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PROJECT/SUBPROJECT/PRIME/SUBPRIME: BC Hydro Site C

Dear ,

Your PROJECT BC Hydro Site C has been identified as having COVID-19 cases, clusters, and/or an outbreak COVID-19 in the work camp or and/or work site. This letter contain requirements (includes requests and/or recommendations) for control measures that are in addition to those outlined in the letter dated August 12, 2021.

Section A paragraph 12 of the <u>Industrial Camps - July 7, 2021 Order of the Provincial Health Officer</u> pursuant to Sections, 30, 31, 32, 39 (3), 53, 54 and 67) <u>Public Health Act</u>, S.B.C. 2008 states that an employer must do the following:

- (12) In the event of the occurrence of a case, cluster or outbreak of communicable disease in workers.
 - a. work with the medical health officer to determine what measures may be necessary in order to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable disease;
 - b. put in place any measures recommended by the medical health officer;

Section C paragraph 5 of this same order states that workers must do the following:

- (1) inform themselves about and follow their employers Plan;
- (2) follow communicable disease prevention and control practices, including diligent hand hygiene, at all times;
- (4) if the medical health officer is of the opinion that the risk to public health is too great, as a result of the presence of clusters or outbreaks of communicable diseases in a camp, or an elevated rate of transmission of communicable diseases in surrounding communities, comply with a direction by the medical health officer that workers not leave their accommodation, when not required at the worksite, or the camp;

As such, and as a Medical Health Officer of Northern Health Authority I direct BC Hydro Site C to implement the following additional measures immediately:

Workers must

- 1. upon initial arrival at or return to camp must remain in camp when not required at the worksite, and only leave camp:
 - a. in the case of a medical emergency, or

- b. to attend a critical appointment, if it cannot be postponed or cannot be held electronically.
- 2. in the event that they leave camp during their work rotation, after their arrival at or return to the camp after a break must comply with the following conditions:
 - a. notify the co-ordinator before they leave their accommodation unless this is not possible due to the nature of the medical emergency;
 - b. maintain a distance of two metres from any person with whom they are meeting, unless the person is a health care provider who is providing them with care;
 - c. wear a face covering which covers their nose and mouth, whenever in an interior setting or in a vehicle, unless the nature of a medical emergency makes it difficult or impossible for them to do so;
 - d. if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 that require testing, other than in the case of a medical emergency for which they are receiving care, put a face covering over their nose and mouth, return immediately to their accommodation at camp, while avoiding contact with other
- 3. to the extent practical, reduce close contact with other persons by maintaining a two metre distance from other people;
- 4. wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when at the workface, in indoor common areas, including elevators, lobbies, hallways, stairwells, bathrooms, kitchens, break rooms or meeting rooms, or when in a vehicle or piece of equipment with another person for the purpose of work;
- 5. when in a vehicle with another person for the purpose of transport between their accommodation and the worksite, whether in a vehicle provided by the employer or a private vehicle, wear a face covering;
- 6. despite the face covering requirements above, workers are not required to wear a face covering, if any of the following applies:
 - a. the worker is unable to put on or remove a face covering without the assistance of another person;
 - b. the worker is unable to wear a face covering because of
 - i. a psychological, behavioural or health condition, or
 - ii. a physical, cognitive or mental impairment;
 - iii. the face covering is removed temporarily for the purpose of identifying the person;
 - iv. the face covering is removed temporarily to communicate with a person who is hearing impaired;
 - v. the person is receiving health care which requires the person to remove the face covering.

I also recommend that you prepare to implement additional measure the following, knowing that this may take time to implement:

- offering COVID-19 vaccination clinics for opportunistic immunization of workers in camps and/or on worksites
- limiting the number of unimmunized workers staying in camps and/or working on the dam site by requiring workers present proof of one of one of the following:

- present proof of at least one dose of a World Health Organizations approved COVID-19 vaccine
- present proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to arriving in camp and/or at the dam site
- o have an agreed-apon exemption for either of the above

The details of these last measures including an implementation date will be outlined in a subsequent letter. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or my delegate.

Sincerely,

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