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


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## ABSTRACT

Understanding resource-based communities (RBCs) as potential casualties of Canada's economic and political development are at both a local and a national scale. This study examines the local media coverage of RBCs in the Fort McMurray area. This study examines the local media coverage of RBCs in the Fort McMurray area. This study examines the local media coverage of RBCs in the Fort McMurray area.

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## Notes

1. We use the more benign term “oil sands” rather than the politically charged “tar sands.”
2. Tailings ponds consist of a layer of toxic top water overlying a viscous layer of sludge containing toxic interstitial water as well as particles of unprocessed bitumen and clay fines (Nix & Martin, [1992](#)).

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