the meeting and the reasons for putting this item on the agenda was to discuss the purpose of the review, to ascertain the progress of the review and to discuss preliminary results. AEP requested the review because of anomalies in the weekly natural flow modelling programs. WSC detailed the progress to date outlining revisions which were made, periods when no revisions were valid and detailed work remaining and how it was to be done. At the end of the reviews WSC was to debrief the modeller regarding revisions made and discuss areas where no revisions could be made.

4.1.1.5 Highwood River Co-operative Measurement Program

The summer co-operative measurement program on the Highwood River and its diversions went very well during the summer because of an improvement in communication between respective field staff of the two agencies.

4.1.1.6 Gauging Station Network

The Oldman River near the Mouth gauging station location was discussed as its present location is unsuitable for the AEP water quality program and because the land owner is seeking access payments. It was agreed that a joint reconnaissance would be conducted to determine whether a site suitable for both water quality and quantity purposes could be located.

WSC reported on a reconnaissance to the Cold River at the Outlet of Cold Lake. A report and photographs had been circulated prior to the meeting. AEP indicated they would be running a series of levels to the existing bench marks at the former gauge site.

The City of Edmonton had requested a gauging station on Modeste Creek near the Mouth as a integral part of their water quality model. A preliminary reconnaissance had been completed and the AEP landman was negotiating an access agreement. Once everything is in place WSC was to construct the station on a total cost recovery basis and would then turn the entire operation over to the City of Edmonton.

4.1.1.7 Peace-Athabasca Delta New Initiatives

AEP detailed a potential water quality monitoring agreement initiated because of the concerns of the Crees and Chipewyans regarding the state of their drinking water in the PAD area. Sampling would be done by AEP staff in Ft. Chipewyan. There are no implications for the water quantity monitoring program.

The potential for an ice dam to re-charge the perched basins in the PAD area was also discussed. The updating of the 1-D model was discussed and it was indicated that Environment Canada was updating the model to include data to 1990.

4.1.1.8 Project 2000

An update was provided on the P2K Pilot Project being conducted by WSC Calgary. Delays in equipment delivery, unfamiliarity with the electronic equipment and equipment problems all have contributed to staff frustrations and to delays in conducting this pilot program. Because of these difficulties the pilot size was restructured from 106 sites to 56 sites. To take up the slack, other WSC districts would be involved in specific applications of modernized equipment; eg. Real time data applications, multi-sensor applications, integration. It was also reported that the P2K team was dedicated to the program and were becoming much more comfortable with the modernized instruments and through formal training and on the job applications.

4.1.1.9 Irrigation Return Flow

Mr. Coles reported on his and Mr. Warner's visit to the Eastern Irrigation District (EID) office in Brooks. He got the impression that the District is interested in getting involved in return flow monitoring. From WRB's perspective this would be advantageous as the present requirement for return flow data for the natural flow calculations of the South Saskatchewan River for apportionment purposes is being re-evaluated. There is certainly the possibility that these data may not be required. Hence the stations would no longer be designated as federal in the agreement.

Mr. Coles also indicated that a contract had been let to Komex International to study the return flow network of the irrigation districts to determine the adequacy of present methods of measuring and estimating return flows for the variety of users of these data.

WRB had discontinued the production of the annual return flow report as there was no requirement for this report from a PPWB aspect. AEP had a continuing need for this report and sources for the required information items had been forwarded to the Hydrology Branch, AEP. If additional information was required AEP was to contact WRB.

4.1.1.10 National Co-ordinators' Meeting

The background package for this meeting had just been received by AEP but had not arrived at WRB as yet. Discussion on this meeting was postponed until September 24. Mr. Coles indicated he was preparing a one page document on PC Stream for presentation at the National Meeting.

4.1.1.11 Spring Creek Basin Re-opening

AEP indicated that an agreement among Alberta Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, University of Alberta, Daishawa and AEP was nearly in place. Two gauging stations are to be operated by AEP in the basin and clearing was anticipated to begin in 1993/94.

4.1.1.12 Beaver Removal

WSC explained their arrangements with local trappers to remove beavers from gauging station locations at two sites. A report on difficulties was to be prepared by WSC.

4.1.2 November 12, 1992 Meeting

4.1.2.1 Review of National Co-ordinators Meeting

The minutes for this meeting were not available despite promises to the contrary that they would be available by the end of October. A reminder by WRB would be sent to Ottawa. Mssrs. Valentine and Morton, attendees at this meeting, agreed that the general context of the meeting was the review of all monitoring programs by Environment Canada.

4.1.2.2 Finalization of 1991/92 Annual Report

The draft report was reviewed and minor changes were made.

4.1.2.3 Future Directions

AEP reported on their re-organization plans. The Department is to be re-organized into four services rather than three and integrated monitoring is being investigated. The present Technical Services Division is to become Technical Services and Monitoring Division which will include the Environmental Quality Monitoring Branch.

Environment Canada is reviewing all its monitoring activities with a view of shifting its resources to ecological/environmental studies. This shift and across the board budget cuts will have implications on the Agreement but the extent is indeterminable at present.

4.1.2.4 Hydrometric Data Standards

With diminishing resources possibility of establishing multi-tiered standards are being investigated. AEP is concerned this may lower the standards in general.

4.1.2.5 Gauging Station Network

Coal Lake Reservoir is not required for apportionment purposes and hence is to be re-designated from Federal to Provincial.

A permanent station on Cold River at the Outlet of Cold Lake is not required by the PPW3 at the present time.

No co-located site could be found for the Oldman River near the Mouth station and hence the gauging station will remain in its present location. AEP will investigate the possibility of having their people negotiate a land agreement.

A better alternate gauging station site to the Oldman River near Brocket gauge has been located immediately below the dam but the collection of sediment data may be a problem. AEP is to investigate the use of dam personnel.

AEP confirmed the discontinuance of the station Clearwater River above Limestone Creek.

4.1.2.6 Return Flow Investigation

AEP reported that the first draft of the report by Komex has been delayed.

4.1.2.7 Peace-Athabasca Delta

AEP provided a review of the water quality monitoring program.

4.1.2.8 Project 2000 Update

WSC reported that the 50 pilot sites were now equipped with the modernized equipment. Software for computations was being investigated.

4.1.3 January 26, 1993 Meeting

4.1.3.1 Review of November 12 Meeting Items

WRB had contacted Ottawa regarding the provision of the minutes before Christmas and it was promised that they would be sent out within the week. However these still had not arrived. The 1991/92 Annual Cost Share report was completed.

No further information on changes in AEP nor WRB directions was available for this meeting.

A federal task force on standards review has been struck and has had some preliminary discussions.

Coal Lake Reservoir is being redesignated from F-2 to P-1 on April 1, 1993. AEP will review the period of operation.

A measurement program on Cold River at the Outlet of Cold Lake has been initiated by WSC but so far lake levels are such that no measurements are required as there is no outflow.

The Oldman River near Brocket station has been relocated to the Oldman River below the Dam. The River Engineering Branch still requires sediment data at this site and WSC is to forward 1992 sediment data as soon as it is available for review as to pertinence. Some discrepancies in streamflow measurements, depending on location of measurement cross section, have been found. A further series of measurements will be conducted to determine the measurement cross section which should be used.

A revised draft of the Komex report has been provided to the irrigation committee members for review.

A software directions task force (17 members strong) has met once and held 3 teleconferences to review potential software packages for the modernization of the hydrometric computational process. The field instruments for the P2K program are all in place with the exception of three Valcom units for the PAD area. These have not been received from the supplier yet. The late delivery of instruments for the Pilot project have delayed the assessment of the program and it is hoped that the program might be extended for an additional year to the end of 1994/95.

4.1.3.2 Federal Budget Changes

It was still not clear how budget cuts to monitoring programs would affect the delivery of the cost share program. In addition the management of Environment Canada has switched from a person year basis to salary dollars. On the switch over insufficient funds were provided for the 43 person years on the Alberta WRB role. Subsequently the complement has been reduced to 41 Person Years. WRB is investigating resource transfers from other districts.

4.1.3.3 Reduction in Return Flow Network

A letter to the PPWB (copies provided to Committee Members before this meeting) detailed the need for return flow data for South Saskatchewan River natural flow computations. The letter indicated that there is a potential for eliminating the return flow data (except perhaps in very low flow years). This letter is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee of Hydrology, PPWB.

Conversely the Komex report indicates the existing network is required and that additional return flow stations should also be installed.

In summary there is a need for the existing network not only for return flow monitoring purposes but also for regulatory and liscensing purposes. There is potential for re-designation requirements, or other approaches such as monitoring by the irrigation districts or by improved monitoring procedures.

4.1.3.4 Schedule D for 1993/94

A re-calculation for schedule D was circulated prior to the meeting but this too requires additional revision as salary dollars were incorrectly calculated and network adjustments need to be taken into account. A reestimate of Schedule D is to be provided by February 8, 1993.

4.1.3.5 Bow River Data Requirements

The Bow River Water Quality Council wishes to produce an annual report and to do such they require the past year's data very soon after the end of the year. WSC indicated that they could supply the requested data by February 28 each year.

4.1.3.6 Application of Modelling Technology

Mr. Warner, Hydrology Division, detailed his plans for application of the hydrodynamic model to a selected reach of the Bow River. With this model Mr. Warner indicated there would no longer be a need for a significant portion of conventional hydrometric data and that this model could provide information anywhere along the reach for application for instream flow needs, for water quality applications, etc. Considerable discussion ensued and the Coordinating Committee felt that there were a large number of unanswered questions. These questions included:

- detailed rationale for model;
- objectives of model;
- clients:
- precision of model:
- Input required, including resources (dollars and PYs).

4.2 OPERATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

4.2.1 Training Program

Again considerable effort in the training program was pointed toward the P2K team in an effort to familiarize them with new technologies and computer applications. The P2K pilot project staff training will be dealt with in the section on P2K Programs. However the remaining WSC staff were given a one day workshop on Electronic Data Acquisition Systems (EDAS). This workshop was conducted by the P2K team members.

The Peace River sub-office staff were given a one day workshop on the use and application of power actuated tools.

Several one-half day Management/Benefits workshops were provided to the WSC staff including:

- You and Your Benefits;
- You and the Staffing Process;
- Total Quality Management;
- Performance Appraisal System;
- Public Service 2000;

All WSC staff were given a two day refresher First Aid Training Course.

Two one half day workshops on environmental stewardship and citizenship were presented to all staff. Topics were:

- What is Environmental Stewardship and Citizenship;
- Environmental Partners Fund and other environmental funding projects;
- Ethanol in gasoline:
- Save Planet Earth video.
4.2.2. Construction and Maintenance Program

The 1992/93 construction and maintenance program consisted of the following:

- one new station;
- maintenance at 41 sites;
- electric power at six sites.

The new station was constructed on Modeste Creek below Buck Creek. This station was constructed on a cost recovery basis and is not a part of the WSC hydrometric network. It was constructed for, and is being operated by AEP for the City of Edmonton to assist in their water quality studies.

The maintenance work included:

- removal of 3 discontinued stations;
- relocation of 3 sites;
- upgrading of 3 sites;
- cableway installation at one site;
- cableway maintenance at 16 sites;
- miscellaneous maintenance at 15 sites.

The installation of power at six sites continued the efforts to improve the efficiency of network operations. Power, at stilling well sites in particular, considerably reduces the time and effort field personnel must spend at stations in the spring and winter and also improves data recovery. One hundred and thirty-four gauging stations operated by WSC now have power.

Localities where maintenance, construction and electric power upgrading were carried out are contained in Table 5 and depicted in Figure 5. Additional details on this program are contained in the annual report "Alberta Gauging Station Construction and Maintenance, 1992/93".

An environmental pre-screening of each construction and maintenance project was carried out prior to the construction season. Conditions pertaining to the "Review Criteria" are listed in Table 6. The "Prescreening form is prepared in late April at which time not all requirements for maintenance have been identified. Hence Table 5, the construction program detail listings includes more stations than does the pre-screening form. However while not all are reported on, each project is pre-screened prior to the start up of the construction.

		Instrum	ntation	Shar	
Station	Construction Cost	Provincial	Federal	Provincial	Federal
Federal-Provincial M-01 ALKALI CR. NEAR THE MOUTH 05CK005	\$ 1,462.21				
M-02 BERLAND RIVER NEAR GOODRIDGE 07AC007 M-03 BERLAND RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH 07AC007 M-04 BRAZEAU RIVER BELOW CARDINAL RIVER 05DD007 M-05 BERLANCT CR. NEAR FORESTRY ROAD 05BL022 M-06 CLEARWATER RIVER ABOVE LIMESTONE CR. 05DB003 M-07 CROWSNEST RIVER ABOVE LIMESTONE CR. 05DA008 M-08 DEER CR. MAIN STEM NR SUNDRY 05CA003 M-09 EUNICE CR. NR HINTON 07AF005 M-10 FIREBAG RIVER NR THE MOUTH 07C001 M-11 FREEMAN RIVER NR FORT ASSINIBOINE 07AH001 M-12 JAMES RIVER NR SUNDRE 05CA002 M-13 JUMPINGPOUND CR. NEAR THE MOUTH 05BH009 M-14 KAKWA RIVER NR GRANDE PRAIRIE 07GB002 M-15 LIDTOR NR BLUFTON 05CC002 M-16 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER NEAR GUY 07GH002 M-18 MCLEOD RIVER ABOVE EMBARASS RIVER 07AF002 M-20 MUSKEG RIVER NEAR GRANDE CACHE 07A002 M-21 NORTH RAM RIVER AT FORESTRY ROAD 05CC010 M-22 LODMAN RIVER NEAR FOREAR GRANDE CACHE 07A002	1,885.42 1,005.82 492.20 458.74 1,359.53 2,0115.86 4,596.33 5,980.34 3,807.17 3,807.17 873.12 2,9930.91 873.84 2,459.33 7,513.10 3,475.850		2,500.00		
M-24 RED DEER RIVER AT DRUMHELLER 05CE001 M-25 REDEARTH CR. NR REDEARTH 07JC002 M-26 THREEPOINT CR. NR MILLARVILLE 05BL013 M-27 WAINSCOTT COULEE NR BROWNVALE 07FD014 M-28 WHITEMUD RIVER NR DIXONVILLE 07HA005 M-29 WILDHAY RR NR HINTON 07AC001 M-30 WILLOW CR. ABOVE CHAIN LAKES 05AB028	3,767.80 1,223.47 8,748.28 224.70 883.26 3,107.91 473.43		2,500.00		
TOTAL F/P MAINTENANCE COSTS	\$66,206.68	\$ 0.00	\$5,000.00	\$33,103.34	\$38,103.34
Federal					
M-31 E.I.D. MORTH BR. CANAL NR BASSANO 05CJ011 N-33 W.I.D. CANAL NR CHESTERMERE LAKE 05BM003	\$ 2,5/5.96 5,621.08 893.39				
TOTAL FEDERAL MAINTENANCE COSTS	\$ 9,092.42				\$ 9,090.42
Provincial N-34 BUFFALO LAKE NR ERSKINE 05CD005 M-35 ELBOW RR ABOVE ELBOW FALLS 05BJ006 M-36 ELDER CK. AT HIGHWAY 686 07HB002 M-37 LITTLE SMOKY RIVER AT LITTLE SMOKY 07GG002 M-38 MCLEOD RIVER NR WHITECOURT 07AG004 M-39 MINISTIK LAKE NR NEW SAREPTA 05EB013 M-40 PEMBINA RIVER NR ENTWISTLE 07BB002 M-41 WILLOW CR. BELOW LANE CREEK 05AB039	\$ 6,170.13 673.47 671.14 866.12 875.51 2,393.73 1,979.11 373.06		\$2,500.00		
TOTAL PROVINCIAL MAINTENANCE COSTS	\$ 14,002.27		\$2,500.00	\$ 14,002.27	\$ 2,500.00
Private				<u>\</u>	
C-1 MODESTE CR. BELOW BUCK LAKE CREEK TOTAL PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION COSTS	\$ 2,982.79 \$ 2,982.79				
TOTAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	\$92,282.16		\$7,500.00	\$ 47,105.61	\$49,693.76

C = Construction

M = Maintenance

TABLE NO. 6

POWER INSTALLATION COSTS

1992 -	1993
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	STATION		POWER COMPANY	WTRING	SH	ARE
 	SINTON		COSTS	COSTS	PROVINCIAL	FEDERAL
FEDE	RAL-PROVINCIAL					
E1 E2	BIGKNIFE CRK. NR GADSBY RAY CRK. NR INNISFAIL	05FC002 05CE010	\$ 1,094.61	\$ 695.50 695.50		
E3 	RIBSTONE CRK. NR. EDGERTON	05FD001	1,968.80 \$ 5,687.05	807.85		\$ 7,885.90
FEDE	RAL		 	 	 	
E4	LESSER SLAVE RIVER AT SLAVE LAKE	07BK001	\$ 255.00	\$ 450.00		
	SUB TOTAL		\$ 255.00	\$ 450.00		705.00
PROV	INCIAL		 	 	 	
E5	COYOTE CRK. NR CHERHILL KILLARNEY LAKE TRIB. NR CHAUVIN	0788014 05ga010	\$ 0.00 1,647.90	\$ 998.31 807.85		
 	SUB TOTAL		\$ 1,647.90	 \$ 1,806.16		3,454.06
	TOTAL		 \$ 7,589.95 	 \$ 4,455.01 		\$12,044.96

Table No. 7

REVIEW CRITERIA FOR PRE-SCREENING OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES



1. Clearing

2. Top soil removal

3. Culverting

4. Channel dredging

5. Weir construction

6. Rip rap placement

7. Herbicide usage

8. Stream infill

9. Chemical preservatives

10. Bank excavation

11. Permafrost disturbance

12. Drainage

13. Drilling and blasting

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Table No. 8

PRESCREENING FORM

INLAND WATERS DIRECTORATE WESTERN & NORTHERN REGION

Branch / District Calga	Branch/District Calgary District Responsibility Centre Manager <u>G. H. Mortan</u> Fiscal Year <u>92-</u>							Fiscal Year 92-93
	PROJECT DET	TAILS						CONCLUSION
Location		Type of	Composedia	Sch	dule	Potential Impact	Mitigative	Consultation
River/Lake	latitude/longitude	(2)		Start	Finish	Area (b)	(C)	
W.I.D. Canal	51 01/113 50	2	10	Apr	Apr	-4-		
Ray Creek	52 00/113 35			Apr	Apr	3		
E.I.D. Main Canal	50 43/112 21	2		Apr_	Apr	_4		
Threepoint Creek	50 46/114 17		10	Apr	Apr			
Deer Creek	51 39/115 08	22		May	May	4		
E.I.D. N. Br. Canal	50 45/112 25		10	May	May_	4		
James River	51.55/114_41	2		May_	May	-4	_4*	
Buffalo Lake	52 27/112 52	3	10	May	May	3		
Oldman R/Waldrons	49 48/114 11	2		Jun	Jun			
Sunwapta River	52 13/117 13	2	8	Jun	Jun	3		
Meadow Creek	49 57/113 39	2	2, 10	Jun_	Jun	- 4	4*	
Highwood River	50 24/114 29	2	2, 10	July	July	-4	_4±	
Pekisko Creek	50 28/114 12	_2	2-10-	July.	July_			
Brazeau River	52-52/116-34	2		July	Inly	4		
Pembina River	53 36/115 00	2		July_	July	4		
Pembina River	54 27/113 59	2	2, 10	Aug	Aug_	4	4*	
Wolf River	54 42/111 00	2		Aug	Auc	4	4*	
Little Red Deer R.	50 30/114 40	2	2. 10	Aug	Aug	4	4*	
Willow Creek	50 11/114 12	2		Aug	Aug	4		
Cataract. Creek	50 17/114 35	2		Sen	Sen	4		
Drygood Creek	49 20/114 00	2	2, 10	Sep	Sep	3	4*	
McGillwary Creek	49 38/114 31	2	10	Sen	Sen	3	4*	
W.I.D. Canal	51 01/113 50	2	10	Sen	Sep	3		
Berland River	54 01/116 57	2		Oct	Oct	4		
Grande Prairie Creek	55 22/118 54	2	4	Oct	Oct	1		
Kakwa River	54 22/118 35	2		Oct	Oct	4		
Lily Creek	55 25/114 44	2	10	Oct	Oct	4	4*	
Little Smoky R.	55 27/117 09	2		Oct	Oct	· 4		
Red Earth Creek	56 32/115 14	2	10	Oct	Oct	4	4*	
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* Site restoration by replacing top soil and seeding grass.



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4.2.3 Hydrometric Program Achievements

The hydrometric data computations for 1991 were completed on June 17, 1992, a month and half past the target date. The computations were late as a result of the extra effort required for the P2K Pilot Project and the staff shortages experienced during the year due to major illness and staffing restrictions. Compounding the late completion of the data computations was the very long delay in getting data back from headquarters for final verification. These data were finally verified on September 25, 1992. A camera ready hard copy of these data were received in Calgary on October 19, 1992. This was photocopied and six copies were provided to AEP. The sediment data for 1991 were completed and submitted to Ottawa on September 28, 1992. Unfortunately the delivery of the CD ROM containing data inclusive of 1991 was not received until February, 1993.

There was no hydrometric data audit conducted in 1992/93 but an audit was conducted in early 1993/94. A draft "Bench Mark and Levelling Policy" was developed and prepared during 1992/93. This policy recognized a tiered requirement for levels for gauging stations. Roughly the highest standard is required for water level stations (lakes, reservoirs, etc.), second highest for water quantity stations where levels are also required for such things as the flood damage reduction program, for forecasting, etc. A third tier would be for those stations for which water levels are relatively unimportant, eg. canals, return flow stations, etc.

The P2K Pilot Project was re-structured with a reduction in the pilot size from 100 stations to 56. These were operated by the same staff complement. The 40 plus stations no longer being run by the pilot team were intergrated back into the normal hydrometric operations program. This added a considerable work load to an already more than full load for the tecnologists. Fortunately the regional IWD office were supportive in recognizing this work load and WSC was able to recruit term help (2 positions) and at the same time a contract was let to digitize the field charts freeing time for the technologists to work on their computations and field program. In spite of early sceptisism this has worked out very well and field staff wonder how they were able to get along without this service in the past. A senior technologist was successful for a CIDA, 26 month assignment to Zambia and his contribution to the program was missed and compounded the work load problems. This however was a great opportunity for Mr. Chomica and at the same time is a feather in the cap of WSC getting international recognition for its excellence in program delivery.

Only one major high flow event was experienced during 1992, that on the southern portion of the Bow River basin. Field coverage was extensive during the this peak flow event and as a result the upper end of a number of stage-discharge relations were well defined.

The end of 1992 also saw the end of an era in the history of WSC with the retirement of the PDP 11 which had been used since the early 1970s for hydrometric data computations. The PDP was replaced with a Microvax 3100.

Major reviews of hydrometric data for reaches along the Bow and Red Deer Rivers as well as for Pigeon Lake water levels were conducted during the year and appropriate revisions were made. The stations along the Red Deer and Bow Rivers were reviewed as a result of inconsistencies in modelling results. In some cases data were incorrectly computed but in others no basis for revisions could be found. Discussion of the review and appropriate revisions were held with the modeller, Mr. Figliuzzi, Hydrology Branch, AEP. Water levels on Pigeon Lake were revised because of a re-levelling program conducted by AEP.

Two programs were initiated to respond to environmental issues; a station was established on the Maligne River and measurements of flows made to assist Parks Canada in a study of breeding Harlequin Ducks and a Hydrolab was installed on the Athabasca River at Hinton in preparation for potential integration of monitoring programs and to provide data for the Northern Rivers Basin Study. A Hydrolab was also installed on the Bow River at Calgary for training purposes.

A demonstration of phase I of an expert system development for stagedischarge relations was conducted by the project student from the University of Manitoba. The demonstration showed it to be a very simplified system with no direct-application at present. Data were provided for development of phase II of this project and it is hoped that this phase will be much more applicable to the hydrometric program.

4.2.4 Pilot Project 2000 Progress

It was recognized in 1991/92 that the modernization equipment for the pilot was far from "install and run" readiness but rather considerable development work and trouble shooting was required to put the parts together to get them to operate satisfactorily. This had not been anticipated when the pilot project was conceptualized. Therefore the work load on the P2K Pilot Team was considerably more than expected. Hence early in 1992/93 the Pilot was re-designed by reducing the network from 106 sites to 56 sites. These 56 sites are located as follows; 6 in the Peace/Athabasca Delta to be run by AEP, 15 in Ft. McMurray area with the remainder in the Calgary area. In all the Calgary P2K team will operate 66 total gauging stations, 16 being normal stations with no P2K involvement. In addition small pilot projects will be conducted across the Country to address specific issues. For example the Saskatchewan District is running a pilot to assess the real time data aspect of modernization, and a multi-parameter, particularly water quality aspects, testing is to be conducted by the Ontario District.

Equipment delivery problems continued to plague the pilot project. The EDAS units, to complete the instrumentation of the pilot, were tendered in late winter of 1991/92. Valcom was the successful bidder and because of other demands for their products and production delays, the last deliveries of EDAS units did not arrive in Calgary until early November, 1992. There was still a shortage of three units and thus it was decided to delay the PAD installations until 1993/94. The majority of the VEDAS units were installed in the late summer of 1992 with the last ones installed in late November. The operation of these units were not without

their difficulties as problems were encountered with power systems and voltage regulation. Several different approaches to solving these problems were proposed and are to be tested in 1993/94.

With the majority of instruments delivered in the summer of 1992, assistance from technologists from the other regions was utilized to get the stations instrumented in a more timely manner and to expose other regions to the modernization effort. In all, the regions provided a total of 14 assistants. In addition to providing invaluable help in completing the P2K installations the helpers were exposed to the entire modernization effort including bench testing of the field equipment before installation, the use of the PC9000 in automated measurement procedures and were given exposure to the new computations software (CompuMod).

1993/94 will be the first year that the majority of field sites will be instrumented with P2K instruments which provides very little time to assess the program in its entirety. It is hoped that the pilot project will be extended through 1994/95 to allow complete assessment and reporting and development of procedures for partial or full implementation (if at all) to the remaining networks.

The training aspect of modernization continues to be the most important cog in assuring the program is implemented and operated with the least difficulties. To this end the pilot team was provided with several training opportunities as follows:

- May 12 to 14: A representative from Valcom conducted a workshop on the new EDAS units;
- A one day workshop on the operation and use of Laptop computers was conducted by the Calgary Computer Scientist;
- Oct 13 to 17: A new version of CompuMod was installed and the team familiarized with it;
- October: The P2K team conducted a workshop for non P2K team members technologist;
- March 15 to 19: An updated version of CompuMod was installed and training in its use provided.

From a personnel point of view the Calgary District, Modernization Head, Mr. Bill Renwick retired. His expertice and experience can never be completely replaced but his successor, Mr. Bruce Barnetson brings his long term experience and own expertice to the project in the capacity of Acting Modernization Head. Mr. Barnetson was formerly the Hydrometric Supervisor for the P2K Team.

In addition to the pilot project several other modernization programs were conducted in 1992/93. Among these were the completion of the installation of the AMIS program for the acquisition of DCP data. This program was put into operation in July, 1992. In September, 1992 a joint meeting among equipment development specialists of the United States Geological Survey, the Operational Technology Section of Environment Canada, Hull and Water Survey Staff, Calgary was held in Lake Louise. There was an excellent exchange of data and information with direct application of a number of items to the P2K pilot. Representatives of the TAVIS Corporation, pressure transducer manufacturers, visited Calgary and made a field tour of installations.

An Acoustic Flow Meter for Remote Areas (AFFRA) has been installed in the EID Main Branch Canal for two years and a draft report was prepared on its operation and application. It was decided to operate this instrument for one more year to determine its reliability and application for measuring streamflow at variable backwater sites.

A Software Directions Task Force (17 members strong) was established to evaluate software requirements for the modernization effort. Their task objective is to determine software requirements for modernization, to evaluate existing software and to evaluate the possibility of making the software (CompuMod). One meeting and three conference calls were held in 1992/93.

4.2.5 Cost of Operation

The Summary of Financial Considerations 1992/93, Table 9 is largely based upon information contained in Appendix "B", which provides detailed information on the respective federal and provincial shares of salaries and O&M for the hydrometric and sediment networks. Appendix "B" also provides a brief description of the procedure utilized for the calculation of depreciation. During 1992-93, Alberta paid the amount of \$ 1,062,600 to the hydrometric agreement, whereas the Albera net share was \$1,030,991; an overpayment of \$31,609.

As this was the second large overpayment in a row (previous year it was \$38,400) and the total overpayment had now reached \$42,314, Canada reduced Alberta's second quarter payment of 1993/94 by \$30,149 thus reducing the total overpayment by Alberta to \$12,165.

The reason that the program in 1992/93 was delivered for substantially less than what had been estimated was because of the large reduction in the operation and maintenance vote. Reviewing specific expenditures within this vote indicated that the major component, travel expenses, were very similar in 1991/92 and 1992/93. However, the unanticipated decreases in expenditures occurred as follows:

- Conventional access air charter costs fell from \$53K in 1991/92 to \$43K in 1992/93;
- Motor vehicle repairs fell dramatically from \$72.2K to
- \$41.1K (sign of a newer fleet?);
- Purchase of related hardware items fell from \$29.6K to 15.4K;
- Expenditures associated with measuring equipment (servicing, repair, parts purchases, etc.) fell from \$22.2K to \$3.7K.

- 33 -TABLE 9

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS 1992-93

Federal \$ 897,792 66,567 \$ 2,821	Alberta \$ 955,021 70,833 \$ 14,106 100
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100	
0	400
\$ 49,694	\$ 47.106
4,648	7,397
1,847	1,853
	\$1,096,816
	1,847

(a) As specified in Appendix B, these are incremental costs.

 (b) Credit to Alberta for stations of Federal interest operated in the Peace-Athabasca Delta and operated by Alberta Environment. 11.40 Federal units x \$5,373.59 = \$61,258.93 Depreciation credit: \$137,400/343 x 11.40 = 4,566.61

Total Credit = \$65,824.54

TABLE 10

CUMULATIVE PROVINCIAL OVER OR UNDERPAYMENT FOR PERIOD OF AGREEMENT (DOLLARS)

Year	Actual Cost	Annual Payment	Overpayment (+) Underpayment(-)	% of Annual Payment
1975-76	197,852	197,400	(-) 452	(-) 0.23
1976-77	231,000	231,000	Nil	Nil
1977-78	247,430	240,000	(-) 7,430	(-) 3.10
1978-79	267,055	260,000	(-) 7,055	(-) 2.71
1979-80	353,768	370,000	(+) 16,232	(+) 4.39
1980-81	423,906	390,000	(-) 33,906	(-) 8.69
1981-82	556,741	568,240	(+) 11,499	(+) 2.02
1982-83	747,352	747,352	Nil	Nil
1983-84	812,593	796,033	(-) 16,560	(-) 2.08
1984-85	935,664	933,500	(-) 2,164	(-) 0.23
1985-86	917,865	927,000	(+) 9,135	(+) 0.99
1986-87	962,413	962,700	(+) 287	(+) 0.03
1987-88	819,624	830,579	(+) 10,955	(+) 1.32
1988-89	868,131	856,000	(-) 12,131	(-) 1.42
1989-90	922,430	920,000	(-) 2,430	(-) 0.26
1990-91	1,002,759	1,008,350	(+) 5,591	(+) 0.57
1991-92	957,200	9 95,6 00	(+) 38,400	(+) 3.86
1992-93	1,030,991	1,062,600	(+) 31,609	(+) 2.98
Total	12,253,298	12,296,454	(+) 42,314	(+) 0.34

Note: In the second quarter of 1993/94 Alberta's quarterly payment was reduced by \$30,149 as a credit for the net overpayment. Thus total overpayment by Alberta to date is \$12,165.



Figure 7



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A summary of hydrometric units per staff indicates a steady increase from the inception of the hydrometric agreement in 1975-76 to 1980-81 with the first decrease occurring in 1981-82. During 1986-87, hydrometric units per staff rose above thirteen and had remained there, or above until 1991-92 year when it fell slightly below to 12.74. In 1992-93 units/staff fell another 0.59 per staff to 12.15 units/staff. This continuing reduction in station units per staff can be attributed to the considerable extra work load created by the P2K Pilot Project and hence the addition of extra staff to provide standard coverage of the regular hydrometric network (formerly covered by the activities of staff diverted to the P2K program). Of course, added staff were untrained and are in the Career Development Program and hence their work load (i.e. units operated) are considerably less than those operated by a fully experienced technologist. The history of changes in units operated per hydrometric staff are depicted in Figure 6.

A similar type of summary for hydrometric station unit costs, depicted in Figure 7, indicates a minimal annual increase during the first five years of the agreement. During 1980-81 a significant increase in unit costs occurred and this trend remained to the end of 1982-83. A significant decrease in the percent increase from the previous year occurred in 1983-84 and is a reflection of the federal government's 6 and 5 program. The principal reason for the small increases which occurred during the initial years of the agreement is due to the large increase in the hydrometric units/staff. The decrease which occurred in 1985-86 is unusual, as is the slight increase in 1987-88. The significant increase in 1989-90 is also unusual, and is due to a large salary contract settlement of costshareable employees. The large percentage increase in 1990/91 is also attributable to the technologists' salary settlement of 1989/90 which provided for a healthy increase in wages in 1990/91 as well as in 1989/90. The increase of 4.2% in 1991/92 was in line with cost index increases. An increase of 4.8% in 1992/93 was above the cost index increase factor but is reflective of the extra staff brought on to ameliorate the work load placed on the hydrometric staff by the operation of the modernization pilot project.

The summary of the cost to Alberta and of the actual payments by Alberta for the period of the agreement, Table 9 indicates that although Alberta had underpaid during the initial years of the agreement, the overpayment in 1979-80 had brought the payments for the five-year period close to the actual cost of the program to Alberta. (N.B. - The actual cost for 1978-79 differs from the amount in the National Memorandum of Agreement report and the reason for this is provided in the 1978-79 Alberta Memorandum of Agreement report.) At the end of the eighteen year period from 1975-76 to 1992-93, the overpayment by Alberta is +0.34 of the total expected payment from Alberta during this period. The overpayment of \$31.6 this year increased Alberta's total overpayment but his was partially offset by the credit of \$30.1K applied to the second quarter payment of 1993/94. This adjustment reduced Alberta's overpayment to \$12.2K or 0.10% of the total expected payment.

It should be noted that an attempt to balance yearly payments is easier said than done. An example would be 1988-89 when Alberta paid \$6,000 in excess of Schedule "D", based on an estimate of final costs in mid-March



However, in the end, Alberta's costs were \$18,131 greater than 1989. Schedule "D" resulting in an underpayment. In 1990/91 Alberta was able to get additional funding over and above that indicated in Schedule "D" \$37,150) because of flood damages and extra overtime salary dollars incurred to cover the flood events. These additional funds covered these additional costs and the regular program came in slightly lower than estimated with the result that Alberta made an overpayment of \$5,591 to reduce their deficit to only 0.28% less than the accumulated cost of the program. The excess payment recorded this year is a result of the program being delivered for much less operation costs than had been anticipated when preparing budget estimates. This large reduction in operation costs was due in large part to the low runoff year which had only one significant rainstorm event and next to no spring runoff. This of course meant that much less extra travelling and resultant costs were required. In addition a large portion of operation costs were diverted to the modernization pilot project; as non cost-shareable items.

Schedule "C" of the Memorandum of Agreement for Water Quantity Surveys describes procedures for preparation of annual reports. The procedure described in Schedule "C" is designed to make an approximation of Schedule "D' for the forecast year. In this case, the estimate would be for the 1994/95 fiscal year and would be utilized for budgetary preparation purposes. Normally the data contained in this report, an estimated size of network, a cost index factor and an estimate of the construction and maintenance program would be utilized to prepare the cost estimate for the forecast year. However, the forecast for 1994/95 is not included in this report (as agreed to at the Co-ordinating Committee Meeting of October 21, 1993) because it is anticipated that the budgets of both the Federal and Provincial governments will be subject to substantial cuts, due to deficit reduction programs, the amount of which are yet unknown and hence networks will have to be cut to match assigned budgets. It is anticipated that budget amounts will be available in January, 1994 at which time network and operation adjustments will be made to adhere to assigned amounts.

The financial information contained in Tables 10 and 11 are a summary for input to the Annual National Cost-Sharing Report. The format and required input to Table 10 vary from the determination of the cost-sharing amounts in Alberta, and thus these values should not be compared.

TABLE 11

WATER QUANTITY SURVEYS

TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS & SHAREABLE COSTS FOR 1992-93 (\$1000)

Province	Total Program ¹			Shareable Costs								
	P/Yrs	Salary	Oper- ating	Capital	Total	P/Yrs	Salary	Oper- ating ²	Const. ³	Total	Fed. Share	Prov. Share ⁴
Alberta	43.0	2095.4	826.9	211.1	3133.4	28.5	1352.1	646.0	112.5	2110.6	1018.6	1092.0

NOTE:

 $^{1}\,$ These costs don't include those associated with the FEA unit.

² Operating costs are comprised of \$508.0K as described in Appendix B and \$138.0K for depreciation as shown in Summary of Financial Considerations.

³ Construction costs are comprised of \$108.8K for the program and \$3.7K for depreciation.

⁴ Credit to Alberta for operation of F and FP stations in the Peace-Athabasca Delta (PAD); FP resulted in an Alberta actual cost of \$1031.0K, as shown in Table 8.

TABLE 12

WATER QUANTITY SURVEYS

COMPARISON - SCHEDULE "D" COSTS WITH ACTUAL COSTS AND PAYMENTS 1992-93 (Dollars)

Province	Salary & Sched. "D"	Operation Actual Cost	Const: Sched. "D"	Actual Cost	Sched. "D"	-Total	Differ- ence	Annual Payment Received	Received Minus Actual
Alberta	1,015,200	974,690	57,400	56,4 00	1,062,600	1,931,000	31,500	1,062,600	(+)31,600

5.0 FUTURE PROGRAMS

The primary program plan is to maintain, as much as possible, the existing network and the quality of data collected to meet the needs of client agencies realizing however that several factors are mitigating against a status quo resource level for monitoring. It is felt that the levels of network and data quality for 1993/94 can be maintained at 1992/93 levels but that substantial reductions in the network and in perhaps data collection techniques may be inevitable in 1994/95 and beyond. These changes may occur because both the Federal and Provincial governments are determined to reduce the levels of budget deficits and hence less monies will be available for all government programs. In the case of the Federal government the plan is to cut 20% of the monitoring budget over a three year period (the plan is to however re-invest half of this cut back into the monitoring programs for modernization and other monitoring strategies). In the case of the province it is anticipated that substantial budget cuts to every department will occur in 1994/95; a 20% cut has been indicated for every department but the effect of that cut on networks is as yet not determined. In addition a major re-organization of Environment Canada in 1993/94 could impact the hydrometric program.

Possible strategies to minimize the damage to the hydrometric programs will be investigated and implemented including the possibility of tiered standards for hydrometric stations, changes in measurement programs to increase the efficiency of field operations and through modernization efforts. Resource savings through modernization will be minimal as the major operation costs in hydrometric data collection are directed towards the definition of stagedischarge relations which cannot be automated at present with any degree of resource saving. A first step in network reduction will be an evaluation of so called "problem stations" where data collected often do not meet national standards for a variety of reasons but mostly because of very unstable stagedischarge relationships primarily due to beaver activity.

All but one of the former long term full program sediment stations have now been analyzed. The remaining station, "Oldman River near Lethbridge" will be analyzed in 1993/94 and a corresponding report will be prepared.

Because of resource constraints it is anticipated that there will be very little in the way of new station construction. The construction program over the next few years will thus be comprised of mostly maintenance of the existing network and the removal of discontinued stations.

The instrumentation of the modernization pilot project in Alberta was completed (exception were the sites in the PAD area because of shortage in equipment) in the fall of 1992. Thus Water Survey of Canada will be operating the full pilot in 1993/94. This pilot was to end at the end of the 1993/94 fiscal year but because of its late implementation due to late deliveries of instrumentation it is hoped to extend the pilot through to the end of the 1994/95 year. This would allow for two full years of data collection at pilot stations thus providing sufficient data for comparison purposes. It is anticipated that sufficient instrumentation will be available to fully instrument the AEP portion of the pilot in 1993/94. Major efforts of the pilot will be diverted from "familiarization with and making the new instrumentation work" to modernized data computations procedures and

comparison of data collected and processed in the modern and traditional methods.

In addition to the pilot project other modernization efforts will include the continued operation of AFFRAs on the Athabasca River at Hinton and near Obed. the evaluation of the AFFRA program on the EID Main Branch Canal and the operation of a Hydrolab on the Athabasca River near Hinton. The AFFRAs on the Athabasca River are being operated in the hopes that accurate flow data can be produced under ice conditions and that if this is the case that these data could then be utilized as input/output points in the modelling of the river reach for the Northern Rivers study. The Hydrolab is being operated to gain experience in the operation of this instrument in anticipation of integrated monitoring efforts. The AFFRA installed on the EID Main Branch Canal will have been operating for three full years at the end of the 1993 irrigation season and an evaluation of its reliability, applicability and accuracy will be made to determine its fate. If it has proven successful it will replace the existing three stations on the EID diversion canals which are presently utilized to determine total diversion from the Bow River to the Eastern Irrigation District.

The major unknowns for future operations of the hydrometric program in Alberta will continue to be the size of budget reductions and re-organization effects on the program.

APPENDIX "A"

SCHEDULE "A"

OF

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

AND

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

April 1, 1992



SUBDESIGNATION - FEDERAL DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS (1)

ND.	Station Name	STATION	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATIO	n access Remote Normal
	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta dist	IRICT			
1 2 3 4 5	ATHABASCA RIVER NEAR JASPER BOW RIVER AT BANFF BOW RIVER AT LAKE LOUISE BRENSTER CREEK NEAR BANFF CASCADE RIVER ABOVE LAKE MINNENANKA	07AA002 05BB001 05BA001 05BB004 05BD005	X X X X	X X X X	****
6 7 8 9 10	Johnston Creek Near the Mouth Lesser Slave River at Slave Lake Maligne River Near Jasper Miette River Near Jasper Mistaya River Near Saskatchewan Crossing	058A006 078K001 07AA004 07AA001 058A007	X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X
11 12 13 14 15	North Saskatchewan River at Whirlpool Point Pipestone River Near Lake Louise Redearth Creek Near the Houth Silverhorn Creek Near the Houth Snake Indian River Near the Houth	0504009 0584002 0588005 0504010 0748002	X X X X	x x x x	X X X
16 17	SUNWAPTA RIVER ATHABASCA GLACIER WHIRLPOOL RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH	07 0007 07 0009	X	X	X
	OPERATED BY - ALBERTA GOVERNMENT				
12345	Lake Athabasca at Bustard Island Lake Athabasca at fort Chipenyan Lake Claire Near Outlet to prairie River Manani Lake Channel at Old Dog Camp Peace River Below Chenal des Quatre Fourches	07MD002 07MD001 07KF002 07KF003 07KF003	X X X X	X	X X X X
6 7 8	RIVIERE DES ROCHERS ABOVE SLAVE RIVER RIVIERE DES ROCHERS EAST OF LITTLE RAPIDS RIVIERE DES ROCHERS WEST OF LITTLE RAPIDS	07NA001 07NA007 07NA008	x x x	x	XXX

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SUBDESIGNATION - INTERPROVINCIAL WATERS (2)

ND.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATIO 8M 12M	Remote Normal
	OPERATED BY - WATER SURVEY OF CANADA, ALBERTA DIS	TRICT			
1 2 3 4 5	Battersea drain near the mouth *Battle River Near the Saskatchewan Boundary Beaver River at Cold Lake Reserve Bountiful Coulee Inflow Near Cranford Bow River at Calgary	05AD038 05FE004 06AD006 05AG026 05BH004	X X X X	x x x x x x	X
6 7 8 9 10	BOW RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH B.R.D. DRAIN A NEAR HAYS B.R.D. MAIN CANAL -BOXELDER CREEK AT HARGRAVES RANCH -BOXELDER CREEK NEAR WALSH	058N012 05AG004 05AC004 05AH050 05AH001	X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X
11 12 13 14 15	CANADIAN ST. MARY CANAL NEAR SPRING COULEE COAL CREEK AT BOW CITY CLEARWATER RIVER ABOVE CHRISTINA RIVER COAL LAKE RESERVOIR NEAR WETASKIWIN COLD LAKE AT COLD LAKE	05AE026 05BN014 07CD005 05FA016 06AF002	X X X X	X X X X X	X X X
16 17 18 19 20	CROMFOOT CREEK NEAR CLUNY DICKSON REVERVOIR NEAR DICKSON DRAIN L-5 NEAR DIAMOND CITY DRY COULEE NEAR MAGRATH E.I.D. EAST BRANCH CANAL NEAR LATHOM	058M008 05C8006 05AD040 05AE041 05CJ003	X X X X X X	X X X X X X	X X X X
21 22 23 24 25	E.I.D. NORTH BRANCH CANAL NEAR BASSAND E.I.D. SPRINGHILL CANAL NEAR LATHOM EXPANSE COULEE NEAR THE MOUTH HIGHWOOD DIVERSION CANAL NEAR HEADGATES L.N.I.D. CANAL ABOVE OLDMAN FLUME	050 J001 050 J004 0546003 058L025 0548019	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
26 27 28 29 30	LITTLE BOW CANAL AT HIGH RIVER LITTLE BOW RIVER AT CARMANGAY LITTLE BOW RIVER BELOW TRAVERS DAM LITTLE BOW RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH M.I.D. CANAL NEAR SPRING COULEE	05BL015 05AC003 05AC012 05AC023 05AE021	X X X X	X X X X	X X X
31 32 33 34 35	MATZHIWIN CREEK BELOW WARE COULEE NEW WEST COULEE NEAR THE MOUTH OLDMAN RIVER NEAR LETHBRIDGE \$PEACE RIVER AT PEACE POINT POTHOLE CREEK AT RUSSELL'S RANCH	05CJ012 05BN006 05AD007 07KC001 05AE016	X X X X X	X X X X	x x x x
36 37 38 39 40	RED DEER RIVER NEAR BINDLOSS RONALANE WASTEWAY NEAR HAYS ROSEBUD RIVER AT REDLAND ROSS CREEK AT MEDICINE HAT SEVEN PERSONS CREEK AT MEDICINE HAT	05CK004 05BN007 05CE005 05AH049 05AH005	X X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X
41 42 43 44 45	SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER AT HIGHWAY NO. 41 \$SLAVE RIVER AT FITZGERALD ST. MARY RESERVOIR NEAR SPRING COULEE TWELVE MILE CREEK NEAR CECIL U.I.D. CANAL NEAR HILL SPRING	05AK001 07NB001 05AE025 05BN002 05AD013	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X
46 47 48	WAPITI RIVER NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE WATERTON RESERVOIR W.I.D. CANAL NEAR CHESTERMERE LAKE	075E001 05AD026 05BM003	x ` x	x	X X X

SUBDESIGNATION - INTERPROVINCIAL WATERS (2)

NC.	STATION NAME	STATION	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATION 8M 12M	ACCESS REMOTE NORMAL
1	Operated by - Alberta Government Oldman Dam Reservoir Near Pincher Creek	0500032	x	X	X
	-GAUGING STATION LOCATED ON SASKATCHEWAN SIDE OF ALBERTA-SASKATCHEWAN BOUNDARY BUT OPERATED BY THE ALBERTA DISTRICT.				

*GAUGING STATIONS LOCATED IN ALBERTA BUT OPERATED BY THE REGINA DISTRICT

\$GAUGING STATIONS LOCATED IN ALBERTA BUT OPERATED BY THE YELLOWKNIFE DISTRICT

SUBDESIGNATION - INTERNATIONAL WATERS (3)

ND.	STATION NAME	STATION	RECORD OBTAINED FLOW LEVEL SED.	OPERATION BM 12M	ACCESS REMOTE NORMAL
	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta dist	RICT			
1 2 3	*BARE CREEK RESERVOIR NEAR ELKWATER BEAR CREEK NEAR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY BELLY RIVER NEAR MOUNTAIN VIEW	11AB094 11AA028 05AD005	X X	X X X	X X
4	BREED CREEK NEAR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY *CRESSDAY RESERVOIR NEAR CRESSDAY	11AA040 11AB097	x x	X X	X X
6 7 8	*GREASEWOOD RESERVOIR NEAR ELKWATER *JAYDOT RESERVOIR NEAR JAYDOT +LAKE SHERBURNE	11AB092 11AB098 05AE036	XXX	x x	X X X
9 10	LEE CREEK AT CARDSTON *MASSY RESERVOIR NEAR ELKWATER	05AE002 11AB104	x x	x X	X
11 12 13 14 15	 MICHELE RESERVOIR NEAR ELKWATER MIDDLE CREEK NEAR THE SASKATCHEWAN BOUNDARY MILK RIVER AT EASTERN CROSSING OF INT'L BOUNDARY MILK RIVER AT MESTERN CROSSING OF INT'L BOUNDARY 	11AB091 11AB009 11AA031 11AA005 11AA025	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X
16 17 18 19 20	MINERS COULEE NEAR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY *MITCHELL RESERVOIR NEAR ELXMATER MOUNTAIN VIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT CANAL *NORTH FORK MILK RIVER ABOVE ST. MARY CANAL NORTH MILK RIVER NEAR INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY	11AA029 11AB099 05AD017 11AA032 11AA001	X X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
21 22 23 24 25	*REESOR RESERVOIR NEAR ELKWATER ROLPH CREEK NEAR KIMBALL SAGE CREEK AT & RANCH NEAR WILD HORSE +SOUTH FORK MILK RIVER NEAR BABB +ST. MARY CANAL AT ST. MARY CROSSING	11AB090 05AE005 11AA026 11AA033 05AE029	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
26 27 28 29 30	ST. MARY RIVER AT INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY +SWIFTCURRENT CREEK AT SHERBURNE VERDIGRIS COULEE NEAR THE MOUTH *WALBURGER COULEE BELOW DIVERSIONS WATERTON LAKE AT WATERTON PARK	05AE027 05AE033 11AA038 11AB086 05AD025	X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X
31	WATERTON RIVER NEAR WATERTON PARK	05AD003	X	X	X

* Stations operated by water survey of Canada, Regina District

+ STATIONS LOCATED IN MONTANA

SUBDESIGNATION - NATIONAL WATER QUANTITY INVENTORY (4)

NO.	STATION NAME	STATION	RECORD OBTAINED	0F 81	ERATION	ACC	ess Normal
	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta	DISTRICT					
1 2 3 4 5	ATHABASCA RIVER AT HINTON ATHABASCA RIVER BELOW MCHURRAY LAC LA BICHE AT LAC LA BICHE LESSER SLAVE LAKE AT FAUST MCLEOD RIVER NEAR ROSEVEAR	07AD002 07DA001 07CA004 07BJ002 07A6007	X X X	X	X X X	x	X X X X
6 7 8 9 10	North Saskatchewan River at Edmonton Notikewin River at Manning Peace River at Dunvegan Bridge Peerless Lake Near Peerless Lake Pembina River at Jarvie	05DF001 07HC001 07FD003 07JB001 07BC002	X X X X	x	X X X	x	X X X
11 12 13	RED DEER RIVER AT RED DEER SMOKY RIVER AT WATINO WABASCA RIVER AT WADLIN LAKE ROAD	05CC002 076J001 07JD002	X X X		X X X		X X X

SUBDESIGNATION - FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS (1)

NC.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATI BM 12	ion aci 21 rehoti	e Normal.
	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta	DISTRICT				
12345	BEAVER RIVER ABOVE SYNCRUDE BIRCH RIVER BELOW ALICE CREEK CLEARMATER RIVER AT DRAPER EUNICE CREEK NEAR HINTON FIREBAG RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH	07DA018 07KE001 07CD001 07AF005 07DC001	X X X X	X X X	X X X X	x
6 7 8 9 10	GREGOIRE LAKE NEAR FORT MCHURRAY HANGINGSTONE RIVER AT MCHURRAY MACKAY RIVER NEAR FORT MACKAY MARHOT CREEK MAIN STEM MUSKEG RIVER NEAR FORT MACKAY	07CE001 07CD004 07DB001 05BF016 07DA008	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X	x
11 12 13	RICHARDSON RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH STEEPBANK RIVER NEAR FORT MCMURRAY WHISKEYJACK CREEK NEAR HINTON	07DD002 07DA006 07AD004	X X X	X X X	X	X
	OPERATED BY - ALBERTA GOVERNMENT					
1 2 3	ATHABASCA RIVER NEAR OLD FORT Embarras breakthrough to Mamanii Creek Embarras River bijon divergence	0700011 07KF015 0700003	X .	x)	X	

SUBDESIGNATION - RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT (2)

NO.	STATION NAME	STATION	RECORD OB	TAINED	OPER 8M	ATION 12M	ACC REMOTE	ess Normal
	Operated by - Water Survey of Canada, Alberta Distr	TICT						
	SYMBOL \$ INDICATING STATION LOCATED IN ALBERTA BUT OPERATED BY WSC YELLOWKNIFE DISTRICT							
1	BEAVER LAKE AT RANGER STATION	060003	X		X			X
2	BEAVERLODGE RIVER NEAR BEAVERLODGE	076D001	X		X			X
3	BERRRY CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH	05CH007	X		X			X
4	BERRY CREEK RESERVOIR NEAR SUNNYNOOK	05CH014	X		X			X
5	BOW RIVER BELOW BASSAND DAM	05BH004	X		X			X
6	BOW RIVER BELOW CARSELAND DAM	05BH002	X		X			X
7	BULLPOUND CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH	0506003	X		X			X
8	CASTLE RIVER NEAR BEAVER MINES	0566022	ÿ			X		Ŷ
. 9	CHAIN LAKES RESERVITIR NEAR NANTON	05AB037	. Υ			Ŷ		Ŷ
10	COOKING LAKE AT COOKING LAKE	05EB012	Ŷ		X	~		Ŷ
. 11	SING RIVER NEAR FITTGERALD	07NB008	¥			x	x	·
12	FTHET LOVE NEAR COLD LOVE	0660004	<u>г</u> х		Y			Y
13	EDRSTER RESERVATE MEAR CESSEARD	0500013	Ŷ		Ŷ			Ŷ
14	HAMMERHTIL SPILLWAY NEAR & FICHEN	05BM005	Ϋ́		Ŷ			Ŷ
15	HAY RIVER NEAR MEANDER RIVER	070B003	Ŷ	•	Ŷ			Ŷ
16	HIGHNOOD RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH	05BL024	X			x		X
17	HILDA LAKE NEAR COLD LAKE	06AC003	. X		X			ÿ
18	KAKWA RIVER NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE	076B002	X		Ŷ		X	
19	KLESKUN HILLS MAIN DRAIN NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE	076E002	Ŷ		Ŷ			X
20	MARIE LAKE NEAR COLD LAKE	06AC005	Ϋ́ Χ		X			X
21	MARTINEAU RIVER ARAVE COUD LAKE	0665008	¥			¥	¥	
22	MORE LAKE NEAR COLD LAKE	060002	Ŷ¥		Y	^	^	Y
27	MIRTEL LAKE NEAR SUBNEVUTI LE	0600007	Ŷ		•	Y		Ŷ
24	· NORTH SASYATCHEMAN RIVER MEAR ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE	0500001	Y Î		Y	^		Ŷ
25	OLDMAN RIVER NEAR BROCKET	050024	Ŷ	X	Ŷ	X		Ŷ
24	INFTREE CREEK NEAR PATRICIA	050 1004	Y		Y			Y
27	PEACE RIVER AT PEACE RIVER	0740001	Ŷ		^	Y		Ŷ
20	DIVANT ROATH NEAD DICTIDE DITTE	0500037	Ŷ		Y	^		Ŷ
20		0505001	ç		^	¥		Ŷ
30	SMOKY RIVER ABOVE HELLS CREEK	0764001	Ŷ		X	^		x
31	SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER AT MEDICINE HAT	054.1001	x			x		x
32	ST. MARY RIVER NEAR LETHERIDGE	05AF004	Ŷ			Ŷ		Ŷ
33	STEEN RIVER AT STEEN RIVER	070B004	Ŷ		X	~		Ŷ
34	SWAN RIVER NEAR KINISO	078,1001	Ŷ		~	X		Ŷ
35	VERDIGRIS LAKE TRIBUTARY NEAR MILK RIVER	1100039	Ŷ		X	~		Ŷ
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36	WABAMUN LAKE AT WABAMUN	05DE002	X			X		X

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NO.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	OPER BM	ATION 12M	ACC	ess Normal
	operated by - water survey of canada, a	LBERTA DISTRICT					
1 2 3 4 5	Adams Creek Near Kinuso Alkali Creek Near The Mouth Amisk Creek Near Shonts Amisk River at Highway No. 36 Athabasca River at Athabasca	07BJ004 05CK005 05EB016 06AA002 07BE001	X X X X	X X X X	X		X
6 7 8 9 10	ATIMOSME CREEK NEAR ELK POINT BATTLE RIVER NEAR PONOKA BEAVER CREEK NEAR BROCKET BEAVER RIVER NEAR GOODRIDGE BELLY RIVER NEAR GLENWOOD	05ED002 05FA001 05AB013 06AA001 05AD041	X X X X	X X X	x x		X X X X X
11 12 13 14 15	Berland River Near The Houth Berry Creek Near Rose Lynn Bigknife Creek Near Gadsby Blackhud Creek Near Ellerslie Blindman River Near Blackfalds	07AC007 05CH008 05FC002 05DF003 05CC001	X X X X	XXXX	X		* * * *
16 17 18 19 20	BLOCK CREEK NEAR LEEDALE BOYER RIVER NEAR FORT VERMILION BRAZEAU RIVER BELON CARDINAL RIVER BROWN CREEK AT FORESTRY RDAD BUCHANAN CREEK NEAR MANNING	05CC010 07 JF002 05DD007 05DD004 07HC002	X X X X	X X X X X			X X X X X
21 22 23 24 25	BUFFALD CREEK AT HIGHWAY NO. 41 BULLPOUND CREEK NEAR WATTS CADOTTE RIVER AT OUTLET CADOTTE LAKE CASTLE RIVER AT RANGER STATION CATARACT CREEK NEAR FORESTRY ROAD	05FE002 05C5004 07HB001 05A4028 05BL022	X X X X X	X X X X	X		X X X X X
26 27 28 29 30	Chinchaga River Near High Level Christina River Near Chard Christmas Creek Near Blue Ridge Clear River Near Bear Canyon Clearwater River Above Limestone Creek	070C001 07CE002 07AH002 07FD009 05DB003	X X X X	****	X	X	X X X
31 32 33 34 35	CLEARWATER RIVER NEAR DOVERCOURT CROWSNEST RIVER AT FRANK CUTBANK RIVER NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE DAPP CREEK AT HIGHWAY NO. 44 DEEP VALLEY CREEK NEAR VALLEYVIEW	05DB006 05A4008 076B001 07BC006 076F008	X X X X	XXX	X	x	X X X
36 37 38 39 40	Deer Creek Main Stem Driedmeat Creek Near The Mouth Driftwood River Near The Mouth Drywood Creek Near The Mouth Dutch Creek Near The Mouth	05CA003 05FA018 07BK007 05AD010 05AA026	X X X X	X X X	X X		X X X X
41 42 43 44 45	EAST PRAIRIE RIVER NEAR ENILDA ELBOW RIVER AT BRAGG CREEK EUREKA RIVER NEAR WORSLEY FISH CREEK NEAR PRIDDIS FLAT CREEK NEAR BOYLE	07BF001 05BJ004 07FD013 05BK001 07CA003	X X X	X X X	X		X X X X
46 47 48 49 50	FREEMAN RIVER NEAR FORT ASSINIBUINE GHOST RIVER ABOVE WAIPOROUS CREEK GRANDE PRAIRIE CREEK NEAR SEXSMITH GROS VENTRE CREEK NEAR DUNMORE HAYNES CREEK NEAR HAYNES	07AH001 05B6010 07GE003 05AH037 05CD006	X X X X	X X X	X		X X X X

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NO.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	oper 8M	ATION 12M	ACC	NORMAL
	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta Di	STRICT					
51 52 53 54 55	HEART RIVER NEAR NAMPA HIGHWOOD RIVER AT DIEBEL'S RANCH HINES CREEK ABOVE GERRY LAKE HOUSE RIVER AT HIGHWAY NO. 63 IOSEGUN RIVER NEAR LITTLE SMOKY	07HA003 05BL019 07FD011 07CB002 07G9003	X X X X X	X X X X	X		X X X X
56 57 58 59 60	IRON CREEK NEAR HARDISTY JACKPINE CREEK AT WADLIN LAKE ROAD JAMES RIVER NEAR SUNDRE JUMPINGPOUND CREEK NEAR COX HILL JUMPINGPOUND CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH	05FB002 07JD003 05CA002 05BH013 05BH009	X X X X X	X X X X	x	×	XXXXX
61 62 63 64 65	KEG RIVER AT HIGHWAY NO. 35 KNEEHILLS CREEK NEAR DRUMHELLER LA BICHE RIVER AT HIGHWAY NO. 63 LAFOND CREEK NEAR RED EARTH CREEK LALBY CREEK NEAR GIROUXVILLE	07HF002 05CE002 07CA011 07JC001 076J005	X X X X	X X X	X		X X X X X
66 67 68 69 70	Little paddle river near mayerthorpe Little red deer river near the mouth Little red deer river near water valley Little shoky river near guy Lloyd creek near bluffton	0789005 05C9001 05C9002 076H002 05CC009	X X X X X	X X X	X X		X X X X
71 72 73 74 75	Logan River Near the Mouth Lovett River Near the Mouth Lutose creek Near Steen River Mackay Creek at Walsh Manyberries creek at Brodin's Farm	07CA012 07BA003 070B006 05AH002 05AF010	X X X X	X X X X X X		X	X X X
76 77 78 79 80	MASKWA CREEK NO. 1 ABOVE BEARHILLS LAKE MCLEOD RIVER ABOVE EMBARRAS RIVER MEADOW CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH MEANDER RIVER AT OUTLET HUTCH LAKE MEDICINE RIVER NEAR ECKVILLE	05FA014 07AF002 05AB029 070B005 05CC007	X X X X	X X X	x x		X X X X
81 82 83 84 85	MONITOR CREEK NEAR MONITOR MONTAGNEUSE RIVER NEAR HINES CREEK MUSKEG RIVER NEAR GRANDE CACHE NAMEPI CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH NORDEGG RIVER AT SUNCHILD ROAD	0554003 07FD012 0754002 05EC004 05DD009	X X X X	X X X X	X		X X X X
86 87 88 89 90	North Ram River at Forestry Road Oldman River Near Waldron's Corner Owl River Below Piche River Paddle River at Barrhead Paddle River Near Rochfort Bridge	05DC011 05AA023 07CA013 07BB006 07BB004	X X X X X X	X X X	X	X	X X X
91 92 93 94 95	PARFLESH CREEK NEAR CHANCELLOR PEAVINE CREEK NEAR FALHER PEIGAN CREEK NEAR PAKOWKI ROAD PEKISKO CREEK NEAR LONGVIEW PEMBINA RIVER BELOW PADDY CREEK	05811007 07614004 05614041 0581.023 0784001	X X X X	X X X X X			X X X X
96 97 98 99 100	PIGEON LAKE CREEK NEAR USONA PINCHER CREEK AT PINCHER CREEK PINE CREEK NEAR GRASSLAND PINTO CREEK NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE PIPESTONE CREEK BELOW BIGSTONE CREEK	05FA019 05AA004 07CA005 076C002 05FA022	X X X X	X X X X X			X X X X

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NO.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATION BM 12M	ACCESS REMOTE NORMAL
	Operated by - Water Survey of Canada, Alberta I	DISTRICT			
101 102 103 104 105	Ponton River Above Boyer River Prairie Blood Coulee Near Lethbridge Prairie Creek Below Lick Creek Prairie Creek Near Rocky Mountain House Racehorse Creek Near The Mouth	07 JF003 05AD035 05DB005 05DB002 05AA027	X X X X	x x x x	X X X X
106 107 108 109 110	Ram River Near The Mouth Rat Creek Near Cynthia Raven River Near Raven Ray Creek Near Innisfail Red Deer River Above Panther River	050C006 07BA002 05CB004 05CE010 05CA004	X X X X	x x x x x	X X X X
111 112 113 114 115	RED DEER RIVER BELOW BURNT TIMBER CREEK REDEARTH CREEK NEAR RED EARTH REDWATER RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH RENWICK CREEK NEAR THREE HILLS RIBSTONE CREEK NEAR EDGERTON	05CA009 07 JC002 05EC005 05CE011 05FD001	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
116 117 118 119 120	Rose Creek Near Alder Flats Rosebud River Belon Carstairs Creek Ross Creek Near Irvine Saddle River Near Woking Sakwatamau River Near Whitecourt	05DE007 05CE006 05AH003 07FD006 07AH003	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
121 122 123 124 125	Sam lake tributary near schuler Sand River near the mouth Saulteaux River near spurfield Sawridge creek near slave lake Sheep coulee near carstairs	056H047 066B001 07BK005 07BK009 05CE019	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
126 127 128 129 130	Sheep River at Black Diamond Siffleur River Near the Mouth Simonette River Near Goodwin Sounding Creek Near Oven Sousa Creek Near High Level	058L014 050A002 076F001 056A008 070A001	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
131 132 133 134 135	South Wabasca Lake Near Desmarais Stimson Creex Near Pekisko Stranderry Creek Near The Mouth Stretton Creek Near Marwayne Sturgeon River Near Fort Saskatchewan	07.JA002 05BL007 05DF004 05EE005 05EA001	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
136 137 138 139 140	Sundance creek Near Bickerdike Shan River Near Swan Hills Threehills creek Below Ray creek Threehills creek Near Carbon Threepoint creek Near Millarville	07AF010 07BJ003 05CE018 05CE007 05BL013	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
141 142 143 144 145	TODD CREEK AT ELTON'S RANCH TOMAHAWK CREEK NEAR TOMAHAWK UTIKUMA LAKE NEAR NIPISI VERMILION RIVER NEAR MARWAYNE WABAHUN CREEK NEAR DUFFIELD	05AA006 05DE009 07 JA001 05EE007 05DE003	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
146 147 148 149 150	WABASCA RIVER BELOW TROUT RIVER WABASH CREEK NEAR PIBROCH WAINSCOTT COULEE NEAR BROWNVALE WAIPAROUS CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH WANDERING RIVER NEAR WANDERING RIVER	07 JB002 07BC007 07FD014 05BG006 07CA006	X X X X	X X X X X X	X X X X

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NO.	STATION NAME	STATION NUMBER	RECORD OBTAINED	0PE 8M	12H	ACC	ess Normal
	Operated by - water survey of canada, Alberta	DISTRICT					
151 152 153 154 155	Waskahigan River Near The Mouth West Arrowwood Creek Near Arrowwood West Prairie River Near High Prairie West Whitemud Creek Near Ireton Whitemud Creek Near Ellerslie	0766001 0584014 078F002 050F007 050F006	X X X X	X X X	X X		X X X X
156 157 158 159 160	WHITENUD RIVER NEAR DIXONVILLE WILDHAY RIVER NEAR HINTON WILLOW CREEK ABOVE CHAIN LAKES WILLOW CREEK NEAR NOLAN WILLOW RIVER NEAR WABASCA	07HA005 07AC001 05AB028 05AB002 07JA003	X X X X	X X X X	x		X X X X
161 162	WOLF CREEK AT HIGHWAY NO. 16A WOLF RIVER AT OUTLET OF WOLF LAKE	07A6003 06AB002	X X		X	x	X

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NO.	STATION NAME	STATION	RECORD OBTAINED	OPERATION 8M 12M	ACCESS REMOTE NORMAL
	Operated by - Water Survey of Canada, Alberta Di	STRICT			
1 2 3 4 5	ALBERTA POWER LIMITED COOLING POND OUTLET ATHABASCA RIVER NEAR WINDFALL BABETTE CREEK NEAR COLINTON BAPTISTE LAKE NEAR ATHABASCA BAPTISTE RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH	05C6007 07AE001 07CA008 07BE002 05DC012	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
6 7 8 9 10	BATTLE RIVER NEAR FORESTBURG BEAR CREEK NEAR VALHALLA CENTRE BEAVERTAIL CREEK NEAR HYTHE BELLY-ST. MARY DIVERSION CANAL BERRY CREEK BELOW DEADFISH CREEK	05FC001 076E007 076D002 05AD021 05CH016	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
11 12 13 14 15	BERRY CREEK RESERVOIR OUTLET BIRCH CREEK NEAR CONKLIN BLINDMAN RIVER NEAR BLUFFTON BLOOD INDIAN CREEK NEAR CABIN LAKE BLOOD INDIAN CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH	05CH011 07CE006 05CC008 05CK007 05CK001	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X
16 17 18 19 20	B.R.D. DRAIN D NEAR VAUXHALL B.R.D. DRAIN T NEAR HAYS BOYER RIVER NEAR PADDLE PRAIRIE BUFFALD LAKE NEAR ERSKINE CALLING LAKE AT RANGER STATION	05580008 0546005 07 JF004 05CD005 07C8001	X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X
21 22 23 24 25	CANADIAN ST. MARY CANAL AT DROP NO. 1 CAVAN LAKE DIVERSION NEAR DUNMORE CHIP LAKE AT OUTLET TO LOBSTICK RIVER COLOUHOUN CREEK NEAR GRANDE PRAIRIE COYOTE CREEK NEAR CHERHILL	05AF028 05AH044 07BB008 076E006 07BB014	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
26 27 28 29 30	DEADFISH INFLOW CANAL NEAR CESSFORD DICKSON DAM TUNNEL OUTLET ELBOW RIVER ABOVE ELBOW FALLS ELBOW RIVER BELOW GLENMORE DAM ELDER CREEK AT HIGHNAY NO. 686	05CH012 05CB007 05BJ006 05BJ001 07HB002	X X X X	X X X X X X	X X X X
31 32 33 34 35	ELKWATER LAKE AT ELKWATER EMBARASS RIVER NEAR WEALD ERITH RIVER BELOW HANLAN CREEK FAWCETT LAKE NEAR SMITH FISH CREEK AT BOW BOTTOM TRAIL	05AH025 07AF014 07AF016 07BK008 05BK003	x x x x	X X X X	X X X X
36 37 38 39 40	FISH CREEK ABOVE LITTLE FISH LAKE GOLD CREEK NEAR FRANK GREGG RIVER NEAR THE MOUTH GROAT CREEK NEAR WHITECOURT GULL LAKE AT ASPEN BEACH	0505006 0564030 074F015 0746008 050006	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X
41 42 43 44 45	HARGRAVES DIVERSION FROM BOXELDER CREEK HARTLEY CREEK NEAR FORT MACKAY HASTINGS LAKE NEAR DEVILLE HIGHWOOD RIVER BELOW LITTLE BOW CANAL HIGHWOOD RIVER NEAR ALDERSYDE	050H051 07DA009 05EB011 05BL004 05BL009	X X X X X	X X X X	x x x x x
46 47 48 49 50	IRON CREEX NEAR VIKING ISLE LAKE AT EUREKA BEACH JACKFISH RIVER BELOW CHRISTINA LAKE JOSLYN CREEK NEAR FORT MACKAY KENNEDY COULEE NEAR ACADIA VALLEY	05FB00.3 05EA008 07CE005 07DA016 05CK006	X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X

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	Operated by - water survey of Canada, Alberta di	STRICT			
51 52 53 54 55	KILLARNEY LAKE TRIBUTARY NEAR CHAUVIN KYISKAP CREEK NEAR GRANUM LAC LA NONNE AT LAC LA NONNE LAC STE, ANNE AT ALBERTA BEACH LATERAL 10 SPILLWAY NEAR CHIN	056A010 05AB038 07BB007 05EA006 05A6007	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
56 57 58 59 60	LESSER SLAVE LAKE AT SLAVE LAKE LILY CREEK NEAR SLAVE LAKE LITTLE BERLAND RIVER AT HIGHWAY NO. 40 LITTLE BOW RIVER ABOVE TRAVERS RESERVOIR LITTLE ELBOW RIVER ABOVE NIHAHI CREEK	078J004 0786004 07AC008 05AC034 058J009	X X X X X	X X X X X	X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X X
61 62 63 64 65	LITTLE SMOKY RIVER AT LITTLE SMOKY LOMOND LATERAL NEAR HEADGATE LOYALIST CREEK NEAR CONSORT MACKAY CREEK NEAR GRABURN GAP MCALPINE CREEK (EAST FORK) NEAR ELKWATER	0766002 05AC017 056A013 05AH042 05AH043	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
66 67 68 69 70	NCGRESOR LAKE INFLOW NEAR MILD NCGRESOR-TRAVERS CANAL NEAR CHAMPION NCLEOD RIVER NEAR CADOMIN NCLEOD RIVER NEAR WHITECOURT MICHICHI CREEK AT DRUMHELLER	05AC024 05AC025 07AF013 07A6004 05CE020	X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
71 72 73 74 75	MILK RIVER RIDGE RESERVOIR MINISTIK LAKE NEAR NEW SAREPTA MIQUELON LAKE AT PROVINCIOL PARK MONITOR CREEK NEAR CONSORT MODSEHILLS CREEK NEAR ELK POINT	05AF030 05EB013 05EB014 05EA011 05ED003	X X X	X X X X	X X X X
76 77 78 79 80	Modselake River Near Franchere Mosquito Creek Near the Mouth North Saskatchewan River Near Lodgepole Oldman River Near the Mouth Paddle River at Hwy. 764	06AC006 05AC031 05DE006 05A6006 07BB013	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X X
81 82 83 84 85	PADDLE RIVER NEAR ANSELMO PADDLE RIVER NEAR SANGLOO PAINTEARTH CREEK NEAR HALKIRK PARLBY CREEK AT ALIX PEACE RIVER AT FORT VERMILION	0789011 0789012 05FC004 05CD007 07HF001	x x x x x x	X X X X	X X X X
86 87 88 89 90	PEMBINA RIVER NEAR ENTWISTLE PIGEON LAKE AT GRANDVIEN PONY CREEK NEAR CHARD PORTER CREEK ABOVE BAPTISTE LAKE POTHOLE TURNOUT NEAR MAGRATH	07BB002 05FA013 07CE003 07BE003 05AE038	X X X X X X	X X X X	x x x x
91 92 93 94 95	REDWATER RIVER NEAR VINY REDWILLOW RIVER NEAR BEAVERLODGE ROBERT CREEX NEAR ANZAC RUSH LAKE DRAIN NEAR NEW DAYTON SALT CREEK NEAR GROUARD	0580007 0760003 0702004 0567031 0787009	X X X X	X X X X X X	x X X X
96 97 98 99 100	SNAKE CREEK NEAR VULCAN SOUNDING CREEK NEAR CHINOOK SOUTH HEART RESERVOIR NEAR MCLENNAN SPRAY BIVER AT BANFF STEELE LAKE NEAR JARVIE	05AC030 056A012 078F008 058C001 078C005	x x x x x	X X X X	X X X X

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101 102 103 104 105	STIRLING LAKE OUTFLOW NEAR STIRLING STONY CREEK NEAR TAWATINAW STURGEON LAKE AT WILLIAMSON PARK STURGEON RIVER NEAR MAGNOLIA BRIDGE STURGEON RIVER NEAR VILLENEUVE	05AF029 07BE004 076H003 05EA010 05EA005	X X X	X	X X X X	x		X
106 107 108 109 110	Sylvan lake at sylvan lake Teepee Creek Near la Crete Tindastoll creek Near Markerville Trap creek Near Longview Trout creek Near Granum	050003 07JD004 050012 058L027 05AB005	X X X	X	X			X X X X
111 112 113 114 115	UNNAMED CREEK NEAR FORT MACKAY VERMILION PARK LAKE NEAR VERMILION VERMILION RIVER AT VEGREVILLE VERMILION RIVER TRIBUTARY NEAR BRUCE WAMPUS CREEK NEAR HINTON	07DA011 05EE008 05EE009 05EE006 07AF003	X X X	X	****		X	X X X
116 117 118 119 120	WASKASOO CREEK AT RED DEER WATERTON RIVER NEAR GLENNOOD WATERTON-BELLY DIVERSION CANAL WEILLER CREEK NEAR WETASKAWIN WEST ARROWHOOD CREEK NEAR ENSIGN	05CC011 05AD028 05AD027 05FA024 05EM018	X X X X		X X X	X		****
121 122 123 124 125	WHITE EARTH CREEK NEAR SHOKY LAKE WILLOW CREEK BELOW LANE CREEK WILLOW CREEK NEAR CLARESHOLM WINAGAMI LAKE AT PROVINCIAL PARK YOUNG CREEK NEAR CASTOR	05EC004 05AB039 05AB021 07BF004 05FC007	X X X	X	X X X	X		X X X X
	OPERATED BY - ALBERTA GOVERNMENT							
	PAD AREA							
12345	ATHABASCA RIVER ADOVE JACKFISH CREEK BIG POINT CHANNEL BELON DIVERSENCE CHENAL DES QUATRE FOURCHES BELON FOUR FORKS FLETCHER CHANNEL BELON DIVERGENCE GOOSE ISLAND CHANNEL BELON DIVERGENCE	0700007 0700006 M 070006 M 0700004 M 0700005 M	ISC X ISC X ISC X ISC X	X		X X X X X	X X X X	
6 7 8 9	MAMAWI LAKE CHANNEL AT DOG CAMP PRAIRIE RIVER NEAR LAKE CLAIRE REVILLON COUPE BELOW RIVIERE DES ROCHERS RIVIERE DES ROCHERS BELOW REVILLON COUPE	07KF010 M 07KF014 M 07NA004 M 07NA902 M	ISC X ISC X ISC X ISC X		X X	X	X X X X	
	OTHER AREAS OF ALBERTA							
1 2 3 4 5	AETNA CREEK AT HIGHWAY NO. 501 ATIM CREEK NEAR SPRUCE GROVE BEARBERRY CREEK NEAR SUNDRE BEAR LAKE NEAR CLAIRMONT BEDDINGTON CREEK NEAR CALGARY	05AE912 05EA009 05CA011 076E004 05BH904	X X X	x	XXXXX			X X X X
6 7 8 9	BIGELOW RESERVOIR NEAR WIMBOURNE BRD CANAL AT DROP NO. 3 B.R.I.D. WESTERN BLOCK LATERAL A NEAR HEADGATES CHESTERMERE LAKE AT SOUTH OUTLET COLUMBINE CREEK NEAR THE MOUTH	05CE901 05AC902 05AC013 05BM904 06AA004	X X X	x x	X X X X X X X			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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	OPERATED BY - ALBERTA GOVERNMENT				
11 12 13 14 15	DRIEDMEAT LAKE AT OUTFLOW ELBOW RIVER AT SARCEE BRIDGE ETZIKOM COULEE NEAR NEMISKAM FALLENTIMBER CREEK NEAR SUNDRE FOOTHILLS CREEK NEAR PINCHER CREEK	05FA020 05BJ010 05AF905 05CA012 05AD901	X X X X	X X X X	****
16 17 18 19 20	Jackfish Creek Near Lacorey Keho Lake Near Nobleford Krawchuk Drainage Near McLennan Lake McGregor at South Dam Lee Creek Below Confluence of East Fork	06AC001 05AC914 07HA902 05AC022 05AE904	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
21 22 23 24 25	LITTLE BOW RESERVOIR NEAR ENCHANT L.N.I.D. CANAL BELOW KEHO OUTFLOW L.N.I.D. MONARCH BRANCH CANAL BELOW HEADWORKS LODGE CREEK AT HIGHWAY ND. 41 PADDLE RIVER RESERVOIR NEAR ROCHFORT BRIDGE	05AC722 05AC026 05AC028 11AB902 07BB914	X X X X X	X X X X	X X X X
26 27 28 29 30	Parlby Creek Near Mirror Pointe-Aux-Pins Creek Near Ardrossan Pointe-Aux-Pins Tributary 1 Near Ardrossan Pointe-Aux-Pins Tributary 2 Near Ardrossan Pointe-Aux-Pins Tributary 3 Near Ardrossan	05CD902 05EB902 05EB909 05EB910 05EB911	X	X X X X	****
333333	Romed Creek Above Romed Lake Rycroft Survey #3 Near Rycroft Spotted Lake Near Mirror Squaw Coulee Diversion Below Squaw Coulee Dam Todd Creek Near Highway No. 22	0788903 07FD910 05CD903 05AC917 05AA909	X X X X	X X X X	X
36 37 38 39 40	TRAVERSE RESERVOIR NEAR ENCHANT UID CANAL REACH \$1 AT 12+344 VERMILION RIVER DRAINAGE NEAR HOLDEN VIXEN CREEK NEAR BELLOY WASKATENAU CREEK NEAR WASKATENAU	05AC921 05AD933 05EE913 07FD921 05EC002	X X X X X	X X X X	****
41 42	WHITBURN DRAINAGE PROJECT NEAR SPIRIT RIVER	07FD912 07FD913	X	X X	X

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	OPERATED BY - TRANSALTA UTILITIES LTD.				
12	BARRIER LAKE NEAR SEEBE BOW RIVER BELOW BEARSPAN DAM	05BF024 05BH008	x	X	X
3	BOW RIVER NEAR SEEBE	05BE004	Ŷ J	ŷ	ŝ
5	BRAZEAU RESERVUIR BRAZEAU RIVER BELON BRAZEAU PLANT	0500005	x	x	X
6	CASCADE POWER DIVERSION NEAR BANFF	05BD004	x	Ŷ	Ŷ
8	GHOST RIVER DIVERSION TO LAKE MINNEWANKA	0586003	x	Ŷ	Ŷ
9	CHOST RIVER NEAR BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN	0586002	X	X	X
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11	KANANASKIS RIVER ABUVE PUCATERINA CREEK	05BF003 05BF025	X X	X	Ŷ
13	LAKE ABRAHAM NEAR NORDEGG	05DC009	X	Ŷ	Ŷ
14	lake minnewanka near banff Lower kananaskis lake at pocaterra dam	05BD003 05BF009	X	X	X
		0505017	•		
10	NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER BELOW BIGHORN PLANT	050010	X	× x	Ŷ
18	SPRAY POWER DIVERSION AT CANNORE	05BE007	X	X	X
19 20	UPPER KANANASKIS LAKE AT MAIN DAM	05BC006 05BF005	X	X	Ŷ
	OPERATED BY - CITY OF CALGARY				

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	FEDERAL - 4				
1	SLAVE RIVER AT FITZGERALD	07NB001	F-2	X	X
	FEDERAL - PROVINCIAL - 3				
1	OLDMAN RIVER NEAR LETHBRIDGE	05AD007	F-2	X	X
	PROVINCIAL - 1				
1	Oldman RIVER NEAR WALDRONS CORNER	05AA023	FP-3	X	X
	PROVINCIAL - 2				
1	OLDMAN RIVER NEAR BROCKET	0500024	FP-2	X	X

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APPENDIX "B"

SCHEDULE "B"

COSTING PROCEDURE

COMPUTATION OF ALBERTA SHARE

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CALCULATION OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS

A. COSTING PROCEDURE

Schedule "B" of the Memorandum of Agreement (included in the National Report) outlines the items to be included in the preparation of the annual report.

I. Water Quantity Stations

The costs shared include only the salaries and expenses of the staff directly involved in the field and office in the collection and compilation of water quantity data. of Depreciation. operation, and maintenance field transportation and equipment are included costs.

II. Sediment Stations

In the case of sediment stations, the cost of sample analysis is added to the costs outlined in I above.

III. New Construction, Major Maintenance, and Reconstruction

Construction costs include both new construction and major maintenance and are shared on the basis of station designation as being 'Federal', 'Federal-Provincial' or 'Provincial'. If a station is designated as 'Federal-Provincial' the cost would be shared fifty-fifty; otherwise 100% to either Canada or Alberta. Water level instrumentation is at the expense of the agency operating the station irrespective of designation; special instrumentation (telemark, data platform) is a cost to the party requiring the service.

B. APPLICATION OF PROCEDURE

The cost of operations varies as to the type and duration of records so standard units have been developed and assigned. The figures used are based upon experience over the years and have been adopted as standards in the Western and Northern Region.

I. Normal Access

A 12 month discharge station defines the hydrology regime under both ice cover and open water. The period of operation for an 8 month discharge station is normally March 1 to October 31 and is intended to define the period beginning with snowmelt runoff to freeze-up in the fall.

WeightFactorType of Station1.0012 month discharge0.758 month discharge0.4012 month water level0.258 month water level

II. Remote Access

Salary and operation costs exceed those for normal access stations. This is to account for aircraft costs, additional preparation and travelling time on a field trip and maintenance problems in a sparse network located in a harsh environment. Weighting factors have, therefore, been assigned as follows:

Weight	
Factor	Type of Station
1.80	12 month discharge
1.50	8 month discharge
1.10	12 month water level
0.95	8 month water level

III. Sediment Stations

The third category of stations requiring weighting factors are sediment stations. A hydrometric station designated 'Federal' for the collection of streamflow data may be designated either 'Federal', 'Federal-Provincial' or 'Provincial' for sediment data. Therefore, the resultant sediment weighting factors, as listed, are only the incremental sediment costs.

Weight	
Factor	Type of Station
1.05	12 month normal access Q & 8 month sediment
1.05	8 month normal access
1.25	12 month remote access Q & 8 month sediment
1.25	8 month remote access
0.45	8 month research

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the complexity of the operation it is necessary to apply a number of practical considerations which are described as follows:

I. Stations Operated by Regina

Twelve F stations in Alberta were operated by the Saskatchewan District. These stations and their operations costs have not been included in Table I of this Appendix as they are of no value in computing the provincial share. The effect of neglecting these stations is that the federal share shown is less than the actual share. Although these stations have not been utilized in the costing, they are included in Tables 2 and 4 of the main body of this report, as are the following stations operated in the NWT.

II. Stations Operated by Yellowknife

Three F stations and one FP station in Alberta are operated by the Northwest Territories District. The federal stations have not been included in Table I of this Appendix as they are of no value in computing the provincial share. As the Yellowknife salaries and O&M to operate the FP station on 'Dog River near Fitzgerald' were not readily available from accounting statements, it was necessary to determine these costs based FP Alberta costs. The one station operated by upon Yellowknife isn't included in Table 1. but comprises 1.80 weighted units. Based upon the unit cost of \$ 5,373.59 the cost of operating 'Dog River near Fitzgerald' is \$ 9,672.46. One-half of this amount was added to the share of each party in Table B-1 to obtain the costs shown in 'Summary of Financial Considerations' and Tables 9 and 10 in the main body of the report.

III. Depreciation

Depreciation was determined by utilizing standard accounting and 'national' procedures. The total depreciation costs shown in the 'Summary of Financial Considerations' was pro rated, based on the respective Federal and Alberta shares of hydrometric and sediment operations.

TABLE B-I

HYDROMETRIC AND SEDIMENT COSTINGS FOR 1992-93 (Stations Operated by WSC-Alberta)

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	Operation	Number of	Weight	Weighted	ı			s	hare
Category	Schedule	Stations	Factor	Units	Salaries	0 6 1	Total	Federal	Provincial
FEDERAL									
Normal Access Flow	12	31	1.00	31.00					
	8	52	0.75	42.75					
Normal Access W.L.	12	8 2	0.40	3.20					
Remote Access Flow	12	2	1.80	3.60					
	8	0	1.50	0.00					
Remote Access W.L.	12	0	1.10	0.00					
	8	1	0.95	0.95					
Sub-total	·····	96		78 75	\$705 646	6114 837	\$470 483	\$420 483	
SUD-COCAL		30		/6.23	\$202,040	\$114,637	3420,465	3420,465	-
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL	17		1 00	41 00					
NOTINIT ACCUSS FIOW	8	138	0.75	103.50					
Normal Access W.L.	12	3	0.40	1.20					
	8	10	0.25	2.50					
Remote Access Flow	12	4	1.80	7.20					
	8	13	1.50	19.50					
Remote Access W.L.	12	0	1.10	0.00					
	•	1	0.95	V.95					
Normal Access Sedimen	t 8	1	1.05	1.05					
Sub-total		210*		176.90	\$690,974	\$259,614	\$950,588	\$475,294	\$475,294
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Normal Access Flow	12	13	1.00	13.00					
	8	78	0.75	58.50					
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Normal Access W.L.	12	1	0.40	0.40					
	v	20	0.25	0.50					
Remote Access Flow	12	0	1.80	0.00					
	8	7	1.50	10.50					
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REMOTE ACCESS W.L.	12	0	0.95	0.00					
	°,	v	4.95	5.00					
Normal Access Sediment	t 8 -	2	1.05	2.10					
Sub-total		125*		91.00	\$355,448	\$133,549	\$488,977	-	\$488,977
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UTAL		421.		340.13	\$1,332,008	2208,000	\$1,000,008	\$632,111	2204,231

* Does not include Sediment Stations. These are already counted in the Hydrometric station portion.

Unit Salary Cost = \$3,906.02

Unit OLM = \$1,467.57

Total Unit Cost = \$5,373.59

APPENDIX "C"

SCHEDULE "D"

1992-93

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SCHEDULE "D"

This schedule provides a summary of the annual payment. The details of the calculation for operation and construction are available and have been jointly reviewed by officers of each party.

ANNUAL PAYMENT FOR 1992/93 TO BE PAID TO CANADA BY ALBERTA

		Operation	Construction	Total
a)	Streamflow and water level installations	\$990.2K	\$57.4K	\$1047.6K
b)	Sediment installations	\$ 15.0K		\$ 15.0
		ANNUAL PAYM	ENT	\$1062.6K

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