

1 Q. Re: 2012 Wood Pole Line Management Volume II (Tab 13)

2 If, during core drilling, the preservative levels of the pole are below the amount
3 required to maintain the desired design criteria, at what level does Hydro
4 determine that the pole needs to be replaced rather than treated?

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7 A. The decision to replace a pole is not based on the level of preservative in the pole.

8 The decision is based on a combination of factors including the results of the visual
9 pole inspection, non-destructive evaluation (NDE) as well as the pole's likelihood of
10 failure based on its remaining strength versus applied loads.