

October 14, 2022

Notification letter: wood debris burning to begin near Hudson's Hope and virtual information session

Burning of wood debris will begin **as early as November 2022**, if conditions allow, on Peace River islands near Hudson's Hope.

Site C includes an 83-kilometre reservoir that will extend west from the Site C dam site to Hudson's Hope. While filling the reservoir is one of the last activities to take place, the area needs to be clear of trees and vegetation to prepare for reservoir filling. This will help ensure future boater safety and reduce impacts to dam operations. Any merchantable timbre is hauled to local mills, and remaining waste wood is mulched, used in reclamation work or burned.

You may encounter increased smoke and lower visibility in and around Hudson's Hope while wood debris burning takes place.

We can only burn during weather periods known as "venting windows." These are periods established by the Ministry of Environment, where appropriate weather and wind conditions are favorable to carry smoke away from the community of Hudson's Hope.

What to expect

- Wood debris burning will begin as early as November 2022 and extend as late as March 2023.
- Wood debris burning will only begin when sufficient and sustained snow cover is observed.
- Visible smoke and flames from controlled burning of wood debris piles on the islands in the Peace River (approximately 500 metres from Hudson's Hope) and along the North Bank (in and around Highway 29 from Gates Island to Lynx Creek).
- The burning of wood debris in this area is anticipated to take three to twelve days intermittently over the burning season, depending on the weather conditions.
- Some noise from aerial helicopter ignition of wood debris piles may be present for short periods.

Burning activities will follow the [Site C Smoke Management Plan](#) for monitoring all burning, including the timing, the size and location of the wood piles, and the smoke being emitted. Burning activities are authorized under provincial regulations, specific to Site C which ensures wood waste disposal activities are well-managed and coordinated.

Virtual information session

If you'd like to learn more about upcoming wood debris burning in the Hudson's Hope area, please join us at a virtual information session:

- **When:** **Thursday, October 27, 2022**
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm
- **Where:** MS Teams (online) meeting

How to register:

Please email us at sitec@bchydro.com or call 1(877) 217-0777 to confirm attendance. We'll send you the meeting details once you've registered. Attendance is by registration only.

Sign up for regular burning notifications

If you'd like to be put on our e-mail list for upcoming burning notifications, please email us at sitec@bchydro.com. These notifications are usually sent the day prior to or the morning of a specific wood debris burn.

Learn more

- [Clearing and debris management](#)

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