

1 Q. Re: PUB-NLH-210, Att. 1

2 Citations:

3 Geotechnical design work continues at the time of writing and the final design
4 report has not yet been issued. The recently issued "Cold Eye Review of Design
5 and Technical Specifications, North Spur Stabilization Works" by Hatch has
6 indicated that, among other things, additional investigations and analyses are
7 recommended to further enhance the design parameters for the sensitive clays
8 and the overall seepage analysis assessment of the spur. The recommended
9 work includes further investigations of the properties of the sensitive clays with
10 respect to cyclic softening, more detailed stability analyses to assess the impact
11 of earthquake ground motions and further seepage analyses. The IE was
12 advised that Nalcor is following the recommendations provided by the Cold Eye
13 reviewers. The IE has not yet been advised of details of the planned work. (p. 9)
14 The IE agrees with the Cold Eye recommendations and understands that work is
15 proceeding on them. This supplementary work will further enhance confidence
16 in the current design and should not result in any significant modifications to the
17 planned work. (p. 10)

18 **How could the IE know in advance whether or not the supplementary work**
19 **would result in significant modifications to the planned work?**
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22 A. This request misstates the comment of the independent engineer (IE). The IE
23 offered the opinion at the time that the supplementary work should not result in
24 significant modifications, and did not state they would not.