

1 Q. **Re Replace Fuel Storage Facility - Postville (B-45)**

2 Please confirm that Hydro has not carried out actual inspections upon the existing
3 tanks in Postville and has no direct evidence that these tanks are deteriorated (ref.
4 P. 6 of report at Tab 6).

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7 A. Hydro has not carried out actual inspections on the existing tanks in Postville. Given
8 the test results on tanks of similar age in other locations in the system, it was not
9 prudent to incur costs on testing these tanks. Based on previous cleaning and
10 inspection jobs, it is estimated the cost to clean and inspect the tanks in Postville
11 would be approximately \$250,000.

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13 In Mary's Harbour three tanks were constructed in 1982 that did not pass testing
14 carried out in 2009 and were consequently removed. Testing performed on tanks
15 in Rigolet in 2007 resulted in repairs required on two tanks that were constructed in
16 1997. In addition, testing carried out this year in St. Lewis on the tanks that were
17 constructed from 1974 to 1982 indicated sections of the tanks did not meet the
18 required thickness. Hydro has received the testing results since the submission of
19 present Application, and they are therefore not yet included in the five-year plan.