

CIVIL EMERGENCY MEASURES ACT

Pursuant to section 4 of the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*, the Commissioner in Executive Council orders as follows:

1. The Government Leader is hereby authorized to sign the annexed "Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Agreement" on behalf of the Commissioner in Executive Council.

Dated at Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory, this 13th day of October, 1995.

Commissioner of the Yukon

LOI SUR LES MESURES CIVILES D'URGENCE

Le Commissaire en conseil exécutif, conformément à l'article 4 de la *Loi sur les mesures civiles d'urgence*, décrète ce qui suit :

1. Le chef du gouvernement est autorisé, par les présentes, à signer au nom du Gouvernement du Yukon le document paraissant en annexe et intitulé "Pacific Northwest Emergency Management Agreement".

Fait à Whitehorse, dans le territoire du Yukon, ce 13 octobre 1995.

Commissaire du Yukon

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

- between -

The Government of The State of Alaska,
The Government of The State of Idaho,
The Government of The State of Oregon,
The Government of The State of Washington,
The Government of The Province of British Columbia, and
The Yukon Government,

hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Signatories" and separately as a "Signatory".

WHEREAS the Signatories recognize the importance of comprehensive and coordinated civil emergency preparedness, response and recovery measures for natural and technological emergencies or disasters, and for declared or undeclared hostilities including enemy attack;

AND WHEREAS the Signatories further recognize the benefits of coordinating their separate emergency preparedness, response and recovery measures with that of contiguous jurisdictions for those emergencies, disasters or hostilities affecting or potentially affecting any one or more of the Signatories in the Pacific Northwest;

AND WHEREAS the Signatories further recognize that regionally-based emergency preparedness, response and recovery measures will benefit all jurisdictions within the Pacific Northwest, and best serve their respective national interests in cooperative and coordinated emergency preparedness as facilitated by the Consultative Group on Comprehensive Civil Emergency and Management established in the Agreement Between the Government of The United States of America and the Government of Canada on Cooperation and Comprehensive Civil Emergency Planning and Management signed at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on April 28, 1986;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between each and all of the Signatories hereto as follows:

Advisory Committee

1. An advisory committee named the Western Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (W-REMAC) shall be established which will include one member appointed by each Signatory.
2. The W-REMAC will be guided by the agreed upon Terms of Reference—Annex A.

Principles of Cooperation

3. Subject to the laws of each Signatory, the following cooperative principles are to be used as a guide by the Signatories in civil emergency matters which may affect more than one Signatory:
 - a) The authorities of each Signatory may seek the advice, cooperation or assistance of any other Signatory in any civil emergency matter.
 - b) Nothing in the Agreement shall derogate from the applicable laws within the jurisdiction of any Signatory. However, the authorities of any Signatory may request from the authorities of any other Signatory appropriate alleviation of such laws if their normal application might lead to delay or difficulty in the rapid execution of necessary civil emergency measures.

- c) Each Signatory will use its best efforts to facilitate the movement of evacuees, refugees, civil emergency personnel, equipment or other resources into or across its territory, or to a designated staging area when it is agreed that such movement or staging will facilitate civil emergency operations by the affected or participating Signatories.
- d) in times of emergency, each Signatory will use its best efforts to ensure that the citizens or residents of any other Signatory present in its territory are provided emergency health services and emergency social services in a manner no less favourable than that provided to its own citizens.
- e) Each Signatory will use discretionary power as far as possible to avoid levy of any tax, tariff, business license or user fees on the services, equipment and supplies of any other Signatory which is engaged in civil emergency activities in the territory of another Signatory, and will use its best efforts to encourage local governments or other jurisdictions within its territory to do likewise.
- f) When civil emergency personnel, contracted firms or personnel, vehicles, equipment or other services from any Signatory are made available to or are employed to assist any other Signatory, all providing Signatories will use best efforts to ensure that charges, levies or costs for such use or assistance will not exceed those paid for similar use of such resources within their own territory.
- g) Each Signatory will exchange contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans and will call to the attention of their respective local governments and other jurisdictional authorities in areas adjacent to intersignatory boundaries, the desirability of compatibility of civil emergency plans and the exchange of contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans.
- h) The authority of any Signatory conducting an exercise will ensure that all other signatories are provided an opportunity to observe, and/or participate in such exercises.

Comprehensive Nature

4. This agreement is a comprehensive agreement on civil emergency planning and management. To this end and from time to time as necessary, all Signatories shall:
- a) review and exchange their respective contact lists, warning and notification plans, and selected emergency plans.
 - b) as appropriate, provide such plans and procedures to local governments, and other emergency agencies within their respective territories.

Agreement Not Exclusive

5. This is not an exclusive agreement and shall not prevent or limit other civil emergency agreements of any nature between Signatories to this agreement.
- a) in the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this agreement and any other agreement regarding emergency service entered into by two or more States of the United States who are Signatories to this agreement, the provisions of that other agreement shall apply, with repeat to the obligations of those States to each other, and not the conflicting provisions of this agreement.

Amendments

6. This Agreement and the Annex may be amended (and additional Annexes may be added) by agreement of the Signatories.

Cancellation or Substitution

7. Any Signatory to this Agreement may withdraw from or cancel their participation in this Agreement by giving sixty days written notice in advance of this effective date to all other Signatories.

Authority

8. All Signatories to this Agreement warrant they have the power and capacity to accept, execute and deliver this Agreement.

Effective Date

9. Notwithstanding any dates noted elsewhere, this Agreement shall commence April 1, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this Agreement.

THE STATE OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR

(Date)

THE STATE OF IDAHO

GOVERNOR

(Date)

THE STATE OF OREGON

GOVERNOR

(Date)

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR

(Date)

THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREMIER

(Date)

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YUKON

GOVERNMENT LEADER

(Date)

ANNEX A

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. PURPOSE

Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee are established to promote emergency management coordination and preparedness at regional levels and to complement the work of the Can/US Consultative Group.

2. MANDATE

REMAC provides a forum where members and guests can raise issues and receive advice on emergency preparedness matters.

REMAC encourages and supports preparation and exercising of emergency plans for all members.

REMAC will serve as a regional link to the Can/US Consultative Group.

3. NUMBER OF COMMITTEES

Four REMACs are established to cover the following areas:

- Eastern REMAC:

In Canada: Regions/Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Quebec.

In U.S.A.: FEMA Regions I and 11, States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York.

- Central REMAC:

In Canada: Regions/Provinces of Quebec and Ontario.

In U.S.A.: FEMA Regions II and V, States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

- Prairies REMAC:

In Canada: Regions/Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In U.S.A.: FEMA Region VIII, States of Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana.

- Western REMAC:

In Canada: Regions/Provinces/Territories of British Columbia and Yukon.

In U.S.A.: FEMA Region X, States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska.

4. **MEMBERSHIP** (participation as delegated by respective government agency)

- EPC: Regional Directors
- FEMA: Regional Directors
- Provinces/Territories: Head of Emergency Measures Organization
- States: Head of Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Non-Representatives of other government departments, industry or academia may be invited on an "AS NEEDED BASIS" and may be part of working groups.

5. **MEETINGS**

Frequency: One per year or at the call of the Chair.

Duration: One to two days depending on the agenda.

Location: Alternating between countries and regions as decided at the previous conference, but if possible, at least two months before the Can/US Consultative Group meeting.

Chair: Host regional director FEMA/state EMA head or host regional director EPC/provincial EMO head co-chair and provide conference secretarial services.

Committee

Secretariat: The repositories for committee documentation are in Washington and Ottawa. Copies of documents will also be held at regional level for convenience. This would provide for systematic circulation of important information to Can/US Consultative Group and to other REMACs.

EPC region/FEMA region directors are responsible for holding minutes of meetings, assisting in the formulation of meeting agendas and identifying meeting venues.

Financing: Members and guests make their own financial arrangements for participation.

Reporting: The Chairs of the four REMAC meetings provide their reports to designated Regional Directors for presentation to the Can/US Consultative Group.

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