

## **SUPPLYING SANDBAGS DURING EMERGENCIES**

### **General**

The following policy supersedes that contained in the PEP Policy and Procedures Manual dated July 15, 1998 - Article 7.04 Supplying Sandbags During Emergencies and is effective upon receipt.

### **Policy**

PEP will maintain a supply of sandbags to supplement the needs of ministries, Crown corporations and local government in an emergency.

### **Conditions**

Ministries, Crown corporations, local government and large agricultural and commercial operations are responsible for obtaining, storing and distributing sandbags to meet their anticipated flood-fighting needs.

PEP **does not** provide sandbags for preventive or mitigative purposes.

### **Procedure**

PEP will **supplement** sandbags held by ministries, Crown corporations and local governments under the following guidelines:

- there must be an imminent threat of flooding; and
  - sandbags will be used to supplement those already being used, NOT to replace the supply.
2. The control and management of the PEP sandbag inventory will be administered through the office of the PEP Resources Coordinator in Victoria.

3. Requests to access the PEP sandbag inventory must be made by an operational Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to the applicable PEP Regional Manager or Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC).

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