

1 Q. Why can't the assessment wait until the scope of work has been detailed?  
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5 A. The scope of work will be used to prepare a contract which will be issued to  
6 engineering companies which will submit proposals to perform the work. The  
7 successful bidder will perform the assessment study. The level of  
8 assessment for some components, particularly auxiliary equipment, cannot  
9 be determined until the study is in progress. For instance, units 1 and 2 have  
10 a total of four 1,500 horsepower forced draft fans. If it was decided to  
11 completely dismantle one fan for detailed inspection and it was discovered  
12 that it is in excellent condition, Hydro would probably perform only a visual  
13 inspection of the other three fans. However, if small cracks are discovered in  
14 the fan shaft (axle), it is likely that Hydro would perform detailed inspections  
15 of the other three fans.