



Opposition questions SNC-Lavalin's link to Muskrat Falls

Quebec company hired to do engineering work facing international corruption investigation

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Newfoundland and Labrador's Opposition Liberals raised questions Monday about how the corruption scandal embroiling SNC-Lavalin could affect the Muskrat Falls project.

SNC-Lavalin has been hired to do key engineering work on the hydro megaproject.

But in recent weeks the company's corporate offices [have been raided](#) and a [top executive arrested](#) as part of an international corruption investigation.

"Nalcor has hired SNC-Lavalin for millions of dollars of work on Muskrat Falls," Liberal Leader Dwight Ball said in the legislature.

"This same company recently had its headquarters raided by the RCMP, the CEO resigned, \$56 million gone missing, a top executive arrested in Switzerland, and a consultant in prison in Mexico."

But Natural Resources Minister Jerome Kennedy says not to worry.

"Shortly after this matter came into the news I made immediate contact with the CEO [and] president of Nalcor and we discussed whether or not this ongoing — what we expected to be an ongoing issue — affected the

Muskrat Falls project," Kennedy told the legislature. "He assured me that it didn't."

SNC-Lavalin has a contract to do engineering work on Muskrat Falls.

Kennedy says that contract is worth about \$60 million, and he's been personally assured by Nalcor CEO Ed Martin that none of that work is tainted by this scandal.

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