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Lenz, Garth, "The True Cost of Oil"

Lenz, Garth. "The True Cost of Oil." Filmed November 2011. TED video, 17:40. http://www.ted.com/talks/garth_lenz_images_of_beauty_and_devastation.

What does environmental devastation actually look like? At TEDxVictoria, photographer Garth Lenz shares shocking photos of the Alberta Tar Sands mining project — and the beautiful (and vital) ecosystems under threat. Garth Lenz's photographs capture the detailed reality of what happens when a pristine landscape is confronted by an industrial project. His work as a photojournalist has won him top awards at *Pris de la Photographie* Paris and the International Photography Awards. He is also a fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers. His solo exhibition featuring the Alberta Tar Sands, "The True Cost of Oil" premiered in 2011. (Source: [TED](#))



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Further readings:

- Genovali, Christopher. "Alberta Oil Rush." in Davis, John, ed. *Wild Earth 6*, no. 3 (Fall 1996). Republished by the Environment & Society Portal, Multimedia Library.
- Nikiforuk, Andrew. *Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent*. Vancouver: Greystone, 2010.

Related links:

- Petropolis: Aerial Perspectives on the Alberta Tar Sands (Film Profile)
<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/mml/petropolis-aerial-perspectives-alberta-tar-sands>
- Garth Lenz's Official Website
<http://www.garthlenz.com/>
- "The True Cost of Oil": Touring Exhibit
<http://www.garthlenz.com/touring-exhibit--the-true-cost-of-oil/>

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