

## Hydro, workers charged

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VICTORIA — B.C. Hydro and four of its employees have been charged with violating the Pesticide Control Act, regional Crown counsel J.W. Anderson has confirmed.

B.C. Hydro Vancouver Island divisional manager Gordon James Roper, assistant production superintendent R.W. Neilson, environmental engineer H.W. Morgan and vegetation management supervisor P.W. Mosby are to appear in provincial court Nov. 7.

They were charged in connection with a Hydro application to begin the spraying last June of 200 acres of Hydro right-of-way between Sooke and Jordan River on southwestern Vancouver Island with the herbicide 2,4-D to control red alder.

They are charged under a section of the act which says a person commits an offence if he intentionally makes a false statement to or misleads or attempts to mislead any person or board in the exercise of powers or duties under the Pesticide Control Act.

Penalty for conviction is a maximum fine of \$2,000 and/or imprisonment for six months.

The spraying application states that there are no water bodies or wells within 10 metres of the proposed treatment area, and that the estimated distance to the nearest water intake or well used for domestic or irrigation purposes is more than 500 metres.

The charges were laid after local residents complained to government officials that numerous streams are crossed by the power line in question.

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