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Question 05.a:

Regarding Post Work Verification of Vegetation Clearances around Distribution and Transmission Lines:

On page 360 of its 2026-2028 Base WMP, SCE states that the objective of its audit of Inspections for Vegetation Clearances around Distribution Lines and Transmission Lines (VM-7 and VM-8) is “to ensure vegetation inspected and/or mitigated by vegetation crews meet internal and regulatory clearance requirements.” This suggests the pass rate that the quality control audit finds is based on the combined outcome of pre-inspection and tree crew work. However, SCE’s Post Work Verification differentiates between pre-inspector and tree trimming work quality. During post work verification, SCE Senior Specialists (SSPs) verify the quality of “a mixture of Pre-Inspection (PI) and Tree Trimming (TT) work of approximately 20% and 80% respectively, when practical.” (Post Work Verification and UVM Program Oversight, UVM-07, Version 10, Effective Date 3/24/2025).

a. Complete the table, below, to provide sampling parameters for SCE’s Post Work Verification of distribution and transmission Pre-Inspector and Tree-Trimming work.

Response to Question 05.a:

a. SSPs are located across SCE’s entire service area and are Vegetation Management’s first line of defense in the assurance process. Post-work verification (PWV) is not specifically performed for Transmission or Distribution at quantities that can be entered into the requested table format. SCE is providing the following information related to PWV using 2024 quantities.

- PWV is performed by SCE Vegetation Management Senior Specialists (SSP) who are all International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)-certified Arborists.
- In 2024, approximately 79,000 PWVs were performed by approximately 45 SSPs.
- Sampling is performed at approximately a confidence level (CL) of 99% and a confidence interval (CI) of 1.5%, derived from the following:
 - Annually, approximately 1.6M trees (~133K/Month) are inspected by PIs
 - Annually, approximately 950K tree mitigations (~80K/Month) are performed by TTs
 - Combined PI and TT quantities are approximately 213,000 per month
 - Sampling quantity was based on an anticipated staff of 56 SSPs (end state)
 - 213,000 @ 99/1.5% is approximately 85,000 annual inspections
- In 2024, PWV was documented in two databases, S123 and Arbora

- In 2024, PWV was targeted to include a mixture of PI/TT at 50% each, this was changed to a targeted mixture of 20% PI and 80% TT in March 2025
- The following PWVs were performed in S123:
 - Approximately 48K inspections, of which ~44% were PI, ~31% were TT, and ~25% included both PI and TT
 - PWVs included a combination of HFRA and non-HFRA
- The following PWVs were performed in Arbora
 - Approximately 31K inspections, of which ~45% were PI, ~42% were TT, and ~13% included both PI and TT
 - PWVs included a combination of HFRA and non-HFRA