

BIOSECURITY AND POWER LINES

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SaskPower is committed to managing potential biosecurity risks associated with invasive species and crop disease.

We understand the importance of crop protection. We take care to protect the health and sustainability of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector.

Our Environmental Beneficial Management Practices identify measures to help prevent the spread of invasive species and crop disease in Saskatchewan. This involves limiting the amount of soil transported from location to location. These practices apply before, during and after construction of power lines.

These measures are based on industry best practices. They were developed following consultations with the Ministry of Agriculture and key agricultural stakeholder groups.

CLUBROOT MITIGATION PLAN

SaskPower has a clubroot mitigation plan. The plan sets out the steps we follow to help prevent the spread of clubroot in Saskatchewan.

All SaskPower staff and contractors receive training in our clubroot mitigation plan. Landowners have an opportunity to identify biosecurity concerns. We assess the activity and the location of the work to determine the level of mitigation required.

During construction, all equipment, vehicles and materials will arrive on site free of weeds, soil and debris. Biosecurity concerns are reviewed as part of jobsite orientations to ensure that procedures are followed.

Working in wet conditions is avoided whenever possible. Traffic in and out of the area is minimized to help reduce risk. Equipment is inspected and if required, manually cleaned between fields. When working in fields known to be infected with clubroot, equipment is disinfected.

SaskPower staff continue to work with landowners to manage biosecurity concerns related to maintenance work on power lines after construction. Before staff enter private property, they will attempt to inform landowners and will manage identified risks as needed.

If you have questions about how SaskPower manages biosecurity risks, please contact us at Environment@SaskPower.com

***Please note that our clubroot mitigation plan is reviewed and updated periodically**

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