



February 1, 2023

Job Number: 124004  
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BC Hydro and Power Authority  
12th Floor-333 Dunsmuir ST  
Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3

Dear BC Hydro and Power Authority,

Use Approval – Area A Dewatering (File 9000788)

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The Approval holder is required to adhere to all other applicable Provincial and Federal regulations.

To protect the quality and safety of our groundwater resources all wells and associated works related to a groundwater diversion, storage and use must comply with the *Water Sustainability Act* and Groundwater Protection Regulation which requires water wells in British Columbia to be properly constructed, maintained, and, at the end of their service, deactivated and decommissioned. For more information on well owner requirements under the Groundwater Protection Regulation please visit <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/groundwater-wells>.

Section 105 of the *Water Sustainability Act* gives the recipient of this notice the right to appeal my decision. You may file an appeal within 30 days of the date indicated on this letter. Information on filing an appeal can be found on the Environmental Appeal Board WEB site at <http://www.eab.gov.bc.ca/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. DeFord".

Darren DeFord  
Water Manager



# Province of British Columbia

## *Water Sustainability Act*

### **Approval**

#### **Section 10 - Short Term Use of Water**

**British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor-333 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 5R3** and their agents are hereby authorized to divert and use water as follows:

- 1) The aquifer on which the rights are granted is comprised of unconsolidated materials within the Middle Peace River Watershed.
- 2) The points of groundwater diversion are located approximately at:
  - POD 01: 56.181593, -120.897335
  - POD 02: 56.181798, -120.891958
  - POD 03: 56.181399, -120.885986
  - POD 04: 56.175301, -120.872595
  - POD 05: 56.178584, -120.864921
  - POD 06: 56.180639, -120.860617
  - POD 07: 56.181320, -120.856341
  - POD 08: 56.184655, -120.848629
- 3) This Approval does not authorize entry onto privately held or Crown Land.
- 4) The purposes for which water is to be used under this Approval are:
  - Well Drilling and Transportation or Utility Corridor Management (Dust Control)
  - Miscellaneous Industrial (Dewatering)
  - Processing and Manufacturing (Aggregate Washing)
- 5) The maximum quantity of water which may be diverted:
  - Well Drilling and Transportation or Utility Corridor Management (Dust Control): 35,850 cubic metres per year
  - Miscellaneous Industrial (Dewatering): 397,150 cubic metres per year
  - Processing and Manufacturing (Aggregate Washing): 397,350 cubic metres per year
- 6) This period during which the water may be is February 1, 2023, to January 31, 2025.
- 7) The holder of this Approval shall take reasonable care to avoid damaging any land, works, trees or other property, and shall make full compensation to the owners for any damage or loss resulting from the exercise of the rights granted with this Approval.

- 8) The works authorized are sump, pump and hoses.
- 9) The holder of this Approval will initiate those sections under the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), as it relates to this project to protect fish and fish habitat, vegetation and ecological communities, wildlife and heritage resources associated with these works.
- 10) Authorized equipment shall be free of external grease, oil or fluid leaks while operating in the vicinity of any watercourse.
- 11) Daily and total volumes of water diverted for this project shall be retained and made available for review upon request.
- 12) A copy of this Approval and the water records must be available upon request and retained by the various pump operators/contractors for inspection.
- 13) The Holder of this Approval must ensure that any incidence of high significance of non-conformance to conditions of this Approval are reported to IE or IEM within 24 hours of discovery and the submission of a report within 5 days of that occurrence, in a form and manner acceptable to the Water Manager.



Darren DeFord  
Water Manager  
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