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Date: Aug 13, 2024

To: Melissa Sanderson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Timber, Range and Economics Division
Allan Bennett, Director, Timber Pricing Branch

From: Rick Manwaring, Deputy Minister

Re: Waste Policy

Waste Assessment Procedures

A waste assessment must be carried out in accordance with the *Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurements Procedures Manual(s)* as amended from time to time by the Director, Timber Pricing Branch.

Waste Relief Authority and Principals

Provided the government has not issued a waste assessment (invoice), waste relief may be approved by the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Timber Pricing Branch with consideration of the following principles.

Cutting Authority issued on or after June 1, 2004

In the opinion of the ADM the licensee left the timber on the cutting authority area because of circumstances unrelated to the licensee's financial situation and economic circumstances; and were beyond the control of the licensee.

'Beyond the control of the licensee' may include situations where the licensee is prevented from:

- a. removing the timber from the cutting authority area by an act of God, or
- b. removing the timber from the cutting authority area by a physical barrier or a human-caused blockade over which the licensee has no control, or
- c. concluding harvesting operations prior to expiration of the cutting authority because of misinformation that an employee of the government has provided to the licensee with respect to the cutting authority provisions or the harvesting operations, or
- d. concluding harvesting operations prior to expiration of the cutting authority because land from the cutting authority has been set aside by agreement between the licensee and the government.

Standing Timber on Cutting Authority issued prior to June 1, 2004

In the opinion of the ADM

- a. the timber is of sufficient quantity, quality and concentrations that can be marketed at a reasonable price, and
- b. the licensee has exhausted all the licensee's rights under *the Forest Act* to extend the term of the licence.

This memo cancels and replaces Policy 13.6-Waste Assessments, effective April 1, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Manwaring". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rick Manwaring
Deputy Minister