

1 Q. **RE: p. B-139** Provide better particulars of the industry standards with
2 respect to life expectancy of the flooded and non-flooded battery systems
3 and of the factors affecting reliability at or beyond life expectancy.
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6 A. Hydro has 40 years of experience in the design and maintenance of battery
7 systems. This experience combined with discussions with other utilities and
8 manufacturers confirms the life expectancy of the battery systems as
9 proposed. It is in this context that industry standard is given.
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11 Factors that can affect reliability and life expectancy are:

- 12 1. Ambient temperature
- 13 2. Proper charging voltage (ripple)
- 14 3. Quantity of deep discharges
- 15 4. Proper watering (flooded cells only)
- 16 5. Corrosion of terminals
- 17 6. Warping of plates (flooded cells)
- 18 7. Bulging of cases (VRLA)
- 19 8. Cracks in the cell walls
- 20 9. Preventative maintenance