

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

2012 Field Season: Notice of Noxious Weed Control Program

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is now in Stage 3, the environmental and regulatory review phase, which will include an independent environmental assessment. Stage 3 work includes conducting environmental and engineering field studies on and around the Peace River between the Williston Reservoir and the Alberta border. Site C is in the early stages of a cooperative environmental assessment process by federal and provincial regulatory agencies, which includes a joint review panel.

To avoid the spread of noxious weeds, a weed control program has been designed for Site C staff and contractors conducting field based surveys for the Site C project. The noxious weed control program will be followed by all crews conducting field work during the 2012 season.

The program will continue with the commercial treatment of weeds at the dam site, at climate stations within the Peace River Valley and at Watson Slough. The leaseholder treatment program will also continue. Under this program, agricultural leaseholders are provided input and advice on their planned treatment programs, advice as required from a weed control expert, and costs following verification of chemical treatments.

Where ground disturbance may occur, sites may be inspected for weeds prior to the start of work. If weeds are documented, a site-specific weed control program will be developed and implemented in consultation with property owners and lease holders. Possible weed treatments include chemical (herbicide application) and manual (cutting or hand pulling) methods.

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

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NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL PROGRAM 2012 Field Season

- To avoid the spread of noxious weeds, a weed control program has been designed for Site C staff and contractors conducting field surveys.
- Site-specific weed control programs will be developed in consultation with land owners or leaseholders for sites where weeds are confirmed and ground disturbance may occur.
- BC Hydro will obtain the necessary permissions before land is accessed and work is performed