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    Director
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I hereby approve Amendment No. 14 to the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual, and attach a copy for your use. The following sections have been amended:

Section 2.1 Housekeeping changes.
Section 2.2 Housekeeping changes.
Section 2.3 Sub-section (2) is added to enable TSM to carry out a waste assessment and charge cost to a licensee who fails to conduct a waste assessment.
Section 2.4 Housekeeping changes.
Section 2.4.2 Sub-section (6) is added to require the use of a higher C.V. where the sampling objective was not met.
Section 3.1 RSI thresholds are increased to allow a greater use of the RSI method.
Section 3.2 Extend the use of the parent block method to blocks greater than 20 hectares where DM deems to be low revenue risk.
Section 3.3 A new sub-section (1) is added to clarify that District Manager approval is not required to conduct oculars. Sub-section (4) clarifies that the DM may exempt waste certification for holders of woodlot licences.
Section 3.4 Housekeeping changes, sub section (2) confirms the use of HBS billing history records to 12 month- period defined.
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General Assessment Requirements

and Reporting Units
2.1 Field Assessments and Reporting Time Frames

(1) Where the amount of stumpage payable on the timber harvested on a cutblock by the holder of:

(a) a major licence,

(b) a community forest agreement,

(c) a community salvage licence,

(d) a woodlot licence,

(e) a road permit,

(f) a master licence to cut, or

(g) a timber sale licence where specified in that timber sale licence,

is calculated using the information reported in a scale of the timber, the holder of the agreement must conduct a waste assessment on that cutblock within a period of:

(i) sixty (60) days after primary logging has been completed on the cutblock, or

(ii) within sixty (60) days after the cutting authority authorizing the harvesting of that timber expires or is otherwise terminated, whichever occurs first, or

(iii) as soon thereafter that the ground is sufficiently free of snow that an assessment may be carried out on the cutblock.

(2) The holder must submit a waste assessment report for the cutblock to the district manager within thirty (30) days of the completion of the waste assessment.
2.2 Continuing Liability

In accordance with section 79 of the Forest Act, and notwithstanding the time frames specified in Section 2.1 for conducting and submitting a waste assessment, and despite the expiry, surrender, suspension or cancellation of a holder’s agreement, the holder of an agreement is required to conduct a waste assessment, and pay the fees, costs and invoice billings owing to the government in respect of the waste assessment.
2.3 Overdue Waste Assessments and Reports

(1) Where the holder of an agreement, other than an agreement entered into with the timber sales manager, does not complete the waste assessment and submit it to the district manager as required under Section 2.1, the district manager may carry out the assessment and in a notice given to the licensee, may require the licensee to pay the costs incurred by the district manager in carrying out the assessment.

(2) Where the holder of an agreement entered into with the timber sales manager that is required by that agreement to conduct a waste assessment, fails to conduct that waste assessment, the timber sales manager may carry out the assessment, and in a notice given to the holder, may require the holder to pay the costs incurred by the timber sales manager in carrying out the assessment.
2.4 Reporting Unit Options

(1) Subject to the provisions of this manual, the holder of an agreement may use the following reporting unit options when conducting a waste assessment:

(a) the cutblock option,

(b) the aggregate option, and

(c) the ocular estimate option.

2.4.1 Cutblock Option

(1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the cutblock option, each cutblock is a separate reporting unit.

(2) Each cutblock must be sampled in accordance with the number of plots required to meet the approved sampling error objective that applies to that cutblock as required in Chapter 4 of this manual.

2.4.2 Aggregate Option

(1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the aggregate option, cutblocks may be amalgamated to form an Aggregate Reporting Unit. An aggregate reporting unit must be comprised of at least two cutblocks which can be originated from different cutting authorities.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, aggregate reporting unit may only be comprised of cutblocks from within a single Forest District that have been harvested by the holder of an agreement.

(3) Each aggregate reporting unit may consist of:

(a) only cutblocks that contained old growth timber,

(b) only cutblocks that contained second growth timber, or

(c) only cutblocks that contained timber that was transported from the cutblock by a helicopter.
(4) Each cutblock within the aggregate reporting unit must be surveyed individually using the number of plots as calculated using the pertinent algorithm in Table 4-1 of this manual.

(5) The aggregate reporting unit must be sampled in accordance with number of plots required to meet the sampling error objective that applies to that reporting unit as required in Chapter 4 of this manual.

(6) Where the holder of an agreement uses the aggregate option and did not meet the sampling error objective when using an aggregate option previously, the holder must use the next higher coefficient of variation required to be used by this manual unless the district manager determines that the use of the lower coefficient of variation will not create a significant revenue risk to the government.

2.4.3 Ocular Estimate Option

(1) Where the holder of an agreement uses the ocular estimate option, each reporting unit may be comprised of one or more cutblocks.

(2) Where the waste benchmark will be exceeded using the ocular estimate option, the holder of the agreement must use another option authorized by this manual unless the district manager determines that the revenue risk to the government caused by the use of the ocular estimate option is minimal.

(3) Where the ocular estimate option is used, there is no requirement to meet the sampling error objective required under Chapter 4 of this manual.
Waste assessments may be conducted using:

(a) the Full Sampling Intensity survey method (the FSI method),
(b) the Reduced Sampling Intensity survey method (RSI method),
(c) the Parent Block survey method (the PB method), and
(d) the Ocular Estimate survey method (the OE method),

as and when permitted by the provisions of this manual.
3.1 The RSI Method

(1) The RSI Method may only be used in a dispersed stratum on a cutblock if:

(a) the cutblock option is used on that cutblock, and

(b) subject to subsection 2 of this section, the estimated volume per hectare of avoidable waste in the dispersed stratum is less than the maximum dispersed volume prescribed in the Table 3-1 of this manual.

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Table 3-1, RSI Thresholds

(2) The district manager may permit the use of the RSI survey method in a dispersed stratum where the estimated volume per hectare measurement of avoidable waste in the dispersed stratum exceeds the maximum dispersed volume prescribed in Table 3-1 of this manual if the district manager determines that there is not a significant revenue risk to the government.

3.1.1 RSI Method Procedures

(1) The number of dispersed plots on the cutblock:

(a) must be in accordance with Table 4-2 of this manual where the cutblock is in the Coast Forest Region, and,

(b) must be in accordance with Table 4-4 of this manual where the cutblock is in one of the Interior Forest Regions.

(2) The coefficient of variation (C.V.) that must be used is 100 percent.
(3) The number of dispersed plots that must be used is one quarter of the number of plots that are required by:

(a) Table 4-2 of this manual where the cutblock is in the Coast Forest Region, or

(b) Table 4-4 of this manual where the cutblock is in one of the Interior Forest Regions.

(4) The plot must be:

(a) circular, rectangular, a line transect, and

(b) at least 400 m² in size.

(5) (a) Where the cutblock is a partial cutting cutblock specified under Section 4.7 of this manual, a plot size smaller than 400 square meters may be used.

(b) Where a smaller plot size is used under this subsection the number of plots that must be used must be calculated in accordance with the new C.V. formula that is set out in:

i. Table 4-2 of this manual where the cutblock is in the Coast Forest Region, or

ii. Table 4-4 of this manual where the cutblock is in one of the Interior Forest Regions.

(6) There is no requirement to meet the sampling error objectives in Tables 4-2 and 4-4 of this manual.

(7) The field measurements that must be made and the recording requirements that must be met when using the RSI method are the same as those that must be made and met when using the FSI method.

* These site types are defined in the BEC zones link in the waste system homepage at:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/waste/index.htm
3.2 Parent Block (PB) Method

The PB method includes the use of waste survey data from a surveyed cutblock hereinafter referred to as the “parent block” for applying the volume per hectare data to an unsurveyed cutblock hereinafter referred to as the “exempted block” which meets the conditions in Section 3.2.1.

3.2.1 Parent Block Method Conditions

The holder of an agreement may only use the PB method where:

(a) the area of the exempted block is 20 ha or less, unless the district manager determines that the use of the PB method on a larger cutblock will not create a significant revenue risk to the government,

(b) the parent block was surveyed using plots,

(c) the parent block waste survey is in the Waste System records, and on the Coast, the parent block was surveyed using Appendix 6, Coast grading procedures,

(d) the district manager determines that:

   (i) the anticipated amount of waste in the exempted block is similar to the amount of waste in the parent block, and

   (ii) the species composition in each of the two blocks was similar.
3.3 **Ocular Estimate (OE) Method**

(1) Where the estimated volume per hectare of avoidable waste on the cutblock is below the maximum volume prescribed in Table 3-2 of this manual, the use of the OE method does not require approval of the district manager.

(2) The use of the OE method will not be permitted on a cutblock if the estimated volume per hectare of avoidable waste on the cutblock exceeds the maximum waste volume prescribed in Table 3-2 of this manual, unless the district manager determines that the use of this method will not create a significant revenue risk to the government.

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<td>20 m³/ha</td>
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Table 3-2, Ocular Estimate Thresholds

(3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the holder of an agreement may not use the OE method unless a licensed waste surveyor, licensed scaler, RPF or RFT certifies the accuracy of and submits the results of the assessment on behalf of the holder of an agreement to the district manager.

(4) The district manager may permit the holder of the agreement to use the OE method and to submit the results of waste assessment directly to the district manager without the certification required by subsection (3) of this section where the agreement held by the holder is a woodlot licence, if the district manager determines that there is not significant revenue risk to the government by receiving the results of the waste assessment directly from the holder of the agreement.

(5) Transect line or inspection plots:

   (a) should be used when using the OE method and

   (b) should be located in areas of the cutblock where the levels of avoidable waste reasonably represent the avoidable waste on the cutblock.

(6) Where inspection plots are used, each plot should be:

   (a) Circular or rectangular, and
(b) At least 50 m² in size.

(7) Where a field audit conducted on behalf of the district manager determines that the waste assessment conducted by the holder of an agreement on the cutblock using the OE method does not reasonably represent the avoidable waste on the cutblock, the district manager may reject the waste assessment.
3.4 The OE Method and Standing Timber

(1) Where a waste assessment is conducted on standing timber using the OE method, the average net piece volume for each 5 cm DBH class for each species contained in the Extended Type Stand and Stock Tables or the net Merch Volume per tree in the Timber Type Summary, in the cruise compilation may be used to derive the standing timber volume.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, the species and grades for the standing timber on a cutting authority area must be derived from the HBS billing history records held by the Revenue Branch of the Ministry of Forests and Range for the timber that has been harvested on the cutting authority area during the 12-month period prior to the date that primary logging was completed on the cutting authority area.

(3) The species and grades for the standing timber may be established by an RPF or RFT by conducting a visual on site examination of the standing timber if:

(a) there are no billing history records, or,

(b) the RPF, RFT or the Ministry employee who is responsible for reviewing waste assessments determines that the billing history records do not reasonably represent the species and grade profile of the standing timber on the cutting authority area.
# Waste Volumes

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### Ocular Estimates

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*Refer to Section 5.7.2 of the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual.*

I hereby provide the above estimates in lieu of a waste survey. I agree to the use of these figures for cut control and waste monetary billing purposes.

### Additional Comments:

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RPF/RFT Name and No:  
Signature (Licensee or Representative):  
Forest Officer  
Date:

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**Figure 3.1 RW01 Estimate Form - Interior.**
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- Avoidable

- Conifer U grade or better
- HemBal U grade
- Conifer X grade
- Conifer Y grade
- Decid sawlog
- Decid Y grade
- Unavoidable
- Piles
- Decked wood

*Refer to Section 5.7.2 of the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual. Conifer U grade or better excludes HemBal U grade. Piles = Avg. Vol/Plie * number of Piles. Enter number of decks and volume of decked wood under Accumulated.

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**Figure 3.2 RW01 Estimate Form - Coast.**