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MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry Emergency Management Coordinators (MEMC)
Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMC)

FROM: Teepu Khawja
Assistant Deputy Minister & Chief, Emergency Management
Ontario (EMO)

DATE: September 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Amendment to Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the
Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)

I am writing today to confirm an amendment to Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) which exempts the requirement for ministries and municipalities to conduct an annual emergency exercise in 2020. This amendment takes into consideration the emergency response activities that you, your Ministry Action Groups and Municipal Emergency Control Groups have engaged in this year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will continue working with you to ensure your programs meet the other EMCPA requirements for 2020. In the meantime, COVID-19 has provided a unique opportunity to examine current emergency plans and programs and take actions to enhance and improve them for the future. I would encourage each of you to conduct a formal After Action Review to consider the lessons learned from your response to the pandemic and use these lessons to evaluate, develop and evolve your emergency management programs, while continuing to ensure the safety of the people of Ontario.

If you have any questions or concerns about this amendment, or if you require assistance in planning your After Action Review, please contact Chris Pittens at Chris.Pittens@ontario.ca (for municipalities) or Trevor Sinker at Trevor.Sinker@ontario.ca (for ministries).

Sincerely,

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

Teepu Khawja
Assistant Deputy Minister & Chief, Emergency Management Ontario
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