

May 10, 2021

Re: May 2021 Hudson's Hope berm update

Dear Hudson's Hope resident,

We're writing to give you an update on the construction of the shoreline protection berm and construction activities at Portage Mountain Quarry.

Portage Mountain Quarry restarting operations

This month, operations at Portage Mountain Quarry are resuming. This work includes blasting, rock hauling, processing and stockpiling.

Daytime blasting will resume on May 16 in compliance with our regulatory requirements. To help mitigate concerns about potential impacts to bats, we are:

- constraining the work area to avoid critical habitat;
- minimizing the use of artificial light as much as possible; and
- implementing additional noise and bat activity monitoring at the quarry and at a suitable control site.

Rock hauling to the berm worksite is continuing. Rock hauling to work areas along Highway 29 resumes this month, which means you will notice increased truck traffic going through town. Please take extra caution on the roads.

We've taken steps to reduce dust and monitor noise

We know there were some localized air quality issues over the winter and we monitored to understand how our works may have contributed to the situation. With the recent increase in temperatures to levels above freezing, we're able to do more to reduce dust related to the berm construction. This includes:

- Applying a dust-suppressing agent to the gravel portion of Clark Avenue
- Sweeping paved site access roads and highways
- Watering dusty work areas at the berm site
- Regularly follow up with the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding the sweeping and maintenance of Canyon Drive

We're also reducing the speeds of haul trucks, and continuing to check trucks for loose debris before they leave the quarry.

In addition, we have monitored for noise in the area, and to date we've determined the traffic noise is consistent with typical traffic noise. We will continue to monitor this, as required.

Monitoring air quality in Hudson's Hope

BC Hydro has a network of five air quality stations throughout the Peace River valley, including one in Hudson's Hope that was installed in October 2020. The station will be in place throughout the construction of the shoreline protection berm and the first two years of Site C operations.

For more information on air quality monitoring, including how to access data, please see the enclosed [information sheet](#).

We will conduct mobile air quality monitoring in varying locations along the haul route as necessary, and provide you with the data following the monitoring when it's available.

No fishing or public access to the berm

For your safety, we'd like to remind everyone that the berm worksite is closed to the public. Right now, the entire shoreline is an active and dangerous construction area.

The Peace River can still be accessed for fishing at Alwin Holland Park. Boaters can also still use the boat launches at Lynx Creek and Halfway River to access the Peace River.

Contact us if you have questions

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us using the details provided below. Thank you for your continued patience as we complete this work safely and on schedule.

Sincerely,

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