

1 Q. Can NLH's own staff, with a proactive maintenance and capital program,
2 maintain the plant to allow this assessment to be put off? Why or why not?

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5 A. Maintenance and capital improvements normally performed by Hydro will
6 ensure that this facility achieves its normally expected design life,
7 approximately 200,000 hours. The purpose of the assessment is to
8 determine if it is technically and economically feasible to extend the useful
9 life of the facility. The timing of the study is important, as explained in PUB
10 168.0 NLH.