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2016 has been a successful year for ERAC in regards to training and continuous improvement of our national preparedness program. I would like to thank all the flammable liquids response teams for their participation in the 2016 Regional training cycle, where we have assessed 14 teams across Canada. I would also like to thank the Technical Advisors (TAs) for participating in the Regional training and assessments we held with all the response teams and for supporting this plan.

2016 welcomed our newest Flammable Liquids response teams; IronHorse from Calgary, AB, NUCOR Environmental Solutions Ltd. from Surrey, BC and Accuworx Inc. from Mississauga, ON. We also welcomed Trevor Dickinson from Saint John, NB as our newest Technical Advisor.

On day 1 of Regional training, we included a Health & Safety table top exercise which provided the response teams and TAs with a process to walk through and discuss the sequential steps in which to complete a live-transfer. The table tops exercise covered the tasks of the transfer process, hazard identification and controls. We also included a more hands-on approach in 2016, which included a number of tasks the response teams and TAs practiced in the afternoon on day 1. Adding the table top exercise to day 1 of Regional training has proven to be a positive and helpful addition for the responders. In 2017, we will continue offering the table top exercise and will spend the remainder of the day providing hands-on training with the rail cars.

Within the 2016 Regional training cycle, ERAC had successfully planned and executed two full-scale live-transfer rail emergency exercises. The rail emergency exercises took place in Edmonton, AB and Brampton, ON where three simultaneous live-transfers occurred at each location. There were more than 120 observers in attendance combined, which included Plan Participants, ERAC Board of Directors, Transport Canada and the Director General, local fire departments, industry and regulatory stakeholders and media.

We are currently working on setting training and assessment dates for Regional events in 2017. Please start looking at your calendars and forward me your preferred dates as soon as possible or before January 15, 2017. I will do my best to accommodate your date requests. We are pleased to confirm the next full-scale live-transfer rail emergency exercise, in conjunction with CP, on March 23, 2017 in Coquitlam, BC. The following teams will be participating in this event:

Quantum Murray Environmental	Flammable Liquids Response Team
RAM Environmental Response Ltd.	Flammable Liquids Response Team
NUCOR Environmental Solutions Ltd.	Flammable Liquids Response Team
BC South	LPG Response Team

We have been busy working on making updates to the Flammable Liquids ERAP, which include resource and training matrix updates and the addition of Flammable Liquids Firefighting Guidelines. Version 4.0 has been completed and will be submitted to Transport Canada before year end. Once approved by Transport Canada, a

link to the appendices within the Plan will be sent to the response teams and TAs so they are aware of the changes and competency requirements.

Wishing all of you happy holidays and all the best in the New Year!