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Date: April 12, 2026

To: Assistant Deputy Minister, Tenures and Economics Division  
Director, Timber Pricing Branch

From: Makenzie Leine, 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 Assistant Deputy Minister the licensee left the timber on the cutting authority area because of circumstances unrelated to the licensee's financial situation and economic circumstances; and was 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**

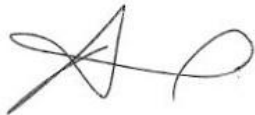
In the opinion of the ADM

- 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.

The ADM's decision on waste relief must be made prior to the three-year anniversary date the waste relief request was received by the Area Director of Pricing and Tenures. If the licensee responds to the ADM's interim decision within the timeline given by the ADM, a final decision by the ADM must be made within 90 days of the ADM receiving the licensee's response.

This memo cancels and replaces *Waste Policy* previously from Rick Manwaring dated August 13, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Leine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Makenzie Leine,  
Deputy Minister