



Hydrology and hydrogeology of the Pipestone project area



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Regional setting



Pipestone lease





Documented water wells



Typical Montney development pad



Depth of activity in relation to local water wells



MAP SOURCES: Alberta Environment (GOWN Wells, Meteorological Station

Comparison of water qualities

Parameter	Local water wells	Montney Fm.	CDWQG (2017)
Hydrochemical type	Na-HCO ₃	Na-Cl	
рН	7.8 to 8.6 S.U. (median = 8.2)	6.8 to 7.0 (median = 6.9)	
Hardness	5 to 89 mg/L (median = 21)	1,933 to 16,625 mg/L (median = 9,280)	
TDS	941 to 1,851 mg/L (median = 1,285)	67,000 to 97,000 mg/L (saline; seawater = 30,000)	500 mg/L (AO)
Sodium	393 to 720 mg/L (median = 532)	18,900 to 29,000 mg/L (median = 23,950)	200 mg/L (AO)
Sulphate	1 to 500 mg/L (median = 47)	73 to 1320 mg/L (median = 697)	500 mg/L (AO)
Iron	0.3 to 1.7 mg/L (median = 0.73)		0.3 mg/L (AO)
Manganese	0.004 to 0.56 mg/L (median = 0.015)		0.05 mg/L (AO)
Fluoride	0.1 to 3.1 mg/L (median = 1.2)		1.5 mg/L <i>(MAC)</i>

Note: AO = aesthetic objective; MAC = maximum acceptable concentration for drinking water

Characteristics fingerprints (examples)



A renewable resource



Wapiti River watershed



Current allocations

used



Flow vs. allocated and sustainable



NuVista Corporate Water Strategy

Water is critical to the success of unconventional oil and gas development in Canada. As the industry evolves, the sophistication of water management is increasing, as is regulatory scrutiny. The need for a consolidated approach to water management is emerging. This strategy is meant to outline our goals and commitments with respect to responsible water management across the corporation.

Our Commitment

NuVista is committed to excellence when it comes to water management. This commitment is achieved by balancing analysis, planning and execution of projects to define clear objectives and manage weaknesses and water security risks.

Guided by NuVista's values

- 1. Honesty and Integrity
- 2. Excellence
- 3. Respect
- 4. Empowerment and Accountability:
- 5. Safety



Management processes

Storage:

- Reduce trucking and related pressures/risks to the surrounding area
- Reduce stress on Wapiti River (eliminates needs during lower flow periods)

Cardium Fm. groundwater offset:

- Situated well below base of groundwater protection
- Reduce need for fresh water from Wapiti River and other sources

Assessing water recycling:

- Reduce need for fresh make-up water
- Reduce sourcing and disposal costs

Baseline testing

 Assess groundwater quality in vicinity of operating assets



Regulatory requirements



Discussion