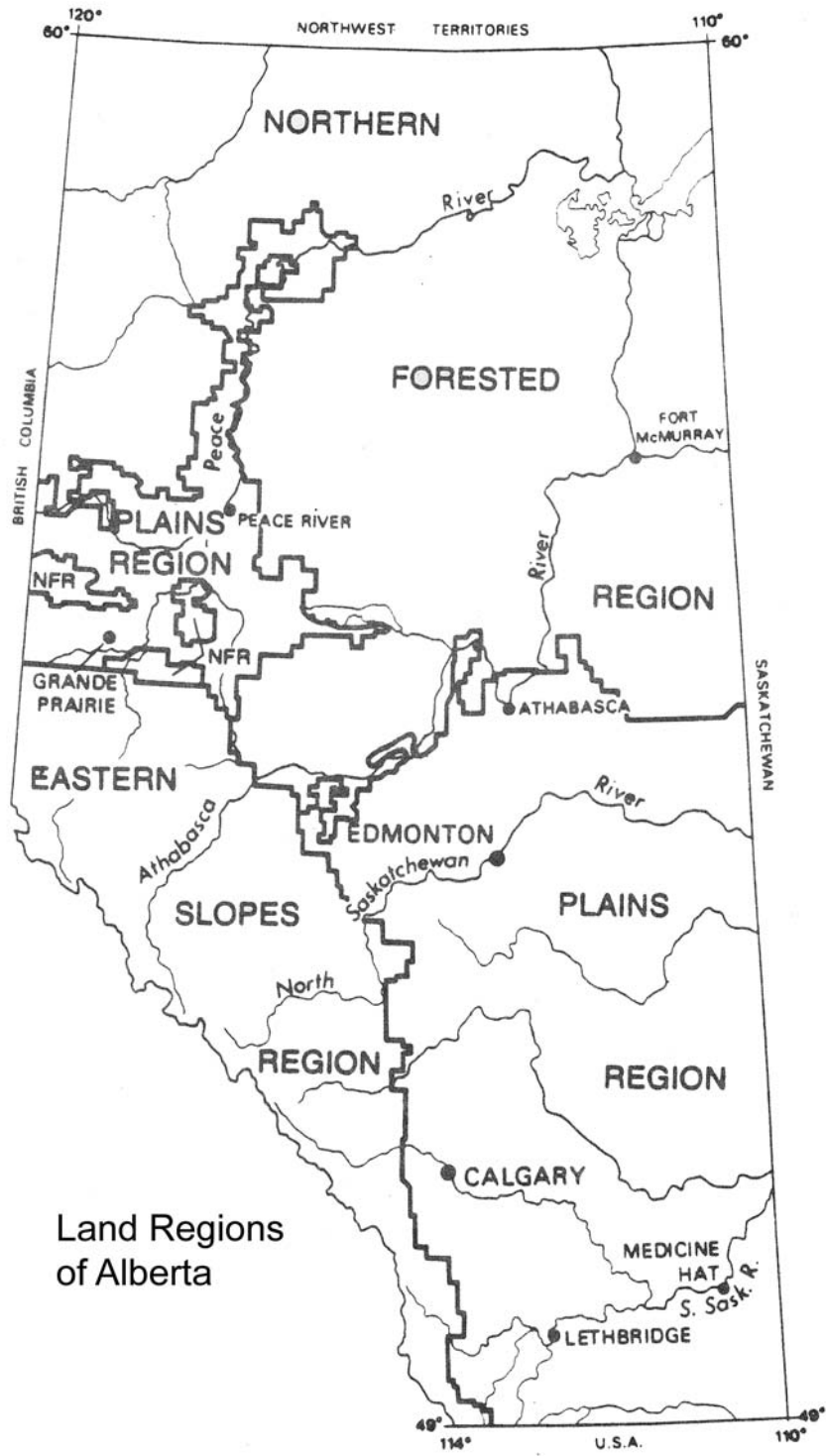


2.0 THE MAJOR REGIONS OF THE PROVINCE

The province was divided into three distinct regions (Figure 1) in an attempt to establish criteria that would apply to each area in general. It is true that there are differences within each of these regions, but it is beyond the scope of this document to suggest criteria for subdivisions of each of the three major regions. Individual operations within each of the major zones will have unique conditions or characteristics resulting in specific problems and requirements. Therefore specific criteria requirements must be handled on a site by site basis. The three major regions are the:

1. Plains Region which includes the Central Plains and Peace River Plains, and has a predominantly agricultural land use;
2. Eastern Slopes Region which includes the Lower and Upper Foothills and the Rocky Mountains to the British Columbia border; and
3. the Northern Forested Region which includes the remainder of the province.



Land Regions of Alberta

Figure 1