

1 Q. **Tab 5, Upgrade North Cut Off Dam Access Road, Bay D’Espoir**

2 What are the maintenance techniques used by Hydro for the road?

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5 A. The maintenance techniques used by Hydro for this and other access roads are to
6 perform an annual visual inspection to identify topping erosion, ditch and culvert
7 blockage, condition of signs, condition of vegetation growth, condition of security
8 gates, and condition of bridges.

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10 Hydro has an annual vegetation maintenance program that covers all areas on a
11 rotational basis. This program focuses on removing vegetation from priority areas
12 identified by the annual road inspection.

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14 Corrective repairs to road surfaces, bridges, ditches, culverts and signs identified
15 through a regular inspection, or after a weather event, that are of a minor nature
16 and cost are performed either by internal forces or contractors. Larger
17 rehabilitation work is capitalized.