

1 Q. When a contractor identifies a project based on safety concerns, does Hydro always accept the
2 recommendation? Does Hydro ever get a third-party opinion?

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5 A. Decisions to proceed with projects related to safety concerns are made by management
6 following review of contractor recommendations by internal resources such as asset planners,
7 operations personnel, professional engineers, and safety specialists. A third-party opinion would
8 generally be obtained only when the in-house expertise does not exist to assess a particular
9 hazard and/or methods of hazard mitigation.