

Hello,

Maple Leaf Power will be collecting oil samples from overhead transformers for BC Hydro RFP11215 in the Victoria region beginning ~January 18th and lasting until ~February 25th, 2021. Testing typically takes 10-20 minutes per transformer and is being conducted to reduce the extensive measure of replacing overhead transformers per upcoming Environment Canada PCB regulations. No land is disturbed during the testing process.

The sampling procedure is as follows:

1. Crews arrive at the site and confirm the pole and transformer are safe to test.
2. Crews ascend in the bucket (or climb the pole), punch a small hole in the transformer, and withdraw a sample of oil.
3. Crews patch the hole with a rivet/protective paint coating and place an identification sticker on the transformer that matches the collected vial of oil.
4. Samples are then brought to the Powertech Laboratory where they are tested for levels of PCB.
5. If PCB levels satisfy or exceed the pre-designated threshold the transformer will remain in service, or be replaced, respectively.

Maple Leaf Power is in constant compliance with the ever evolving provincial and federal guidelines regarding COVID-19 – with the safety of our employees and the public being top priority (more information provided below).

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Thank you,



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Maple Leaf Power COVID-19 Protocol:

MLP has implemented a hierarchy of precautions to prevent exposure to COVID-19.

Occupational Disease	Category	Initial Exposure Risk	Implemented Precaution Exposure risk	Outdoor Transmission
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	Biological	Low	Low	Droplet contact transmission (very rare)
				Droplet airborne transmission (very rare)

1. Off Work Precautions
<p>While not at work MLP employees have been asked to comply with policies and guidelines set forth by provincial and federal governments including, but not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical distancing (commonly referred to as social distancing) 2. Hand washing and contact hygiene 3. Avoiding high risk areas by reducing trips from home <p>These precautions reduce the risk of COVID-19 entering the MLP workforce.</p>
2. Pre-Job Discussion (Tailboard) Symptom Monitoring
<p>Prior to a job the crew is asked to assess personal well-being and is constantly monitor for symptoms:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fever (characteristic of COVID-19) 2. Dry cough (characteristic of COVID-19) 3. Fatigue 4. Lack of Appetite 5. Shortness of Breath (characteristic of COVID-19) 6. Uncommon Mucus/Phlegm 7. Body Aches/Chills 8. Sore throat (uncommon) 9. Headache (uncommon) 10. Congestion (uncommon) 11. Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea (uncommon)
3. Handwashing Stations and Sanitization Procedures
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MLP has implemented handwashing stations on all crews. 2. Supplies for touchpoint sanitization and vehicle/tool cleaning. 3. Elimination of paperwork/pen sharing.

Provincial COVID-19 risk as of January 5th, 2021: **[LOW RISK]**

