

1     **Q.     General**

2             Please provide details of the overall policy used by NLH to set schedules of  
3             inspection and maintenance for NLH equipment and assets, including any general  
4             schedules that have been established.

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7     **A.**     Schedules of inspection and maintenance for Hydro equipment and assets are both  
8             asset and location dependent. Historically, maintenance tactics and frequencies  
9             evolved with influence from many different areas. These include manufacturer  
10            recommendations, standard industry practices, and unique operating environments  
11            (e.g. area, geography, industrial pollutants).

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13            In the early 2000's, Transmission and Rural Operation areas conducted a review of  
14            maintenance tactics and frequencies to validate the programs or make adjustments  
15            as required. Recommended changes were based (in part) on some reliability  
16            centered maintenance principles.

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18            As reported in Hydro's Quarterly reports, maintenance programs are being  
19            reviewed and there is a priority listing to guiding the efforts, with the initial focus  
20            placed upon gas turbines, diesel units and synchronous condensing equipment at  
21            Holyrood.

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23            Additionally, maintenance committees at Hydro monitor performance of inspection  
24            programs and make recommendations.

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26            In summary, Hydro's schedules of inspection and maintenance continue to evolve,  
27            and further changes are likely as the Asset Management Strategy evolves.