Site C Construction Schedule: December 15 – January 7

The government announced their decision to proceed with the construction of the Site C project. For more information, please visit the Province of B.C. website.

Dam site area and reservoir – north (left) bank and south (right) bank

- Drilling and the installation of geotechnical instrumentation will continue.
- Excavation will continue and increase on the north and south banks.
- Work will continue on the south bank drainage tunnel. This includes drilling and blasting.
- The turbines and generators contractor will continue operations at their on-site manufacturing facility. The contractor will continue to mobilize material and equipment to this work area.
- Site preparation will continue for the Site C substation.
- Aggregate will be crushed and stockpiled on the south bank.
- Excavated surplus material will be relocated to various locations at the dam site.
- In-river excavation will occur.
- Road maintenance activities will continue, as required.
- Wood waste may be chipped, mulched, spread as coarse woody debris or burned at the dam site and the lower and eastern reservoir areas. A helicopter may be used to support this activity. Wood waste may be transported off site by truck.
- Merchantable trees of sufficient size, quality and volume to make it suitable for harvest and transport will be transported to local mills.

Other work areas

- Work may begin to construct snow and ice roads on the transmission line right-of-way, weather-dependent.
- Maintenance work will continue on existing access roads and resource roads that provide access to the transmission line right-of-way, weather-dependent. The construction of access roads may begin.
- Wood waste may be chipped, mulched, spread as coarse woody debris or burned in and around the transmission line right-of-way. Merchantable trees of sufficient size, quality and volume to make it suitable for harvest and transport will be transported to local mills by truck.
- Clearing may begin on the transmission line right-of-way between the Site C dam site and the Peace Canyon generating station.
- Upgrade work may begin inside the substation building at Peace Canyon generating station.
- Aggregate and riprap production will continue in West Pine Quarry, where material will be transported by rail.
What to expect

While this work takes place, local residents can expect the following:

- There will be truck traffic on public roads as the hauling of materials, equipment, rock and timber continues. This will include increased industrial traffic on resource roads and public roads from Chetwynd leading to the dam site on the south bank.
- Some noise and vibration may occur in the vicinity of the dam site and in all other work areas, including West Pine Quarry.
- Day, night and weekend shifts are anticipated for the duration of the project.
- For boater and worker safety, boats will need to stay clear of active in-river work areas. These areas are clearly identified with signage and markings.
- Helicopters and commercial drones may be used to support investigative works.

Note: In BC Hydro’s technical documents, the north bank may be referred to as the left bank and the south bank may be referred to as the right bank.