

FIELD STUDIES INFORMATION SHEET

2015 Field Season: Notice of Noxious Weed Control Program

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 and monitoring planning. In December 2014, the Site C project received approval from the provincial government to proceed to construction.

During the 2015 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 an audit of their 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, BC Hydro owned lands in Hudson's Hope and 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.sitecproject.com and in the Community Consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope.

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NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL 2015 Field Season

- During the 2015 field season, BC Hydro has implemented a program to control noxious weeds in the Site C project area.
- The program focuses treating known infestations on agriculture leaseholder's lands, and areas of project activity.
- Weed treatments will include chemical (herbicide application) and/or manual (cutting or hand pulling) methods.