

CalAdvocates Data Request 6.5

The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission.

If a full response to a given question will be included in your WMP submission, your response to that question of this data request may consist of a citation to the specific page(s) or table(s) of the WMP where the information may be found, a written response to the question, or both.

Vegetation Management (VM)

On p. 197 of PacifiCorp's 2022 WMP update, PacifiCorp describes its audit process where:

PacifiCorp currently uses internal staff with ISA certifications to conduct post-work audits of routine maintenance, readiness patrol corrective actions, and pole clearing. PacifiCorp also conducts ad hoc tree crew audits or crew visits where a PacifiCorp forester engages with the vegetation management contractor, such as a crew leader, and/or supervisor to review work and/or discuss opportunities for improvement.

- (a) How many post-work audits as described in the quote above were conducted in 2022?
- (b) Please disaggregate the figure in part (a) by HFTD tier.
- (c) Were HFTD areas prioritized over other areas for post-work audits in 2022?
- (d) How many post-work audits in 2022 (answered in part (a) above) found that corrective action was needed?
- (e) How many supplemental tree trimming or removal jobs occurred in 2022 as a result of a post-work audit?
- (f) Please describe PacifiCorp's process for making improvements after a post work audit as described in the quote above, including whether post-work audits lead to supplemental tree trimming/removal, retraining of contractors, process changes, or all of the above.

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(a) PacifiCorp conducted 79 post audits listed as follows:

1. Routine maintenance distribution (interim and cycle): 38 (number of lines where post audits occurred).

2. Annual inspection (distribution and transmission): 33.
 3. Routine maintenance transmission: 8.
- (b) Referencing the Company's response to subpart (a) above, the Company advises the following:
1. Tier 2: 43.
 2. Tier 3: 2.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Out of the 79 distribution and transmission lines audited, 58 lines were found with corrective actions identified.
- (e) As a result of post-audits, 5,542 corrective actions were identified. Corrective actions include both pruning and removal and include actions requested by PacifiCorp that are not indicative of contractor performance (e.g., a tree that started to decline between work completion and post-audit).
- (f) After completion of post audit actions, PacifiCorp releases the findings to the applicable vegetation management contractor and discusses findings and opportunities for improvement. In some cases, post audit findings may lead to supplemental inspection and correction work. Results of audit finding inform PacifiCorp foresters of recurring issues to be addressed during regularly scheduled meetings and benchmark meetings. Post audits also may lead to in the field process changes at the crew level (e.g., how the crew is recording work, implementing work, etc.).