

Inspection Report

Permit Holder: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority

Inspection: 2026-3487

Inspection Date: 2026-10-06

Inspection Outcome: Inspected

Inspection Comment:

Joint inspection of Section E of NCTL by BCER and Nazko First Nation on October 6, 2026.

* A Stop Work Order was in effect for all of Section E during the inspection following a machine-free zone (MFZ) breach at non-classified drainage (NCD) #E-11-C-NCD on October 5, 2026. As a result, no active construction activities were occurring in Section E. BCER inspected NCD #E-11-C-NCD, which is associated with non-classified wetlands (NCW) #E-11-A-NCW and #E-11-B-NCW, and observed that tracked-vehicle impacts appeared limited to travel along an existing unmaintained access road used by local landowners and livestock.

The NCD and associated NCWs were dry at the time of inspection. BCER received a letter from the permit holder on October 13, 2026 outlining the circumstances of the MFZ breach and corrective actions implemented prior to resuming work in the area. Construction activities recommenced in Section E on October 8, 2026.

* Inspected NCD #E-24-A-NCD, the location of a machine-free zone (MFZ) breach that occurred on September 17, 2026. The permit holder indicated that MFZ flagging was present at the time of the incident but acknowledged that additional flagging should have been installed. The permit holder is working with the contractor to ensure watercourse crossings are clearly delineated and adequately flagged.

* A cavity nest with unconfirmed pileated woodpecker activity was identified between transmission structures E24 and E25. No work-zone buffer had been established at the time of the inspection.

* Inspected the access road between transmission structures E23 and E25. The road was equipped with erosion and sediment control (ESC) measures throughout, including culverts at drainage crossings and straw wattles installed within roadside drainage ditches at culvert outlets.

* Inspected archaeological site F1Sa-14989-T2, where trespass incidents occurred on September 22 and 24, 2026. The site is located beneath an existing powerline corridor and overlaps an existing access road beneath the transmission structures. The road is unmaintained and is used by local landowners and livestock accessing pasture lands. Tracked vehicle impacts appeared limited to travel along the existing access road through the site. Following the trespass incidents, a 5 m exclusion buffer delineated with snow fencing was installed around the site. In addition, a 20 m machine-free buffer was established with yellow flagging tape at the entrance to the access road crossing a portion of the archaeological site. The permit holder advised that a post-impact assessment completed by a qualified archaeologist

concluded that no archaeological resources had been disturbed.

* Inspected archaeological site FISa-14989-T1. The site is protected by a 5 m exclusion buffer delineated with yellow flagging tape. Additional snow fencing was being installed around the site and an adjacent area of archaeological potential (AOP) at the time of inspection. Discussed that a mitigation plan must be developed prior to vegetation-clearing activities occurring within FISa-14989-T1 and the AOP.

* The permit holder indicated that right-of-way (ROW) clearing and vegetation management activities on private lands are being planned and implemented in consultation with landowners, with consideration given to individual land-use preferences.

* All cleared wood observed throughout Section E remained unprocessed.

* A cavity nest with unconfirmed pileated woodpecker activity was identified near transmission structure E39.

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.

Permit: 100122511

AACT Number: 00266593

Site Type: Investigative Use - General

Permit: 100122426

CIAS Number: 0010909

Location ID (Crossing Type): 304 (Culvert), 306 (Culvert)

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Permit: 100122511

Permit: 100123484

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