

1 Q. Re: Upgrade Burnt Dam Spillway, Bay d’Espoir, Tab 8:

2 Has the spilling in extreme floods, which Hydro estimates to be a 1 in 10,000 year  
3 occurrence, been factored into the Hatch Analysis?  
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6 A. The fuse plug at Burnt Dam was constructed in the late eighties to prevent  
7 breaching of the main dam in the event of a 1 in 10,000 year flood. In the event of  
8 such a flood, even if the Burnt Dam Spillway was working properly, the spillway  
9 would not be able to release water as fast as it would be collected in the reservoir  
10 due to precipitation and drainage from the surrounding terrain. Under this  
11 condition the water level in the reservoir will rise to a prescribed level and the fuse  
12 plug will rupture thereby releasing water in a controlled manner, minimizing  
13 damage to the assets and the environment.  
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15 Failure of one or both gates to open at Burnt Dam Spillway could result in breaching  
16 of the fuse plug under weather conditions a lot less severe than what would occur  
17 in a 1 in a 10,000 year flood. Hatch’s analysis was concerned with the reliability of  
18 the spillway gates to operate when required, regardless of the fuse plug design  
19 criteria for rupture if a 1 in 10,000 years flood, and therefore that was not a factor  
20 in the analysis.