

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

Geotechnical Investigations for South Bank Access: February - March 2014

The Site C Clean Energy Project is currently undergoing a cooperative environmental assessment by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the B.C. Environmental Assessment Office, which includes a Joint Review Panel process. BC Hydro filed its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in January 2013 as part of this process. BC Hydro is continuing to conduct environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border to inform detailed project planning.

BC Hydro is conducting geotechnical investigations between February and March on the south bank of the Peace River along a 34 kilometre route primarily within the existing transmission line corridor and parallel to the CN railway.

Should the Site C project proceed to construction, this route is a potential corridor for vehicles accessing the south bank dam site and for the movement of dam construction materials and equipment.

Contractors will be using an auger to drill holes between approximately 150 to 200 mm in diameter and up to five metres deep under frozen and snow-covered ground conditions. Cuttings generated from the auger drilling will be used to backfill the holes upon completion. All disturbed areas will be restored to the present conditions.

Field study updates are available at www.sitecproject.com and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope.

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- BC Hydro is conducting geotechnical investigations on the south bank of the Peace River, primarily within the existing transmission line corridor and parallel to the CN railway
- An auger will be used to drill holes at select locations, all disturbed areas will be restored to the present conditions
- Golder Associates and Urban Systems Ltd. are leading the work