

Report 3, Follow-up Audit on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods, of the 2020 Fall Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (43rd Parliament, 2nd Session)

Recommendation 5: Transport Canada should provide the Committee with a progress report with regard to A) finalizing its approval of the interim emergency response assistance plans by completing the necessary investigations and by developing national guidance and criteria for assessing firefighting capacity for plans related to flammable liquids; and B) ensuring that approvals for all future plans are finalized within its prescribed timelines. A final report should also be provided.

Report:

All Emergency Response Assistance Plans (ERAPs) having Class 3 requirements have been approved. As of October 7, 2022, there are no interim ERAPs over three (3) years remaining. The progress and measures taken to reduce interim approvals, to complete investigations and to reduce the likelihood of going over three (3) years, shows that the TDG Program is committed in the long term to effectively manage and complete investigations within its set timelines.

The TDG Program now considers this recommendation to be addressed.

Furthermore, to ensure that TC does not exceed the three (3) years, the department implemented a tracking tool in April 2020 to ensure that ERAPs are tracked and the conditions under these plans are met. A monthly report is shared with the Director of the TDG's Compliance and Response Branch, and this data is shared with the TDG Program Business Committee (PBC) allowing Transport Canada to better track the interims that need to be processed within three (3) years.

The department also developed a reference manual and training for tracking, assessing, and evaluating ERAPs requests and this information is available on the [Transport Canada Website](#).