

1   **Re: 2009 Capital Projects \$200,000 - \$500,000 p. D-67 - Transmission Storage**

2   **Ramps**

3   Q.    a) How long have transformers at Bay D'Espoir been stored outdoors on  
4        wooden structures?

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6       b) Has there ever been an instance in which a transformer and/or waste oil  
7        drum was damaged in the course of snow clearing operations?

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9       c) Is NLH under any legislative or regulatory requirement to modify its  
10      storage practices?

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13   A.    a) An existing wooden storage platform has been in place for approximately  
14      25 years. Transformers have historically been stored on that ramp since it  
15      was constructed. Given the current deteriorated state of the structure, the  
16      transformers are now being stored on the ground on their shipping pallets.

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18       b) There have been no recorded instances in which a transformer and/or  
19      waste oil drum was damaged in the course of snow clearing operations. This  
20      is due in part to the extra precaution the snow clearing operators must  
21      exercise when near the storage area. The construction of the storage ramps  
22      would eliminate the risk of damage completely.

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24       c) Hydro is not under any legislative or regulatory requirement to modify its  
25      practices. However, under Hydro's Environmental Standard Operating  
26      Procedures, any oil filled equipment must be placed on storage ramps, and  
27      inspected daily for leaks. Having drums and transformers stored directly on

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- 1 the ground does not allow for this and is not in compliance with internal
- 2 environmental management procedures.