

## FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

### Notice of Helicopter Work: May - August 2011

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. BC Hydro anticipates formally entering the environmental assessment process in spring 2011 with the submission of a Project Description Report to the provincial and federal environmental assessment agencies.

During the summer of 2011, BC Hydro will be conducting environmental and engineering field studies in the Peace River region, several of which will require use of helicopters.

Shoreline geotechnical investigations currently underway will require the support of helicopters from early-May to late-August to maximize safety, efficiency and to minimize the impact on the surrounding environment on the south bank. For drilling at two sites on the south bank at Attachie and across from Bear Flat, it is anticipated that helicopters will be used approximately one hour per day to mobilize field crews to the site. For drilling across from Farrell and Lynx Creeks, helicopter use will occur a minimum of one to two hours per day to transport a heli-portable drill, personnel and supplies from the north bank staging area to the drill site on the south bank, and a maximum of all day between 8:00am and 7:00pm during the set-up and dismantling of the south bank drilling platforms and sites.

Additional field studies, including reservoir clearing plan investigations, large nest surveys, and a palaeontological assessment will require minimal helicopter support.

Whenever possible, helicopters will travel along the south bank to minimize noise disturbance. Property owners directly impacted by helicopters overhead will be advised at least one business day in advance.

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

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- BC Hydro requires the use of helicopters for several engineering and environmental studies this summer.
- Whenever possible, helicopters will travel over the south bank to minimize disturbance.
- Property owners directly impacted by helicopters overhead will be advised at least one business day in advance.
- BC Hydro has obtained the necessary permissions and permits to access the land.