

1 Q. **Re: Volume III, Tab 22 – Construct New Facilities – Various Sites**

2 How does Hydro currently meet the required environmental standards for wood
3 poles?

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6 A. Hydro has implemented an Environmental Standard Operating Procedure for
7 “Treated Wood Storage”, ENV-SOP-26 (please see Hydro’s response to CA-NLH-017,
8 attachment 1). This Standard Operating Procedure was created to minimize
9 potential environmental impacts.

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11 Currently, the pole storage areas at the sites identified do not meet the
12 recommendations outlined in Environment Canada’s Technical Recommendation
13 Document (TRD) “Recommendations for the Design and Operation of Wood
14 Preservation Facilities, 2013”. These recommendations are intended for use by
15 industry in the establishment of any new treated wood storage facilities, including
16 how to locate, design and operate treated wood storage facilities to reduce or
17 eliminate potential negative impacts on the environment and human health.

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19 Through the implementation of Environment Canada’s TRD, Hydro will incorporate
20 the recommended design and construction practices for the currently proposed and
21 future pole storage ramps.