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SENT VIA EMAIL

Greg Scarborough
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Site C Environmental Compliance, Mitigation and Monitoring
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Dear Greg Scarborough,

RE: Warning for Non-Compliance with Condition(s) 30 of Environmental Assessment Certificate # E14-02, Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan

Beginning October 23, 2023, Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer, Clayton Smith conducted a field and administrative inspection (Inspection), of the Site C Clean Energy Project (Project) against the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Certificate #E14-02 (Certificate). Based on the site observations and review of information obtained during the Inspection, it was determined that the Certificate Holder, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (the Holder) is not compliant with Condition 30 of the Certificate.

Condition 30 requires the Holder to develop, implement and adhere to the final Agricultural Mitigation and Compensation Plan and for the Holder to develop individual farm mitigation plans throughout the construction phase for all farms directly affected by the Project.

The inspection findings are documented in Inspection Record Site C_20230075_IR001, with requirements #2, #4, and #5 being specific to this Warning Letter.

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The Holder is hereby **WARNED** that the Project is not compliant with Condition 30 of the Certificate. The maximum penalty for failure to comply with an environmental assessment certificate is \$1 000 000 and, on each subsequent conviction, fine of not more than \$2 000 000.

The Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement Branch will continue to monitor this issue and may follow-up with further inspections as required. Future or continuing non-compliance may result in additional enforcement action as warranted.

Please contact me at 250-889-0490 or via email at clayton.h.smith@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Smith

Senior Compliance and Enforcement Officer

Environmental Assessment Office

cc: EAO Compliance