

## Update from Nalcor on the Spillway operation at Muskrat Falls – April 13, 2017

Each week over the last few months, we've been providing an update on the spillway and temporary cofferdams. Over the past couple of weeks, the water level at the Muskrat Falls cofferdam remains at an elevation of approximately 22.5 metres. As we are holding the water level in front of the temporary cofferdam at a constant level, the water that flows from the spillway is being adjusted to match the natural flow of the river. Essentially this means that the river flow upstream of Muskrat Falls is the same as the river flow downstream of Muskrat Falls. This allows us to keep a constant water level in the reservoir.

If you're interested in viewing the near-real time elevation levels in the lower Churchill River, please click [here](#).

We've recently received some questions about the controlled burns at the Muskrat Falls site. We'd like to let you know that we are committed to diverting the amount of waste that is being disposed of to the local landfill and controlled burns are a part of our waste diversion program. In addition to controlled burns, we also reuse materials and have programs in place for recycling of beverage containers and metal.

This year, there have been five controlled burns and depending on the need, there potentially may be more controlled burns this year. Only untreated waste wood and cardboard is burned. Chemically treated wood, food waste, plastics, hazardous materials, etc. are not burned. There are no anticipated health and safety impacts to workers or the public as a result of the controlled burns and we've taken a number of safety steps to ensure there is no impact on workers, the public and construction activities. Ultimately, burning materials that are untreated, safe and have no other commercial or domestic use was identified as the best option to manage this material created during construction, from a safety, environment and cost perspective. It will also help reduce the amount of waste being trucked and diverted to the local landfill in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.



*Upstream side of the spillway on April 13, 2017. Gates 1, 3 & 4 are closed; and Gates 2 & 5 are partially open. Gates are numbered 1 to 5 from right to left.*

Thanks and have a good weekend.