

1 Q. Re: Replaced Compressed Air Systems, Tab 18:

2 Did Hydro consult with the manufacturer ABB prior to using Synflex Hose?

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5 A. Hydro has no record of consultation with ABB prior to using Synflex hose on this 44

6 year old asset. However, Synflex hose is commonly used in compressed air

7 applications, but through consultation with ABB, Hydro has learned that Synflex

8 hose absorbs moisture and is subject to corrosion on the fittings. As a result,

9 Synflex is not recommended by ABB for air blast circuit breaker compressed air

10 systems, where a low dew point dry air is required for correct operation.