

GEOSCAN—THE NATIONAL DATABASE FOR GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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GEOSCAN is a computerized bibliographic database of Canadian-produced and/or Canada-related geoscience documents.

The Newfoundland Department of Mines is one of the ten agencies that index documents for input into this database. Our Mineral Assessment Report Library files and mineral inventory cards are the sources of our indexed documents. Other agencies, e.g., the Geological Survey of Canada and the Earth Physics Branch of the Canada Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, also produce and index documents that concern this province.

In 1982, the National GEOSCAN Centre, which manages GEOSCAN, implemented a new software system, and most of the old records were converted to a new format.

During the past year, detailed modifications of almost one half of the converted assessment-file records were made online.

All of the 92,600 GEOSCAN records from across Canada, including those concerning this province, are available through online computer searches at the Geological Survey of Canada Library in Ottawa, and in St. John's at our Publications and Information Section.