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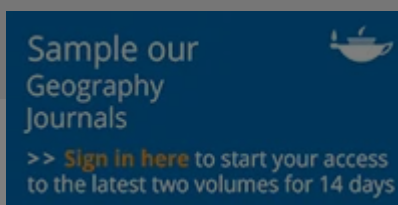
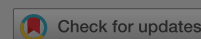
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# Fort McMurray and the Canadian Oil Sands: Local Coverage of National Importance

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Notes

1. We use the more benign term “oil sands” rather than the politically charged “tar sands.”
2. Tailings are the residue left after the extraction of oil from oil sands. They consist of a mixture of sludge, sand, and clay. The sludge contains bitumen, which is a highly viscous, black, and sticky substance. The sand and clay are composed of fine particles of silica and alumina. The tailings are typically stored in large, open-air pits, which can pose environmental risks. The tailings are also a source of greenhouse gas emissions. The tailings are typically stored in large, open-air pits, which can pose environmental risks. The tailings are also a source of greenhouse gas emissions.



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