

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

2013 Field Season: Notice of Noxious Weed Control Program

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 mitigation planning, prepare project permits, and ensure information is gathered with respect to monitoring programs proposed in the EIS.

During the 2013 field season, BC Hydro will continue to control noxious weeds in the Site C project area. BC Hydro has established protocols for all Site C staff and contractors to avoid spreading noxious weeds during field work.

To treat noxious weeds on agricultural land, BC Hydro provides the services of a weed control contractor to provide input and advice regarding noxious weed control programs for agriculture leaseholders. Leaseholders are reimbursed by BC Hydro for the cost of the chemicals following treatment.

BC Hydro also conducts an inventory and controls noxious weeds at the dam site area, climate stations within the Peace River valley, Watson Slough, and other locations where engineering investigations and monitoring occur. Control of infestations is administered by a contractor in accordance with the BC Hydro Pest Management Plan for Management of Vegetation and BC Hydro Facilities.

Weed treatments will include chemical (herbicide application) and/or 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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NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL 2013 Field Season

- During the 2013 field season, BC Hydro has implemented a program to control noxious weeds in the Site C project area
- The program focuses on protocols for field work for Site C staff and contractors, treating agriculture leaseholder's lands, and areas of project activity
- Weed treatments will include chemical (herbicide application) and/or manual (cutting or hand pulling) methods