

1 Q. Reference: Replace Accommodations and Septic System, Volume II, Tab 20,
2 Page 7

3 *“This alternative includes the completion of renovations and upgrades to the*
4 *existing facility, as required, to bring it in-line with current industry standards.”*

5 Provide the industry standards referenced here.
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8 A. As per section 3.2.3 of the report, there is no established national industry standard
9 for onsite accommodation facilities. The only Canadian written standards are
10 Alberta and British Columbia provincial standards. Both of these standards state
11 that workers “shall be provided with a single room of not less than eighty (80)
12 square feet”. Modern facilities are, however, expected to provide a reasonable level
13 of comfort, privacy, and safety.
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15 Quality of work life and working conditions are important to the overall well-being
16 of employees. When working at these remote sites, employees are often required
17 to leave their homes and families for varying periods of time. Working away from
18 home can result in emotional stresses which often times affect the worker’s health
19 and attitude, both of which impact one’s ability to work safely. Consequently, the
20 atmosphere of an accommodation facility can have an impact on the health and
21 safety of employees. The provision of a clean, well-kept accommodations facility
22 which provides for gender segregation and the option of privacy for all workers help
23 to mitigate the stresses associated with working away from home.
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25 Constructed in 2009, Hydro’s Cat Arm accommodations complex provides single
26 room occupancy, with individual washroom facilities versus a community
27 washroom, and equipped with modern communication systems, including internet

1 access to enable the efficient transfer of information.

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3 The Cat Arm facility was developed to meet the construction norm of modern day
4 camp facilities. Modern day facilities in Muskrat Falls, Bull Arm and the majority of
5 construction camps in British Columbia and Alberta, include single room occupancy,
6 with dedicated washroom facilities. It has become the standard of acceptance
7 upon which all future Hydro site facilities will be modelled.