

1 Q. **Asset Management**

2 Further to the responses to PUB-NLH-085 and PUB-NLH-172 what are Hydro's
 3 priority categories for replacing reject poles under the Wood Pole Line
 4 Management (WPLM) program? Does Hydro use the 4 levels of priorities indicated
 5 by the response to PUB-NLH-083 (repair priorities)? Are poles identified as urgent
 6 replaced immediately? Are all pole replacements charged as capital projects?

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 9 A. Hydro's priority categories for replacing reject poles under the Wood Pole Line
 10 Management (WPLM) program are as follows:

Priority	Category	Repair-by Time Limit
1	< 10 Years Old	N/A
2	Ok for Next Cycle	N/A
3	Analysis* Required	Depending on structural analysis results either: (a) Next year budgeted replacement; or (b) Defer to next inspection cycle.
4	Restricted Use/ Analysis* Required	Restriction placed on climbing pole. Depending on structural analysis results either: (a) Next year budgeted replacement; or (b) Defer to next inspection cycle.
5	Urgent/Restricted Use/Analysis* Required	Restriction placed on climbing pole. Depending on structural analysis results either: (a) Immediate replacement within 48 hours; (b) Replace during current year's construction season; or (c) Next year budgeted replacement.
* Poles are initially ranked 1-5 by field crews. If a pole is ranked 3, 4 or 5 then a structural analysis is performed by engineering personnel to determine the integrity of the pole. Follow up action is then based on the results of the structural analysis.		

1 Hydro does typically use the four level ranking system (repair priorities) indicated in
2 Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-083. However, WPLM adopted the five level ranking
3 system outlined above for its inspections and pole replacements.

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5 Poles identified as urgent are replaced as indicated in the table above.

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7 All pole replacements are charged to capital projects. Transmission poles are
8 replaced under the WPLM capital program. Distribution poles are either replaced
9 under the service extension capital project or the distribution upgrading capital
10 project. Note that the portion of the replacement cost related to removal of old
11 poles is charged to an operating project designated for removal costs.