



**Emergency Management**  
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Dear Chief Administrative Officers,

I am writing with thanks to those of you who were able to join our first Emergency Management Forum in Truro on January 28th and 29th. On behalf of the Department of Emergency Management, I know staff deeply appreciated your participation and the opportunity to discuss our priorities.

As discussed at the forum, I am writing today to share the Province's new Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) standards, developed in partnership with Chief Administrative Officers and Emergency Management Coordinators. These Standards are written under the Nova Scotia Emergency Preparedness and Nova Scotia Guard Act and came into effect on February 2nd, 2026. They outline the details on requirements to be met by the municipalities and REMOs, including those that will be formed in the future.

These standards include important information about emergency management planning and programs, public alerting, and activation during an emergency. I highly encourage you all to review them in depth. Please ensure your Emergency Management Coordinators and other staff that support emergency management roles in your municipality receive a copy.

I appreciate all the work that every municipality and region has done to get us to this point, together we are making a more prepared and resilient Nova Scotia.

If you have any questions about the standards, don't hesitate to reach out to your Regional Manager (see over for a list) or Andrew Mitton, Director of Regional Operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra McKenzie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister  
Department of Emergency Management

Attachments

cc: Victoria Brooks, Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia  
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