

DOCUMENTS AND DATABASES OF THE GEOSCIENCE PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SECTION

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COLLECTIONS

There are two geoscience document collections at the Geoscience Publications and Information Section:

- The Geofiles are a collection of documents pertaining to the geoscience of Newfoundland and Labrador and the immediate offshore region and include over 11 000 mineral-assessment reports, published reports and maps, open-file reports and maps, university theses, unpublished reports and maps, including speeches and sketch maps.
- The Technical Library is a collection of documents referring to areas other than this province and includes bound publications and maps by the Geological Survey of Canada and by other provincial, federal and international surveys, and current and back issues for journals and technical books.

DATABASES

The documents in the Geofiles and Technical Library collections are described in several databases:

- The former GEOSCAN-NFLD database contains records (or descriptions) for about 90 percent of the documents in the Geofiles collection. This database was renamed the Geofiles database after the national GEOSCAN database became a Geological Survey of Canada database only.
- The GSLib database contains short bibliographic records for about 65 percent of the documents in the Technical Library collection.

Two other databases maintained at the Geoscience Publications and Information Section are:

- The DRILL database, which contains short records for drillholes from non-confidential Geofiles.
- The MINLAND database, which contains short records for Mineral Lands property.

For more details on all four databases refer to Patey and Gillespie (1995). Reprints of this article and a free pamphlet describing the databases are available at the offices of the Geoscience Publications and Information Section, in St. John's.

ACCESS

A demonstration of the Geofiles, GSLIB, DRILL and MINLAND databases is available upon request. To search either database, a client could call or visit the Geoscience Publications and Information Section. A search will be performed for the client or during an in-house visit the client may do the searching.

Various indexes for some of the documents in the Geofiles have been produced from the former GEOSCAN database and are still available for sale.

REFERENCE

- Patey, C. and Gillespie, J.
1995: Geofile and technical library collections and databases at the Geological Survey, Newfoundland. *In* Current Research. Newfoundland Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey, Report 95-1, pages 327-331.