

Inspection Report

Permit Holder: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

Inspection: 2026-3485

Inspection Date: 2026-10-05

Inspection Outcome: Inspected

Inspection Comment:

Joint inspection of Williston Substation Drainage Relocation works by BCER and Nazko First Nation on October 5, 2026.

* The existing substation pad drains to perimeter ditches located along the western, southern, and eastern boundaries of the site. Stormwater runoff from the substation is directed to an oil-water separator located within the substation footprint before discharging to oil-water interceptors installed within the perimeter ditch system. To accommodate the substation expansion, the drainage infrastructure along the southern and eastern site boundaries is being relocated.

* Earthworks associated with the substation pad expansion were underway along the new southern and eastern boundaries at the time of inspection. The permit holder indicated that once the new ditch sections are excavated to final grade and the oil-water interceptors are installed and connected to the substation oil-water separation system then the existing ditch sections will be backfilled.

* A portion of the new substation pad area was being constructed using imported fill material from an approved quarry.

* Vegetation clearing, grubbing, and stripping within the expansion footprint were completed in summer 2026. A soil stockpile located at the southern end of the site contains material generated from the clearing and grubbing activities. The permit holder indicated that the stockpile will be seeded in fall 2026. Silt fencing was installed around the perimeter of the stockpile at locations where it interfaces with adjacent ditch lines.

* Pumps equipped with intake screens were staged throughout the work area. Water accumulated within the construction area was reported to be pumped daily to vegetated areas for infiltration.

* The permit holder indicated that mink and muskrat recently observed within the work area had been trapped by a local First Nation.

* Discussed amphibian salvage activities completed in advance of construction, including the species identified and the number of individuals captured and relocated from the work area.

* The permit holder indicated that amphibian exclusion fencing had been installed around the work area perimeter and remained in place until late September 2026, and no evidence of amphibian activity has been observed since the fencing was removed.

* Observed two in-situ sonde monitoring stations located south of the work area. The permit holder indicated that construction-phase water quality monitoring results are being compared against pre-construction baseline data

due to the absence of a suitable background monitoring location.

* Observed good housekeeping across the construction site, with materials, equipment, and waste appropriately managed.

A satisfactory Inspection was conducted.

The following were the only items that were inspected during this Inspection and does not absolve the company of Non-Compliances which may not have been observed, nor any Non-Compliances which occur subsequent to this Inspection.

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CIAS Number: 0010728

Location ID (Crossing Type): 13 (Stream Diversion)

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