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Foreword

Protection of the public is one of the founding reasons for governance. Generally, initial government response to protect public at risk is initiated by the local authority as the government closest to the affected population. In this case the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) and its partners are ready to support communities requiring assistance. In other instances, the GNWT has jurisdiction, or may be required to support a federal response.

The **NWT Emergency Plan** provides the framework to guide each of these territorial responses. This Plan sets out the policy and guidance whereby GNWT agencies and their partners support local emergency operations, and meet a collective responsibility to provide a prompt and coordinated response management for territorial emergencies.

Every GNWT department and agency must be prepared to react to the needs of emergency management and response. This is demanded by custom and practice for good government, and is provided for in the *Civil Emergency Measures Act*. The Plan requires designated agencies to fulfill their emergency obligations as outlined in this document.

In some cases, lead agency responsibility is established under other existing Plans, Arrangements or Legislation such as the Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development (RWED) is responsible for managing the GNWT preparedness for forest fires under the Forest Management Act.

In such cases, the arrangements established in this Plan may be utilized to provide support and assistance to the Lead Agent in responding to extraordinary conditions.

The components of the **NWT Emergency Plan** are:

- **Part 1 - Policy and Guidance:** description of expectations and accountability regime for emergency preparedness and response.
- **Part 2 - Response Management:** procedures and practices employed in response
- **Part 3 - Preparedness:** description of preparedness arrangements

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