

1   **Re: Page B-192, Public Address System, \$1,139,100**

2   Q.    Please explain why this project would be considered Mandatory at this time.

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5   A.    This project is considered Mandatory because the Public Address (PA)  
6        system is an essential piece of the safety and security infrastructure of the  
7        Holyrood Generating Station, required to signal Hydro and contractor  
8        personnel when evacuation is required. In essence, it is the fire alarm  
9        system. It is critical to the functioning of the Station Safety, Communication,  
10       Warning and Evacuation Plan. The system has deteriorated and pages are  
11       often unintelligible; hence failure to replace the system could jeopardize the  
12       safety of plant personnel.