

Standing Committee on Public Accounts

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Chapter 23, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, Coordinating Provincial Emergency Preparedness, 2022 Report Volume 2

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<p><b>Outstanding:</b>                      We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency periodically and formally confirm that emergency plans of all key stakeholders align with the Provincial Emergency Management Plan. (<i>2015 Report – Volume 1</i>; p.132, Recommendation 4, Public Accounts Committee agreement September 15, 2016)</p> <p><b>Status</b>—Partially Implemented</p>	238	Intent of Recommendation Met		-	

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Follow up Audit Chapter 27, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency Alerting the Public about Imminently Dangerous Events, 2023 Report Volume 2

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<p><b>Outstanding:</b>                      We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) document its regular monitoring of all key responsibilities of its SaskAlert program administrator. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 88, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p><b>Status</b>—Partially Implemented</p>	237	Implemented			
<p><b>Outstanding:</b>                      We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) actively monitor whether SaskAlert participants complete timely and accurate alerts, and take action where necessary (e.g., suspend system access). (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 89, Recommendation 4; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p><b>Status</b>—Partially Implemented</p>	237	Implemented			

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<p><b>Outstanding:</b>            We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) work with the operator of Alert Ready (the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System) to obtain information needed to enable a periodic review of the appropriateness of user access to the System. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 88, Recommendation 3; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p><b>Status</b>—Partially Implemented</p>	238	Implemented			

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Chapter 28, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, Detecting Wildfires, 2023 Report Volume 2

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<p>We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency actively seek wildfire prevention and preparedness information from industrial and commercial operators that they are required by law to submit</p>	<p>262</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p>	<p>SPSA has created and staffed a compliance and enforcement unit.</p> <p>Successful negotiations with the forest industry that amends timber license agreements to require operators to comply with provincial planning and preparedness standards;</p> <p>Working with the Ministry of Energy and Resources and mining industry to negotiate a similar deal to what as been negotiated with the</p>	<p>Working to increase the capacity of the Investigations and Compliance Unit of the SPSA to conduct field audits.</p> <p>Authority for Forest Service Inspectors (Ministry of Environment) through the timber license to cite commercial and industrial operators for non-compliance with provincial planning and preparedness standards;</p>	<p>2025-26</p> <p>2023-24 (Completed)</p> <p>2025-26</p>

			forest industry to include as part of the licensing requirements that operators to comply with provincial planning and preparedness standards;		
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