

1 Q. **Project C-29: Upgrade Power Transformers**

2 At page 18 of Hydro's Report found at Volume II, Tab 14, Hydro notes that:

3 "Section 16 of the latest Federal PCB regulations state that
4 the end-of-use date for equipment containing PCBs that are
5 500 mg/kg or greater was December 31, 2009. If this date
6 could not be met owners were given an opportunity to apply
7 for an extension up to 2014. Hydro made application in
8 2010 and received the extension to 2014. The regulations
9 also state that equipment with PCB concentrations from 50
10 mg/kg to 499 mg/kg have to be out of service by 2015. In
11 addition, Section 5(2) of the PCB Regulations prohibits a
12 release of 1 gram of PCBs from in-use equipment. Hydro,
13 through CEA, is lobbying Environment Canada to have a
14 regulatory amendment for sealed equipment such as
15 instrument transformers and bushings to allow their use
16 until 2015 [sic]. Hydro's current budget is based upon
17 receiving a regulatory amendment to 2025."

18 When, in 2014, does Hydro's extension terminate?

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21 A. Hydro's extension terminates on December 31, 2014 and the regulatory
22 amendment takes effect January 1, 2015 to allow Hydro until 2025 to remove its
23 PCB contaminated bushings.